



Ghazni Airstrikes in 4 Months Kill 400 Taliban: Official

GHAZNI CITY - As many as 400 Taliban militants, including 30 key commanders, have been killed during airstrikes by security forces in southern Ghazni province in the past four months, an official said Sunday.

Mohammad Arif Noori, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Afghan and foreign forces conducted 200 airstrikes in Ghazni City, the provincial capital, and districts within the past four months.

In these actions, he said, 30 notorious commanders among some 400 Taliban militants were killed and sources of others wounded. According to Noori's information, a number of Pakistanis were also among the dead.

He said during these airstrikes seven civilians had been also killed and four others wounded.

However, residents of the province claimed that most of the times the airstrikes targeted civilians.

Nimatullah, a resident of Selmanzai area of Dehyak district, told Pajhwok that mostly civilians suffered casualties in ground operations and airstrikes in the province.

"Two months back, the Afghan commando forces shot dead a civilian as he tried to run from them."

Akhtar Mohammad, another resident of Liwan locality of Andar district, told Pajhwok 12 civilians were killed in an airstrike a few days back.

He warned if the situation remained the same, the distance between the people and the government would further widen.

On the other hand, the Taliban rejected the governor's spokesman's claim that 400 insurgents have been killed during the past four months.

Their spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said operations conducted by the government and foreign forces in Ghazni were unsuccessful and their airstrikes mostly hit civilians. (Pajhwok)

Officials Reject Security Forces Besieged Zaief's House



KABUL - Some sources on Sunday claimed security forces surrounded the residence of Mullah Abdul Salam Zaief and wounded one of his bodyguards during a clash, but officials rejected the claims.

Faiz Mohammad Zaland, a lecturer in Kabul University, said security forces besieged the home of Zaief in Bagrami area of capital Kabul on Saturday evening and the siege continued until former

president Hamid Karzai intervened on Sunday.

Zaland said security forces tried to enter Zaief's house but his bodyguards resisted and one of them was injured. He said security forces left the area after Hamid Karzai intervened.

Pajhwok tried to contact media office of Hamid Karzai but failed.

Some media sources also reported that Afghan forces surrounded the house of Mullah Abdul Salam Zaief.

Zaief told Kabul News television channel that Afghan forces raided his house and wounded one of his bodyguards.

But Kabul police chief Brig. Gen. Sayed Mohammad Roshandil said: "It was a misunderstanding. Security forces surrounded the house of a land grabber known as Mullah Toti in Bagrami district of Kabul. The house of Toti is located close to the residence of ... (More on P4)...(8)"



22 Security Personnel Killed, 12 Wounded in Faryab Attack

MAIMANA - At least 22 security personnel have been killed, 12 others wounded and three others captured alive in a Taliban attack in Qaisar district of northwestern Faryab province, an official said on Saturday.

Rahmatullah Qaisari, district's administrative chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the militants stormed security check-posts in Arkelik area of the district late on Saturday night.

He said 16 Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers, five public uprising group members and a police personnel were killed, 12 others wounded and three others were arrested by rebels.

He added three check-posts overrun by rebels, one military tank destroyed and another one captured by militants during the clash lasted for several hours. ... (More on P4)...(9)

Drone Aircraft Crashes in Parwan Due to Engine Failure



KABUL - An Unmanned Aircraft Vehicle (UAV) crashed on Sunday afternoon due engine failure in central Parwan province, US forces in Afghanistan said in a statement.

The incident took place at around 2:50 pm in a field approximately five kilometers south of Bagram Airfield, the statement

said. The incident was under investigation, the US forces said.

"At 2:50 p.m local time today, an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) suffered engine failure and crashed into a field approximately five kilometers south of Bagram Airfield in Parwan province. There were no injuries. The incident is under investigation." (Pajhwok)

Child Killed, Civilian Among 5 Hurt in Khogyani Blast



JALALABAD - A child was killed and a civilian among five uprising members were wounded in a bomb blast in Khogyani district of eastern Nangarhar province on Sunday, officials said.

The early morning explosion occurred outside a sufi shrine in Aboku area, killing an eight years old boy and in-

cluding four uprising members and a civilian, Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News.

Meanwhile, police spokesman Farid Khan said security forces were conducting their investigation into the incident. There has been no claim of responsibility for the blast. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Some intellectual knowledge that you gain today is apt to make a significant difference in whatever creative projects you're working on, Aries. A friend or partner could help in some way. A current enterprise may go in a new direction or you could start a new project. Whatever it is, expect to feel inspired.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



The healing of some childhood traumas could be triggered today, Taurus, perhaps through contact with someone who knew you then. Don't be surprised if you shed a few tears.

This is a normal release. You could also suddenly laugh like crazy. Once this is all done, take your friend out for the evening and kick up your heels.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Some great news could come today, Gemini, perhaps from a love partner. It might concern your relationship or it might involve some sort of good fortune coming to either you or your beloved.

This bit of luck could free both of you in some way to further advance the relationship somehow. Don't panic and don't overanalyze it. Follow your heart!

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Have you been working very hard to increase your income? If so, Cancer, results might finally manifest. More available income usually necessitates working even harder, but in your case, you might be able to relax for a while and thus rid yourself of all the stress and tension that's been building up. Thank your lucky stars, and make plans for your free time.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Today, Leo, you should feel especially attractive, romantic, and sexy. Any current or potential romantic partner you encounter will probably pay you lots of attention and want to make plans for the two of you to get together. This might be just what you need, as the last few days may have been difficult.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Intuition could prove extremely valuable when it comes to dealing with a sticky situation, Virgo. You know all the rules, you know all the proper methods for whatever you do, but today you could be driven to make decisions based on gut feelings rather than rules or logic. Think of it as a valuable new tool for understanding how to deal with people and make the most of it.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Some gossip about a friend who has recently begun a new relationship could reach you today, Libra. This might come as a surprise, as you'd never have expected it of this person. You will be glad, because you want your friend to be happy. Don't be afraid to call and ask to hear all about it. It will be a pleasure for both of you!

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Minor changes in your money situation could make for a beautiful day, Scorpio. Perhaps you discover a bank error in your favor, get repaid for a loan, or receive a generous gift. Whichever it is, it's likely to make it possible for you to make a purchase you've been thinking you had to postpone for a while. Enjoy your good fortune and make the most of it!

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Today you might feel as though your mind is exploding, Sagittarius. If you've been studying an intellectual or spiritual subject, insights could be coming thick and fast. Concepts that never made sense to you before suddenly seem clear. You will need to write them down, because even an elephant wouldn't be able to remember this many ideas and revelations. Make the most of them!

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Emotions and memories that have been buried in your psyche could suddenly well up today, Capricorn. At first you might not be able to make sense of this. These memories could seem irrelevant to your present life. Still, a little reflection might reveal why you're recalling them now. Release whatever blockages these memories may have been causing.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

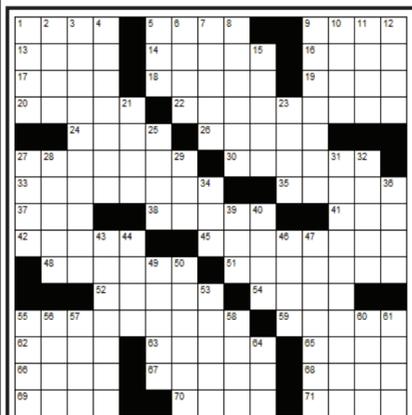


Today a friendship could develop into something more, Aquarius. Someone you know fairly well but never thought of as a potential lover could suddenly show a romantic interest in you and you could respond. Whether or not you choose to do anything about it depends on you. Circumstances and people change. Think twice before you dismiss this person. Don't do it because they're

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



A change in your working circumstances could make a positive difference to you, Pisces. Perhaps you've moved to another desk, room, floor, or building. Whichever it is, you will be less stressed out. Being near difficult people or sitting near a window where you can see out can recharge your batteries and make you more productive.



Across

1. An amount of medicine, 5. Gossip, 9. The thin fibrous bark, 13. Dwarf buffalo, 14. City in France, 16. "What a shame!", 17. Twosomes, 18. Bumbling, 19. A summoning gesture, 20. Active, 22. Organized bodies of information, 24. Inheritor, 26. Dirties
27. Double-reed instrument, 30. Concise summary, 33. Slaughterhouse, 35. Dweebs, 37. Lad, 38. Wingless bloodsucking insects, 41. Spy agency, 42. Construct, 45. Choppers
48. Attempting, 51. Renters, 52. Breakfast and supper, 54. An upright in a wall, 55. Headstone, 59. Skid, 62. Notion, 63. Habitat, 65. A dog wags one, 66. Small brook
67. Very slow in tempo, 68. Makes a mistake, 69. Terminates, 70. Dregs, 71. Dam,

Down

1. 20th-century art movement, 2. Burden, 3. Seer, 4. Least difficult, 5. Consumer Price Index, 6. Paw, 7. Territories, 8. First-rate, 9. Hot sauce, 10. Beers, 11. Rate, 12. Demands, 15. Step
21. Violent disturbance, 23. Gusted, 25. Top of a house, 27. Baseball great, ___ Ruth, 28. Thwart
29. Zero, 31. Firebomb, 32. Circumvent, 34. Record (abbrev.), 36. Back talk, 39. Altitude (abbrev.), 40. Views, 43. Percussion instruments, 44. Fastens, 46. Picnic insects, 47. Leapt over
49. Area of South Africa, 50. Worldwide, 53. A loud sleeping sound, 55. Rubber wheel, 56. Norse god, 57. Blend, 58. Border, 60. Dagger, 61. If not, 64. Dawn goddess,

Yesterday's Solution



alarm, answer, champ, discover, drink early, escape ghouly hardly, haste, learn leave, little, moan nightmare, often, party, personality please, poker, pure raise, repair respon,

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