

# Key Taliban Group Leader Abdul Wali Killed in Laghman Province

KABUL - A key leader of the Taliban group identified as Abdul Wali was killed during clashes with the security forces in eastern Laghman province. The provincial government media office in a statement said Wali was killed during the clashes between the Afghan forces and Taliban insurgents in Alishen district. The statement further added that the clashes took place late on Saturday afternoon in the vicinity of Kotali area. Wali was involved in a number of major terrorist attacks in various parts of Laghman province, the provincial



government said, adding that his dead body was left for several hours in the battlefield after the remaining insurgents fled the area. The provincial government also added that sporadic clashes had taken place in other parts of the provincial capital on Saturday evening, which left at least three militants dead or wounded. Laghman has been among the relatively calm provinces since the fall of the Taliban regime in 2001 but the anti-government armed militant groups have increased their insurgency in some parts of the province during the recent years. (KP)

## Bridge Connecting Districts with Khost City Inaugurated

KHOST CITY - A 95 million Afghanis provided by the Ministry of Public Works (MoPW). Khost Public Works Director Eng. Mamor Shah told Pajhwok they strived to resolve the problems of local people, adding issues emerged due to the lack of bridges had been resolved in Khost. He said eight main bridges have been constructed in different areas of Khost province in the past two years and handed over for the service of people. (Pajhwok)

### Man Kills Wife over Talking on Phone in Jawzjan

SHIBERGHAN - A man strangled to death his 25-year-old wife in Shiberghan, the capital of northern Jawzjan province, local authorities said on Monday. The governor's spokesman, Mohammad Raza Ghafari, said the victim was choked to death by her spouse using her scarf in Islamjuy locality of the city late on Sunday. "The accused after killing his wife wanted to escape but security forces arrested him. The motive behind the murder is not yet clear".

The victim's body had been taken to hospital for postmortem and security forces had initiated their investigation into the incident, Ghafari said. A relative of the slain woman, who wished to remain anonymous, said yesterday evening when her husband came home, his wife was talking to someone on the telephone. "The husband was angry and first verbally clashed with her and eventually choked her with a scarf. The woman was a mother of four children". Dr. Faridon Momand, Jawzjan's public health director, said doctors who examined the woman's body had found scratches around her neck. "There were no other signs of torture on her body which was handed over to her relatives after completion of the examination". ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

## 26 Insurgents Killed in Counter-Terrorism Operations

KABUL - At least 26 insurgents were killed in counter-terrorism operations carried out by Afghan forces in different parts of the country in past 24 hours, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said in a statement on Monday. The statement said 11 other insurgents were wounded in the operations. "The operations were conducted in Baghlan-e-Markazi district of Baghlan, Nish district of Kandahar and Lashkargah, the capital city of Helmand province," the statement said. "Also, during these operations, the forces seized two rocket launchers with seven rockets,



one machine gun, one AK-47 rifle and 15 different types of IEDs," the statement added. The statement did not provide more details about operations. (Tolnews)

## Panjsher Police Recover 700kg of Drugs

PARAKH - Twenty-five people have been arrested by police in central Panjsher province in connecting with smuggling drugs amounting to 700 kilograms, an official said on Sunday. Col. Najmuddin, deputy provincial police chief, said of the detainees four carried 500kgs of raw hashish. They were arrested while crossing a check post in Dalan Sanga area of Shatal district on Saturday. The smugglers had skillfully placed the drugs in a Surf model car



and they wanted to smuggle the narcotics to Kabul through Andrab district of Baghlan province. Meanwhile, he said, 190kgs of raw hashish and 10kgs of opium were confiscated from 21 smugglers last week in the province. He said the 21 accused wanted to smuggle the drugs in ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

## Unexploded Mortar Kills 3 Nangarhar Children

JALALABAD - Three children were killed when a mortar round they were playing with went off in eastern Nangarhar province on Monday, officials said. The blast took place in Memli area of the Khogyani district, Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News. The mortar was lying in a water stream and exploded when the children



started playing with it, Khogyani added. Hundreds of people suffer casualties every year due to unexploded ordnance left over from past wars. A ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

## 8 Dead, 16 Injured in Badakhshan Avalanche

FAIZABAD - Eight people have been killed and 16 others injured in an avalanche in Shahr-e-Bozerg district of northeastern Badakhshan province, the Afghanistan Natural Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) said on Monday. Syed Humayun Dehqan, the (ANDMA) head, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident happened Sunday afternoon when some workers were passing through Wandiy village. He said eight people were killed and 16 others injured in the incident. Eight of the wounded individuals are said to be in critical condition. The dead bodies and injured were retrieved by a local rescue team. The victims were later evacuated ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

## Afghan Citizen who Swallowed Heroin Held in India

KABUL - An Afghan citizen, arrested with heroin, has been hospitalised in the Uttar Pradesh state of India, a media report says. Charged with smuggling heroin Abdul Ali was admitted to Metro Hospitals and Heart Institute in Noida on February 28, Press Trust of India reported. The 55-year-old was hospitalised after he complained of pain in the abdomen. Following an operation on March 2, plastic packets containing white powder were removed from his abdomen. Later, the packets were sent for tests, which confirmed the white powder was heroin swallowed by the man. Investigators found two mobile numbers Ali had used were registered in Delhi. However, police found that both addresses were fake. Ali was arrested after recovery from the surgery. (Pajhwok)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

Although you know better, it's nearly impossible to keep your mouth shut today. You're likely to take an assertive approach once blabbermouth Mercury bursts into your fiery sign. You may not even realize what you said until it's already out in the open -- you need to be extremely mindful to control your tongue. It's not your problem if others can't handle the truth.

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

You want to start the week out on the right foot to avoid a case of the Monday Blues. Following a schedule to a tee sounds like a perfect idea but allows no room for surprises. Oddly enough, you may be the one to foil your own plan when you suddenly decide to veer off course. While you certainly possess the conviction to reach your goals.

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

You can barely keep your opinions to yourself today and you can't wait to find a friendly ear. Your sociable disposition may win you an audience, but it could be hard to convince them to stay and listen. You're coming across more aggressively than you think now that your key planet Mercury is in brash Aries. While this celestial update sets your mind on fire, it also makes your words more flammable. Cool your jets before someone does it for you.

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

You're thinking at the speed of light and you're ready to make a move into the next phase of your professional life. You're imbued with a new courage when swift Mercury flies into gutsy Aries, getting straight to work in your 10th House of Career. Your head swirls with bold ideas about all the things you could accomplish, but now isn't the best time to blurt out your desire for a promotion or a raise to your boss.

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

It's as if the lights are suddenly turned on in your brain and you can see just how many empty shelves there are to fill. However, it seems like you can't gather information fast enough as studious Mercury rushes into your 9th House of Higher Learning. Just remember that not everyone is as interested in your new passion as you are now.

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

You can take a conciliatory approach to relationships, but your restlessness makes attempts at kind gestures feel irritating and shallow. You prefer to keep your real thoughts quiet today because they lure you into strange places in your mind. Mercury the Messenger journeys into your 8th House of Transformation, reacquainting you with parts of yourself you don't usually see. Although disorienting at first, getting back in touch with your core values makes you even stronger in the long run.

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

Your lethargy melts away once the pace picks up today; an irritating start is nothing more than a speed bump. Everything changes once verbal Mercury calls the shots in your 7th House of Others. You're more vocally assertive than you would be otherwise, but this celestial shift also allows you to think more like your partner or rival. This boost of mental juice can motivate you to talk out differences with someone at best.

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

You're considering disconnecting the doorbell and turning off your phone so nothing can disturb you today. Someone is likely to sneak in through the back door, but it won't take long for you to promptly show them out. You have better things to do when rational Mercury moves into your 6th House of Logistics.

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

There's plenty of work to do but you're far more interested in searching for entertainment today. You may shove obligations to the back burner to chase pleasure now that the Moon is in lovely Libra. Additionally, your mischievous side is awakened when trickster Mercury skips into your 5th House of Fun and Games. While you're sure to enjoy this newfound mental friskiness, your listening skills may get left behind in the amusement.

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

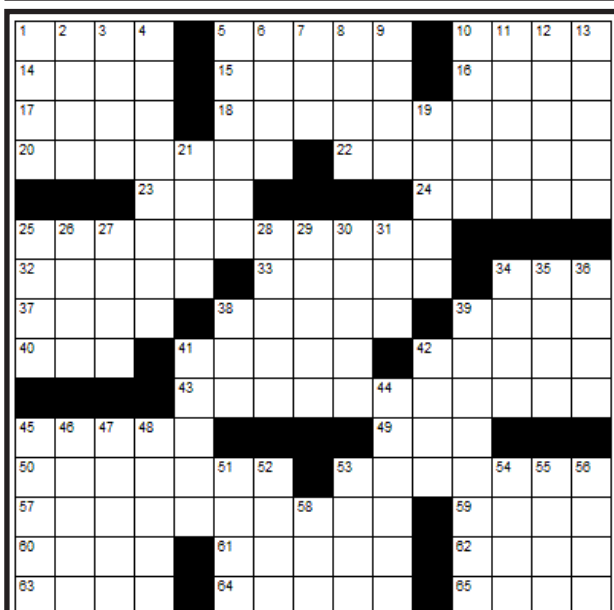
No one but you notices that something is on your mind because you're carrying on as efficiently as usual. But underneath the pleasantries, a much different story is playing out today. Your poker face hides the fact that you wish you were spending time on a side project, but as the day continues it's harder to keep up the act. You can't wait to be back in your own space where you focus more on your agenda instead of balancing other people's needs.

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

It's as if the cobwebs in your head are being swept clean, blasting open your neural pathways and creating space for anything you like. Sudden inspirations make you want to take action immediately, no matter whose toes might be stepped on. It's not that you want to hurt anyone's feelings, but you care more about the potential of your ideas than tiptoeing around alternate opinions.

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

Contrary to what you may think, the charitable choice is not always the best one. Trying to divvy up your resources equally may sound like a good theory, but true harmony is achieved by balancing your funds and your energy separately. It's time to step into the center of your financial universe when mercantile Mercury strides into ambitious Aries, emphasizing your 2nd House of Money.



**Across**  
1. A device that moves fluids, 5. Trades, 10. Fortitude, 14. Largest continent, 15. Dimwit, 16. Module 17. Mobile phone, 18. Snake-like, 20. Treachery, 22. Clatter, 23. Solemn promise, 24. Thigh armor, 25. Temples, 32. Gain points in a game, 33. Radiant, 34. Not bottom, 37. Knows, 38. Shame, 39. Vagabond, 40. South southeast, 41. Got up, 42. Suit, 43. Vessels, 45. Neck warmer, 49. Scarlet, 50. Paint the town red, 53. Remedy, 57. Wavelike motion, 59. By mouth, 60. Debatable, 61. Analyze syntactically, 62. Savvy about, 63. Arid, 64. Metal, 65. Encounter.

**Down**  
1. Agreement, 2. End, 3. 5280 feet, 4. Lengthy discussions, 5. Renounce, 6. Biblical garden, 7. What we breathe, 8. Cuts off, 9. Stair, 10. Minim, 11. Pieces, 12. Prongs, 13. Cubic meter, 19. Bonkers, 21. Achy, 25. Sounds of disapproval, 26. Air force heroes, 27. Part of a skeleton, 28. Monastery head, 29. Stop, 30. Optical maser, 31. An uncle, 34. Wealthy man (British slang), 35. Death notice, 36. Kettles, 38. Genus of macaws, 39. Vertical clearance, 41. Dreadful, 42. Engendered, 44. A type of curved shape, 45. Films of impurities, 46. Small boat, 47. Fire, 48. Way to go, 51. Exhausts, 52. French for "State", 53. Thorny flower, 54. Sea eagle, 55. Satisfy, 56. Notch, 58. Fury.

**Yesterday's Solution**  
DELLI ARCH MEEK  
ODIN HAREM AXLE  
NIGHT PAPARA EASE  
ETHER SWORDSMEN  
TREE LICIT  
ACHIEVE CHERUB  
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SERENE CUIRASS  
BEECH GLAD  
ASPIRATE STATE  
GHIT PYXIE TBEK  
TOTA SPARE FLEE  
DEAL EDEN VENS

after, apart, apply, arena, beast, book, both, bread, bypass, clock, comet, command, crowd, effect, every, excite, fewer, gate, great, green, handle, happen, known, nerve, other, package, particular, passage, place, pork, provide, relief, request, score.

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