

9 Civilians Dead, 20 Injured in Farah Air Raids

FARAH CITY - At least nine civilians have been killed and over 20 wounded in airstrikes in the Balaboluk district of western Farah province, hospital sources said on Saturday.

Dr. Abdul Hakim Rasouli, the civil hospital director, said nine bodies and 20 injured people, including women, had been evacuated to the hospital.

Obaidullah, the nursing department head, said among the dead were seven girls and two boys, saying most of the injured were in critical condition. But Deputy Governor Mohammad



Younus Rasouli said four children have been killed and five others wounded in the airstrikes. He did not say the airstrikes were

conducted by Afghan or foreign forces. He said security forces had been engaged in anti-rebels offensive over the past

three days in the area. "The incident happened Friday afternoon as the Taliban used civilian population as shield to protect

themselves during the fire-fight." He claimed. Ahmad Shah, 45, who suffered wounded in the Friday airstrikes told Pajhwok Afghan News over 200 families had migrated to Pushrod district due to the ongoing offensive.

"When we reached to the Jar Akhund area two helicopters arrived and we got all of the women off the vehicle so the helicopter could recognize us as civilians but they started shelling on us," he said.

He said 12 civilians were killed and 21 others wounded in the attack (Pajhwok)

Petrol, Firewood & Kazakhstani Flour Prices Down in Kabul

KABUL - The price of diesel edged up while that of petrol, firewood and Kazakhstani flour dropped during the ongoing week in Kabul, market sources said on Saturday.

Abdul Hadi, a worker at Wazir Abad Pump Station, told Pajhwok Afghan News the price of a litre of diesel in-

creased from 41afs to 42afs due to its price increase in global markets. However, he said, a litre of petrol price dipped from 45afs to 44afs during this week as compared to the last.

Firewood prices decreased during the week. Sayed Islam, a firewood seller in Charahi-i-Shahid area,

said 560kg of peeled oak firewood decreased from 6,900 afghanis to 6,700 afghanis and the same quantity of cedar from 6,700 afghanis to 6,500 afghanis. He cited the increasing warm weather behind the low tendency towards firewood, thus the prices are down. (Pajhwok)

'Nine Dreaded Commanders Among 18 Rebels Killed in Laghman Offensive'

MEHARLAM - Nine notorious commanders were among 18 insurgents killed during the newly-launched anti-insurgent operation in eastern Laghman province, an official said on Saturday.

Laghman governor's

spokesman, Sarhadi Zwak, told Pajhwok Afghan News security forces conducted air and ground offensive code-named 'Almas-39' against insurgents in Shamram, Qalattak, and Sabarabad areas of Alishang district on

Friday night. He said during the operation nine insurgents and as many dreaded rebel commanders and leaders-including the two notorious commanders Sangari alias Khyber and Atal Omarzai-were killed. (Pajhwok)

Taliban Destroyed District Building in Baghlan

KABUL - Taliban militants destroyed the district governor's building in Baghlan's Tala Wa Barfak after they controlled the area for two days, local officials confirmed. The insurgents took documents from the building as well as weapons and vehicles of security forces with them before they were pushed back from the district, the officials claimed. "They [Taliban] took all documents from the district governor's building before destroying it," said Samiuddin Nazari,

member of Baghlan Provincial Council. Officials say the Taliban briefly resisted in Dahan-Kayan village in the district. They were however suppressed by security forces from the air and the ground. Three security force members were wounded in the fighting. "The newly appointed police chief and district governors are here and hopefully all offices in the district will resume their activities," Abbas Tawakuli, executive officer of army regiment in Baghlan said. (Tolonews)

Civilians, Taliban Suffer Casualties in Takhar Clash

TALOQAN - Seven civilians and 20 Taliban have been killed in the Durqad district of northern Takhar province, residents and security officials said on Saturday.

Nizamuddin, the resident of locality, told Pajhwok Afghan News four people were killed and three other wounded in security forces overnight airstrike on local residents homes. "Fighting is ongoing in Bashirkhelo locality but forces target homes in Qungazar locality in which one woman, two girls and as many men killed and three more men wound-

ed," he said. But police Chief Brig. Gen. Faqir Mohammad Jawzjani said two children have been wounded in the airstrikes, saying the remaining dead and wounded were Taliban. He said eight Taliban have been killed, including commander Gul Jan and Hameedullah, and 12 other wounded in the airstrike. "Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid confirmed the fighting in Durqad. He said five civilians, including two children have been killed and seven others wounded. (Pajhwok)

US Drone Crash Near Bagram, No Casualties Reported

A US unmanned aerial vehicle has crashed near Bagram in North of Afghanistan but no casualties were reported in the incident. The NATO-led Resolute Support Mission confirmed the incident saying the drone malfunctioned overnight. "A US unmanned aerial system malfunctioned overnight near Bagram Airfield. Forces recovered key parts of the vehicle. No casualties," according to a Twitter post by the alliance. The United States forces based in Afghanistan have stepped up airstrikes during the recent months, mainly involving unmanned aerial vehicle to

target the anti-government armed militant groups. The majority of the airstrikes are being conducted in eastern, southern, and southeastern parts of the country to suppress the insurgency activities of the militant groups. The US forces resumed counter-terrorism operations under a broader role granted by the Obama administration earlier last year. The broader role was granted amid concerns that the insurgent groups, mainly the loyalists of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group are attempting to expand their foothold in Afghanistan. (KP)

Daesh Militants Behead 2 Teenagers in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Daesh or so-called Islamic State (IS) members have beheaded two teenagers in Achin district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Saturday.

Achin district chief, Esa Khan Zwak, told Pajhwok Afghan News the IS militants brazenly decapitated two teenage boys-one 15 years old and the other 14 years old-in Bandidal valley of the district. He said the IS fighters had earlier abducted the two boys from Mamandari area and beheaded them on Friday. The corpses of the boys

were still lying in Mamandari, he said, adding the security forces couldn't go to the area as it was under Daesh control. Zwak said the National Directorate of Security (NDS) and security forces were tasked to hand over the dead bodies of the boys to their families; however they hadn't yet been succeeded to do so.

Nangarhar governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, confirmed the incident to Pajhwok, saying a probe had been launched to identify the identities of the slain boys. (Pajhwok)



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Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You're not shy about going after what you want; in fact, you consider it a basic right for everyone. But even you question the flavor of your pie in the sky when acquisitive Venus stops in her tracks in your 1st House of Self. Trusting your gut is more complicated now, and your preferences seem like they require a total overhaul.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You're unsure of your feelings and it may not seem safe to open up to someone yet. You're likely to keep your wants and needs private as you sort them out when your key planet Venus begins her retrograde cycle in your 12th House of Secrets. But this emotional process can't be completed overnight. Thankfully, starting a discussion allows you to reestablish your priorities and gain clarity on the relationship dynamics.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You want to make a proactive move now that it feels like you're back in the game, but the path to your goal isn't as clear as you think. Rational Mercury is entranced with the spell-binding powers of Neptune, and even the straightest of facts wobble and bend as if viewed under rippling water. No matter how firm you think your proclamations are today, they're likely to be misconstrued by coworkers and friends.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



It seems as if everything is in flux and you can't tell which way is up. Your ambitions are beginning a phase of revisions when magnetic Venus marches backward through your 10th House of Profession. Over the next several weeks, you may rethink your career objectives and question your ability to succeed, leaving you lost in unfamiliar territory.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



The bright beacon on your horizon may seem to dim today, taking your enthusiasm with it. What you thought was the most ideal long-term goal is beginning to morph into something different now, and pulling back your investment could feel like defeat. However, re-imagining some aspects of your grand vision isn't a bad idea.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Everything seems stranger than fiction today, making it tricky to believe what you hear. You're right to not trust what someone tells you today as analytical Mercury is watered down by delusional Neptune in your 7th House of Others. It's nearly impossible to accurately distinguish the truth from deception now, and assuming one or the other might produce unsavory consequences if you get it wrong.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



A cycle of reevaluation is beginning as you reflect on your expectations of your most important partnerships. Resourceful Venus turns retrograde in your 7th House of Relationships, shifting your emotions inward for processing. This introspective phase gives you the opportunity to assess what you're willing to give others and what you want to receive in return. However, sudden moves or quick changes of heart are not advisable today.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You want to share your passion for art, but what is beautiful to you may seem nonsensical to others. Truthfully, it doesn't matter what people think as long as you don't depend on their agreement for a sense of validation. A mystical Mercury-Neptune conjunction in your 5th House of Self-Expression stimulates your creative urges.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Your thoughts turn to a remembered passion today, whether it's an old flame or a beloved hobby. Although you're usually game to go wherever the wind blows you, you may end up in a very different place than you think if you follow your whims now. An illusory Mercury-Neptune combination in your 4th House of Foundations liquefies that which is usually solid, making your mind's eye about as accurate as a compass in the Bermuda Triangle.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Although you're willing to take on more than your share of the responsibilities, family troubles may be unavoidable now. Nevertheless, you might not be able to resolve the discord right away; only time and forgiveness will heal the wounds and soften the scars. Unfortunately, your practical calculations are of no use if your logical mind is taking the weekend off. Poor judgment and forgetfulness may frustrate you to no end if you expect to save the world today.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



It doesn't seem like the appropriate time or place to explain your true feelings now, so you try your best to keep conversations light and breezy. Skimming the surface and bouncing from one topic to another provides mindless entertainment today, enabling you to avoid heavier topics. While sticking to small talk is a good short-term strategy when necessary, be sure to face the music if it grows louder over the coming weeks.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Although you would love to stay in your own little cocoon today, real life is knocking at the door and there are matters you must address. If your self-control is lacking when it comes to your spending habits, your wake-up call is on the way as luxurious Venus stations retrograde in your 2nd House of Money. Financial concerns are due for reassessment over the next several weeks, even if you don't reallocate resources right away.

Across

1. Stupefy, 6. Anagram of "Cabs", 10. Carryall, 14. Let, 15. Sharpen, 16. Iridescent gem, 17. Felt-like fabric, 18. By mouth, 19. Central area of a church, 20. Hades, 22. Tailless stout-bodied amphibian, 23. A Maori club, 24. Bee house, 26. Three-handed card game, 30. Jump, 31. Central, 32. Equal, 33. In baseball, 3 per inning, 35. Foot lever, 39. Mei, 41. Adolescent, 43. Filched, 44. Secure against leakage, 46. Algonquian Indian, 47. Assist, 49. Former boxing champ, 50. Terminates, 51. Ladybug, 54. Start over, 56. A single time, 57. Something that connects, 63. Smell, 64. Away from the wind, 65. The day after yesterday, 66. A city in western Russia, 67. A young lady, 68. Jagged, 69. Part of a foot.

Down

1. Hindu Mr., 2. Dash, 3. Skidded, 4. Exude, 5. Dweeb, 6. Gunfights, 7. Lacking in integrity, 8. A Freudian stage, 9. Crone, 10. Self-assurance, 11. 3-banded armadillo, 12. Enjoy, 13. Mournful poem, 21. "Yippee!", 25. A hollow cylindrical shape, 26. Resorts, 27. Retained, 28. Relating to aircraft, 29. Involving three parties, 34. Unoriginality, 36. "Phooey!", 37. Matured, 38. Dregs, 40. Cover with plaster, 42. Leave out, 45. Sincere, 48. Leave suddenly, 51. Kiosk, 52. Provide, 53. French school, 55. Group of 8, 58. Hodgepodge, 59. Lawn mower brand, 60. False god, 61. Flower holder, 62. Visual organs.

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