

# 30 Taliban Perished, Bombs Making Factories Destroyed

LASHKARGHA - Thirty Taliban were killed and seven others wounded in foreign forces overnight airstrikes on two Taliban's compounds of mine making in southern Helmand province, officials said on Friday.

Col. Mohammad Rasoul Zazai, spokesman for 215 Maiwand Military Corp, told Pajhwok Afghan News foreign forces targeted the Taliban bomb making factories in the 5th block locality of Marja district.

Police Chief Brig. Gen. Abdul Rahman Sarjang confirmed the airstrike but had no information about casualties. Abdul Ali, the resident of locality, said at least 60 Taliban have been killed and wounded in the foreign forces air raid.

Taliban have not yet comment over the foreign forces air strikes. (Pajhwok)



## 7 Historic Artifacts Prevented from Smuggling

HERAT CITY - The governor on Thursday said intelligence officials had prevented seven historic artifacts from being smuggled out of western Herat province.

Mohammad Asif Rahimi told a news conference here the relics recued were 700 to 1,000 years old and related to Timurid, Bactria and Ghori eras.

The monuments prevented from smuggling included a golden cup, a bronze tankard, a bronze bowl, a mud made jug, a bronze cooking pot, a copper jug and the cap of a sugar bowl, he said.

The governor said the smugglers wanted to export the historic objects to foreign countries, but their attempt was foiled by Afghan intelligence forces.

Meanwhile, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) confirmed seizing the monuments and said the smugglers detained would be brought to justice.

The NDS did not provide details about the number of detainees and the location where they were detained. (Pajhwok)

## Thousands Displaced as Uruzgan Clashes Continue

TIRINKOT - Thousands of families have been displaced as a result of ongoing clashes between security forces and insurgents in Dehrawud district of central Uruzgan province. Both the warring sides have suffered casualties during two months of the clashes.

"Security officials told us two days ago to leave homes because they plan to carry out a huge operation in the area," a resident of Dehrawud, Habibullah, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said thousands of families from



Londayana, Diwana, Warkh, Dezak, Osaki and other areas had migrated to other parts of the province due to the ongoing clashes. He said security forces had informed residents of launching a major offensive. (More on P4)...(17)

## Dozen Rebels Dead, 10 Hurt in Kunduz Clash

KUNDUZ CITY - Twelve Taliban fighters, including their group's head, have been killed and 10 others wounded during ongoing offensive in northern Kunduz province, an official said on Friday.

Ghulam Hazrat Karimi, spokesman for the 20th division PAMIR in the northern zone, told Pajhwok Afghan News the operation had been conducted Thursday night on the outskirts of Kunduz City, the provincial capital.

Karimi said the clearing operation codename Tandur would continue until the last insurgent was eliminated from the area. Taliban claimed killing 12 security official destroying one tank and a vehicle during the clash. (Pajhwok)

## Prices of Gold & Food Items up in Kabul

KABUL - The prices of sugar, flour, ghee and gold increased during the outgoing week in capital Kabul, market sources said on Thursday.

Anjamuddin, a wholesaler in Tahia Maskan area of Kabul, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the rate of a 49kg Kazakh flour bag jumped from 1,180 afghanis to 1,250 afghanis, 49kg of Pakistani sugar increased from 1,900af to 2,000af and of 16 liters of Momin ghee from 970af to 1,050af during the week. He linked the price



hike to cut in imports of the commodities. However, 25kg of Pakistani rice cost 1,650af, the same price as of last week's, he said. Fazl Ahmad, a tea wholesaler in Kabul Market, sold a kilogram of black African for 240af and the same quantity of green Madina tea for 220af. But a retailer in Dahan-i-... (More on P4)...(18)

## Conflicts Claim 16 Lives in 24 Hours

KABUL - Afghan militancy and counter-militancy have claimed 16 lives including an army general over the past 24 hours, officials said Friday.

Taliban militants in offensive against government interests attacked and killed an army general in Taliban former stronghold the southern Kandahar province

Thursday night, spokesman for Kandahar provincial government Samim Khapalwak said. "Two armed militants sprayed bullets on General Khan Agha Achakzai, the deputy to 205 Corps in the southern region on Thursday night killing him along with one of his bodyguards on the... (More on P4)...(19)

## ANSF Seize Haqqani Weapons Cache near Kabul

KABUL - The Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) had recovered a weapons cache near capital Kabul, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said on Thursday.

The country's national intelligence agency said in a statement that the cache had been recovered after an operation conducted by the NDS personnel in Seppas village, outskirts of Pul-e-Alam, capital of eastern Logar province. "The recovered cache belonged to Mawlawai Abdullah, a local leader of Haqqani network who has been responsible for several subversive attacks in the Logar," the statement



added. As a Taliban-linked group of militants, the Haqqani network mostly operating in eastern provinces and capital Kabul, has been responsible for many high-profile attacks against security forces over the past years. One AK-47 gun, five home-made Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), four rounds of RPG-7 shell, one recoilless rifle shell were among other items seized after the raid, the statement noted.

The militants tried to use the weapons to launch terror attacks in Pul-e-Alam, some 60 km south of Kabul, the statement added. The militant group has yet to make comments. (Xinhua)

## 8 Killed in Traffic Accident



MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Eight persons were killed and eight others wounded in a traffic accident in Afghanistan's northern province of Balkh on Thursday, police said.

"Three sedan were involved in the crash which occurred along a road in Robat locality, Chintal district at around 10:30 a.m. local time," Mohamad Zahir, the acting district police chief, told Xinhua. The bodies along the injured have been shifted to a nearby hospital, he added. The road connects the neighboring Zari district to the provincial capital of Mazar-i-Sharif city. At the time of accident, the weather was foggy in the area, according to the... (More on P4)...(20)

## 5-Member Group of Kidnappers Busted, Child Rescued

KABUL - Personnel from National Directorate of Security (NDS) have arrested a group of five kidnappers and rescued a child from captivity in southeastern Khost province, a statement from the spy-network said on Friday.

The group demanded amount \$200,000 in ransom

against the release of abducted child. Security officials did not give more details but said the child was handed over to the family and the kidnappers were in their custody. The resident of locality hailed personnel of NDS for the operation and release of abducted child. (Pajhwok)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

Pursuing pleasure sounds like a good idea, but it can be disconcerting if you're feeling anxious about meeting everyone's expectations today. However, you could simply declare this a welcome day of rest, especially if you have been working hard and responsibly attending to your chores. Give yourself permission to indulge your senses while you have the chance.

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

You might not be overly interested in doing the right thing today, even if you are sternly reminded to finish your chores. Flirty Venus opposes jovial Jupiter in your playful 5th House of Romance, motivating you to rattle up some fun wherever the opportunity arises. But ignoring your obligations now might lead to unpleasant consequences.

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

You're pulled in two distinctly different directions today, but there's no need to resolve this all-too-familiar dilemma right away. On one hand, you feel a growing sense of urgency to express what's on your mind. On the other hand, you want to sidestep any complications now so you can relax in peace. Even if pleasant events distract you from what you originally intended to do, there really isn't any harm in having fun as long as you know.

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

Someone might not come through for you today in the way you expect. You must pay meticulous attention to every little thing that's happening now because you can easily convince yourself that your life is better than it truly is. You're tempted to overstep boundaries and may even end up regretting your lack of discretion, unless you're wise enough to restrain your blind enthusiasm.

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

A synchronistic confluence of circumstances creates a perfect day for you Lions to purr and play like carefree kittens. Although it's a cat's job to sleep in the afternoon sunshine, your current laziness is not an excuse to escape from your responsibilities. Nevertheless, you still can have a wonderful time as long as you don't overdo it. Balancing work and play may be extra-challenging now.

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

Although you may secretly worry that your strategy won't lead to success today, you are likely to go ahead with your plans, anyhow. Your uncharacteristic indecision might have you playing the waiting game at first, but your confidence builds until you're motivated to take a risk in your search for love. It's easier to believe someone who encourages you to follow your heart's desire now than to face the facts.

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

Your resistance to participating in a fun adventure today may originate from your natural instinct to nurture others instead of yourself. Although wanting those you love to feel cherished is an admirable trait, you can take your good intentions too far and possibly even discourage yourself in the process. You might end up resenting the very people you are trying to please unless you honor your own needs first.

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

Unavoidable obligations continue to stack up, making it difficult to kick back and chill today. Nevertheless, your desire for sensual pleasure is quite strong now that jolly Jupiter is activating indulgent Venus -- and you can't fathom any reason to deny your cravings. Just be careful to watch the quantity of food and drink you consume.

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

Following the expected rules of behavior is no simple matter today. Although you can normally stay on track if it's part of a larger plan, you're intrigued by the alternatives now. However, you're more enamored with your own original ideas, rather than the contributions of anyone else. Unfortunately, you might be so gung ho about the big picture that you don't see the problem staring you in the face.

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

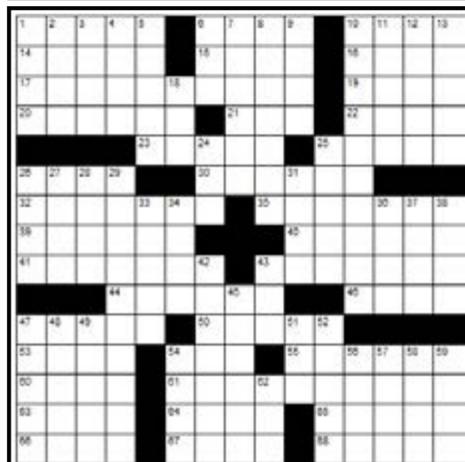
You may believe you have waited long enough to get what you want. However, voracious Venus forms a tense opposition to permissive Jupiter today, making it temporarily difficult to manage your desires. There's no harm in harboring this perspective as long as you don't go too far defending your self-indulgence. It's okay to enjoy an extra dessert or a lingering flirtation if you're so inclined.

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

You could be nearing a point of exhaustion today, and don't want to spend your entire day trying to meet everyone else's expectations. You're eager to break the mold of responsibility while letting others fend for themselves. It's time to satisfy your own needs by doing something memorable. Your previous commitments can be better fulfilled after you take some quality time for yourself.

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

You possess an uncommon knack for turning a fleeting conversation into a long-winded philosophical debate today. Or, maybe you transform a minor crush into a major romance because everything is taking on bigger-than-life proportions now. Of course, you should delight in this sweet phase while your key planet Jupiter inspires beautiful Venus. Don't worry if you waste the day engaging in pleasant social interactions and have little to show for it.



#### Across

1. Sacred hymn, 6. Found on most beaches, 10. Skin irritation, 14. Breathing problem, 15. Chocolate cookie, 16. Roman emperor, 17. Noria, 19. Not "To", 20. Record player, 21. Lyric poem, 22. Backside, 23. Slop, 25. Elegance, 26. Unwanted email, 30. Complex in design, 32. Math, 35. Alike, 39. Twerp, 40. Interstellar cloud, 41. Anagram of "Ladders", 43. Vixen, 44. Acid neutralizer, 46. Anagram of "Seek", 47. Platters, 50. Puke, 53. Against, 54. Spy agency, 55. Emanating from the center, 60. Tropical tuber, 61. Miscellany, 63. Two-toed sloth, 64. Away from the wind, 65. Notions, 66. Kittens' cries, 67. It ebbs and flows, 68. Lion sounds.

#### Down

1. Bears' hands, 2. Petty quarrel, 3. Kitty (poker), 4. Lascivious look, 5. Female horses, 6. Comes after Mi and Fah, 7. Ring around the nipple, 8. Sewing tools, 9. Handout, 10. Incapable of failure, 11. Latin name for our planet, 12. Pass over, 13. Houses, 18. Expression of surprised admiration, 24. Actress Lupino, 25. Dromedary, 26. Wood-cutting tools, 27. Urgent request, 28. Matured, 29. Intentionally untrue, 31. Eat, 33. Demands for payment, 34. Stink, 36. Fortune, 37. Wings, 38. Rodents, 42. A pasta dish, 43. Not her, 45. Wealthy, 47. A piece of information, 48. Absurd, 49. Chaff, 51. Fury, 52. Snouted animal, 54. Gossip, 56. Extinct flightless bird, 57. Notion, 58. Food thickener, 59. Not more, 62. G.

#### Yesterday's Solution



anyone, bakers, beer, blimp, burden, cable, cause, checks, choose, chose, condition, crown, crusade, dues, freshen, heating, kinds, lonely, matpe, nation, peak, peer, populate, responsible, simply, someone, storm, stroke, syrup, table, tames.

