

# Illegal Arms Contributing to Herat Insecurity

HERAT CITY - Public representatives and residents on Sunday said the existence of illegal arms contributed to insecurity and threatened peace in western Herat province. Dr. Mehdi Hadid, who heads the provincial council's security committee, said keeping, buying, selling of illegal arms threatened security of the province. "Frequent murder incidents using illegal weapons show weapons are easily accessible which is very dangerous." He said weapons with people



should be registered and issued license. The residents demanded crackdown on people carrying guns. Sharif Ahmad, a resident of Herat City, said: "I want the government to round up men having all illegal arms. Most people have arms without license." Police spokesman Abdul Ahad Walizada also confirmed the existence of illegal arms, but strongly rejected they were sold in the province. Some experts termed the existence of ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

## Taliban Accused of Killing District Revenue Manager



FARAH CITY - The Taliban have shot dead Bismillah, the revenue department manager of Pushtroud district in western Farah province, an official said on Sunday. Deputy Police Chief, Col. Gulbahar Mujahid, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban got Bismillah out of his house in the Gnahkan area late on Saturday

night and his body was recovered early in the morning from Brngtot area. Abdul Qayyum, the resident of the locality, confirmed the incident but he did not know the militants who killed Bismillah belonged to which group. There was no immediate responsibility for the murder of government official. *(Pajhwok)*

## 5 Taliban Insurgents Killed by Own Bomb



KABUL - At least five Taliban insurgents were killed in an explosion triggered by own bomb in southern Uruzgan province of Afghanistan. The Ministry of Defense (MoD) said the incident took place in Chora district as the militants were planting an Improvised Explosive Device on a roadside. Taliban insurgents and militants belonging to the other militant groups frequently use Improvised Explosive Device (IED) to target the security forces and government officials. However, the Afghan officials are saying in majority of such incidents the ordinary civilians are targeted. Uruzgan is among the relatively volatile provinces in southern Afghanistan where the Taliban insurgents and militants belonging to the other insurgent groups are actively operating in its various districts. The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) said late in October last year that the mission has documented 8,397 conflict-related civilian casualties ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

## Security Forces Kill 31 Militants in 24 Hours: MoI

KABUL - Afghan security forces have killed 31 militants during series of operations across the militancy-battered country over the past 24 hours, said the Ministry of Interior (MoI) in a statement on Sunday. During the operations that covered parts of Wardak, Nangarhar, Daikundi and Uruzgan provinces, according to the statement, two other insurgents have been injured and another 12 captured. The statement did not say if there were casualties among security personnel. However, it added that the Defense and



Security Forces have stepped up counter-terror operations to curb insurgency in the country. The hardliner Taliban and

Islamic State groups have intensified anti-government activities elsewhere in insurgency-hit Afghanistan. *(Xinhua)*

## Ghazni Residents Concern as Insecurity Escalates

GHAZNI CITY - Residents of southern Ghazni province say they are concerned about an uptick in insecurity with the start of spring, with local officials admitting security problems in 15 districts. Jan Mohammad, who lives in Mohammad Khan Qala area of Waghiz district, told Pajhwok Afghan News on Sunday that insecurity had increased in the district after the air warmed up with the departure of brutal winter.



"In the last 15 days, security posts were attacked thrice, this is something of great concern for local people," the resident said. Mohammad said Taliban militants had regrouped in various areas

and were planning for attacks. A resident of Qara Bagh district, Rahmatullah, said insecurity had also increased in their district. He said clashes between security forces ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

## Afghanistan Trashes Ireland 3-0 in T20I Series

KABUL - The National Cricket Team has defeated Ireland in the 3rd T20I and won the series 3-0 at Greater Noida in India on Sunday. With the series already done and dusted, Afghanistan did not show any mercy for Ireland to post 233 for 8 in 20 overs in the third and final T20I. Having already pocketed the three-match series convincingly, Afghanistan will look to extend their unbeaten streak to



11 when they come out to bowl. Ireland would have had to bat out of their skins to salvage some pride in the series and

earn a consolation win. Opting to field, William Porterfield's bowling attack remained rusty. ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

## Torkham Closure Bad for Currency Exchange in Border Provinces

KABUL - The closure of the Torkham crossing has led to currency exchange losses for residents and businessmen in provinces located along the Durand Line, local businessmen and residents said. They said businessmen in the provinces are forced to buy goods using Afghani currency while selling them in Pakistani rupees. "We are selling goods with Pakistani rupees but we buy them from other provinces using the Afghani currency. We then have to exchange the Pakistani rupees to Afghani money. Therefore, we are making losses," said Mohammad Allah a businessman in Helmand. ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

## Afghan Forces, Taliban, ISIS Militants Suffer Casualties in Nangarhar Clashes

KABUL - The anti-government armed militants including the Taliban and ISIS insurgents and the Afghan security forces suffered casualties in the latest clashes in various parts of eastern Nangarhar province. The provincial government media office in a statement said at least eleven Taliban insurgents and nine ISIS militants were killed during the clashes and airstrikes in

Ghani Khel, Kot, and Khogyani districts. The statement further added clashes broke out between the militants and Afghan forces in Marko area of Ghani Khel district late on Saturday night. At least one Afghan soldier, one police, and three Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel also lost their lives during the clashes. The provincial government said clashes between ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

### Outlook Horoscope

#### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Your default setting might be full steam ahead, but even the warrior of the zodiac has a breaking point. You may have been letting yourself off the hook lately, noticing how comfortable it feels to slip into your cave when you prefer not to deal with the outside world. But it could become clear that relaxation efforts have morphed into escapism when the conscientious Virgo Full Moon illuminates your 6th House of Habits.

#### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Some things can't be built with store-bought materials, and you're busy at work making such a structure. Your social life is important, and it deserves cultivation no matter how big or small. But you may realize how much energy you've expended when the hardworking Virgo Moon accentuates your 5th House of Self-Expression.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It seems like everything you say lately is meant to shine up your reputation so there's not a scuff on it. It can be tiring to polish an image day after day, and you're wondering if your dedication will pay off. Asking advice from someone experienced with your situation can help you identify any missing connections, or if a shift in priorities would be a better use of your energy. The observant Virgo Full Moon lights up your 4th House of Foundations.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

The only place safer than your comfort zone is the peaceful utopia you create in your own mind. You long for the bliss of wandering in your own imagination, free from worldly distractions. Fortunately, the sensible Virgo Full Moon grounds your 3rd House of Immediate Environment, offering an anchor point when escape seems like the only rescue.

#### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

There isn't much that can shake your allegiance once you decide where your loyalties lie. In the midst of fostering the intimate bonds between you and the most important people in your life, you may have made more concessions than you realized. The analytical Virgo Full Moon falls in your 2nd House of Values.

#### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

It feels like you're losing your grip on your calendar and you're searching for a way to regain control. While setting boundaries is essential for healthy relationships, reexamining your fundamental principles is in order before you say something you can't take back. Identify whether your apprehensions are based on a fear of losing your freedom or a realistic need to draw a line while the clarifying Virgo Full Moon brightens your 1st House of Self.

#### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

There's certainly nothing wrong with donating your time and energy to a worthy cause. But if you find yourself devoted to something just because you stumbled into it, it's time to take a good look at the value it brings to your life. The Virgo Full Moon in your 12th House of Destiny urges you to assess where your current daily efforts are leading you and whether you're filling your time with what you love or simply with what is closest to you.

#### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You're so wrapped up in the here and now that you may have lost sight of the long-term goals you once diligently pursued. The Virgo Full Moon in your 11th House of Hopes and Wishes presses pause on your current playlist so you can hear the lyrics and melody of your future song.

#### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

There's an enjoyable serenity in allowing yourself to float, drifting back to a central position where you can look in all directions without rushing to commit to one. But you realize it's time to bring your ambitions back into focus while the pragmatic Virgo Full Moon spotlights your 10th House of Career. Somehow you know every step along the way must be very deliberate as you proceed over the next couple of weeks.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You tend to favor a structured approach, but you're quickly learning to adapt to your current circumstances. Although it's hard to nail down a steady inflow and outflow of data today, you take what you can get and make the most out of it. But it's time to formulate a methodical plan to expand your horizons when the Virgo Full Moon stretches your 9th House of Vision.

#### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You're scrambling to get your thoughts in order as the high energy of the day vibrates you all the way from your head to your toes. The Virgo Full Moon in your 8th House of Personal Truth opposes the sensitive Pisces Sun, highlighting the conflict between your search for meaning and your need for material security. Teasing out the origins of your complex feelings.

#### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your sensitivity is so heightened today that you dream of spending hours waxing poetic. But words escape you when you imagine expressing your emotions in front of someone you admire. You're more interested in hearing what others think of things when the Virgo Full Moon shines in your 7th House of Partnerships, bestowing you with hyper-awareness of their opinions.

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**Across**

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**Down**

1. Accomplished, 2. Modify, 3. A warning beacon, 4. Receive from a predecessor, 5. "Eureka!", 6. Whacks, 7. Creep, 8. Brave, 9. Musical master, 10. Test, 11. If not, 12. Avid, 15. Month before April, 21. Bobbin, 23. Weight loss plan, 25. Not odd 27. Mimics, 28. Water soaked soils, 29. East southeast, 31. Indecipherable, 32. Marriage announcement, 34. A single-reed woodwind, 36. Puts down, 39. Record (abbrev.), 40. Cozy, 43. Relating to an orbit, 44. Equal, 46. Anagram of "Silo", 47. Pander, 49. Some tides, 50. A copy from an original, 53. Sextuplet, 55. Corrosive, 56. Sneaker or pump, 57. Falafel bread, 58. "Your majesty", 60. Adolescent, 61. X X X X, 64. Poetic dusk.

**Yesterday's Solution**

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