

# Takhar Cleric, Students Join Taliban in Kunduz

TALOQAN - A religious scholar along with his students from northern Takhar province has joined the Taliban, a reliable security source said on Sunday. Maulvi Kabir and his seven students aligned with the Taliban in the Dasht-i-Archi district of northern Kunduz province, a security official told Pajhwok Afghan News. Kabir had links with the Taliban in the past. He was arrested by security officials for his alleged links with the Taliban but was released as massive rallies were held against



his detentions and religious scholars provided guarantees that he had no links with the Taliban. Mukhles Taluqani, Hajj and Religious Affairs director, said Maulvi Kabir was teacher at a Madrasa on sixth road in Taluqan, the provincial capital. He said Kabir was held three times by security forces due to his alleged links with the Taliban but some government officials and influential individuals secured his... (More on P4)... (20)

## Nimroz Flood Sweeps Away Homes, Crops

ZARANJ - Woman provides source of income for 25 families. Flash flood destroyed several villages and swept away standing crops in the Chakhansur district of southwestern Nimroz province, an official said on Saturday. Mohammad Fazli, the town's administrative chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Afghanha village was completely destroyed while another 50 villages were badly affected by the overnight flooding. He said roads connecting the district with

the provincial capital had been cut off and residents had left their homes, seeking shelter in safe places. Mohammad Jumma, a resident of Afghanha village, said: "I was only able to rescue my children and left behind all households which were destroyed by the flood." Local official said a delegation headed by deputy governor Mohammad Qasim Khedri had reached the district to assess the damage and consider ways how to assist the affected people. (Pajhwok)

## 76 Persons Injured in Beginning Days of Solar Year: Hospital Sources

HERAT CITY - Seventy-six people have been wounded in the first three days of the new solar year as a result of traffic accidents in western Herat province, health officials said on Sunday. Zonal Hospital Spokesman Mohammad Rafiq Sherzai told Pajhwok Afghan News, people of different ages injured due to traffic accident in Herat City, the provincial capital, and other parts of the province had been admitted in the hospital for treatment. He added, most of the wounded people were youth and teenagers who have had accidents due to over speed driving and unawareness of traffic rules. "A total of 76

people have been injured in the first three days of the new year, happily no death case has been recorded", he added. 15 to 20 percent of the wounded residents were women. Sherzai recalled, 150 injured had been evacuated to the hospital in the first three days of the last year. But, Herat province Traffic officials said, no traffic accident has occurred in the first three days of the new year, only two accidents took place in the fourth day. Provincial traffic officer, Ghulam Dastagir Homayun told Pajhwok, no traffic accidents have occurred in Herat ... (More on P4)... (21)

## 2 Militants Killed, 2 Injured

FAIZABAD - At least two Taliban militants were killed as fighting flared up in Yaftal-e-Bala neighborhood outside Faizabad, the capital of Afghanistan's northern Badakhshan province on Saturday night, security official Abdul Khalil said Sunday. Two more insurgents sustained injuries in the firefight which lasted for a while, the official said. Neither the security personnel nor civilians had been hurt during the clash, the official added. Taliban militants who are in control of parts of Badakhshan province are yet to make comment. (Xinhua)

## 5 Killed in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Two police personnel and three civilians were killed and two persons were wounded in two separate clashes in Afghanistan's eastern province of Nangarhar, the provincial government said on Sunday. Two policemen and two civilians were killed and one police wounded after Taliban militants attacked a security checkpoint in Behsood district late on Saturday, it said in a statement. The policemen manning the post also returned fire and several militants were killed and wounded during the gun battle, but their number could not be exactly specified as the militants evacuated their casualties, according to the statement. In another attack, one child was killed and another teenage wounded when armed militants ambushed a security forces' patrol in neighboring Mumand Dara district in the province, 120 km east of the capital Kabul, also on Saturday evening, ... (More on P4)... (22)

## Airstrikes Kill 27 IS Militants

JALALABAD - A total of 27 armed insurgents affiliated with the Islamic State (IS) group were killed after Afghan forces aircrafts targeted militants positions in parts of the eastern Nangarhar province Saturday night, the Interior Ministry said on Sunday. According to a statement, the aircrafts targeted militants' hideouts in the Chenar Keli, Sahiban and Mullah Badur villages of Kot district Saturday night, leaving 27 armed IS



fighters dead, besides IS insurgents who are active in Kot, Haskamina and other parts of Nangarhar province have not commented on the report. (Xinhua)

## 3 Closed Kapisa Girls Schools Reopened

MAHMOOD RAQI - Three closed girls' schools in the Alasae district of central Kapisa province has been reopened, officials said on Sunday. Ghulam Nqshband, the town's administrative chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the school remained shut due to the Taliban threats in the past. As a result of the local elders efforts the schools had been reopened in the new academic year, he added. The district chief lamented no high school



for girls were available in the district there were only three intermediate level schools. Malik Jan, the resident of the locality, said the schools reopened without proper infrastructure. He claimed the residents of locality built some part of the schools on their own expenses last year. Jan urged ... (More on P4)... (23)

## Taliban Senior Commander Detained

KUNDUZ - A Taliban senior commander Mullah Karimullah nicknamed Kalamullah has been arrested in Afghanistan's northern Kunduz province, a security official said on Sunday. The official who declined to be named said that Mullah Karimullah was detained following an intelligence report on Saturday and is currently held in custody. Taliban militants are yet to make comment. Mullah Karimullah is the



younger brother of Taliban former shadowy governor for Kunduz province Mullah Salam who was killed in a drone attack in late February. (Xinhua)

### Outlook Horoscope

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



A single word can be enough to cause a chain reaction that both starts and ends before you know it. You may feel like you blanked out today, not realizing what you said until the looks on people's faces give you pause. Feigning confidence works sometimes, but you might be inwardly cringing at your improv performance now.

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



You're not sure if you can believe what you're hearing as words from a friend spark mental connections that you didn't know existed. It's as if a stick of metaphorical dynamite has been tossed into your mind, blasting a hole in what you thought you knew. However, every ending is also a beginning; abrupt changes tend to reveal new opportunities.

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



It's as if a flash bulb goes off that ignites your imagination, dazzling you with a brilliant idea about your future. You might wonder why this inspiration has never crossed your mind before, but sharing your epiphany with friends may receive a mixed reception. Be aware that you tend toward delusions of grandeur today, and schemes that seem destined for greatness could look completely different tomorrow.

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



New information on the job front may make you second guess your course. You don't want to let go of something that has been a constant in your life, but gripping tightly to an ideal that has become brittle will only cause it to crumble faster. Fortunately, when the pieces fall away there might be something even better underneath.

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



Casual research into an area of interest could lead you to places you never expected today. You're down the rabbit hole before you know it when brainy Mercury conspires with ingenious Uranus in your 9th House of Big Ideas, rocking your worldview. You're inspired to shout your discoveries from the rooftops, but don't move so fast.

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



You may be on guard today when a discussion with a close friend takes an unpredictable turn. It could feel as if you're traversing an emotional minefield, unsure of where to step next to prevent detonation. Although you might be mystified by the words and actions of others, yours could be equally befuddled. Instead of adopting an every-man-for-himself approach, work together to seek clarity and foster progress.

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



You might do a double take when a close friend blurts out something you didn't see coming. You're likely to react quickly, which could exacerbate an already precarious interaction. Although you don't have a crystal ball to predict the future, checking your ego at the door and being receptive to another person's opinions is the shortest route to resolution.

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



Your daily routine isn't so routine today as one thing after another throws a wrench in your plans. The more rigidly you adhere to your list, the more it seems to wiggle away from you. Instead of draining your energy trying to keep it together, find a way to creatively adapt to changing circumstances.

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



There's something irresistible about setting off for an excursion with no idea of your destination. You're confident enough to make it up as you go along when speedy Mercury and reckless Uranus team up in your 5th House of Spontaneity, urging you to ditch your map and hit the road. However, the fast-paced energy may lure out your inner opportunist, causing you to pay no heed to the consequences of your actions.

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



It's as if the ground rumbles with each step, and you sense that something is amiss today. But tension with a family member or roommate may peak so quickly that you don't have time to brace for impact. Although you want to avoid an argument if possible, sometimes getting things off your chest must happen one way or another. Try not to stir the pot any more than necessary and proceed with an open mind when listening to someone else's position.

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

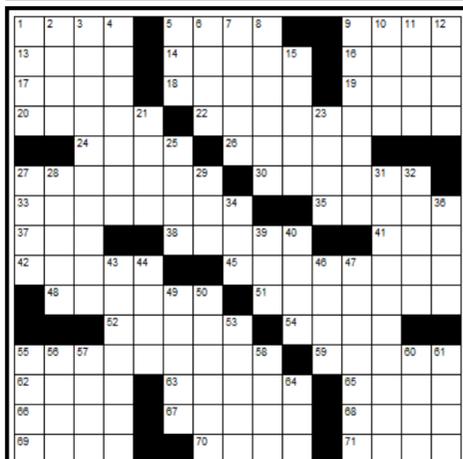


Your mind is buzzing with electricity as there seems to be no end to the data available. You're taking it all in as fast as you can, but the information overload may blind you to the way you're communicating with others. Even if your ideas are resplendent now, they might come as a shock to those who are attached to different ideologies. Although it seems urgent to speak up right away, people will be more receptive to a calm and rational delivery.

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



You have time and energy to spare today and you're feeling quite generous. However, you may end up agreeing to something hastily, assuming you'll be able to follow through without a hitch. But details are likely to come out of the woodwork only after your consent, which could put you in a pickle. It's prudent to double-check the fine print before you make any commitments, or even hold off until a day when you can ensure your participation won't put a strain on your resources.



#### Across

1. Hats, 5. Grave, 9. A pouch in some birds, 13. Wings, 14. Expect, 16. Expect and wish, 17. Classify, 18. Compacted, 19. Lack of difficulty, 20. A low evergreen shrub, 22. Made steeper, 24. Urgent request, 26. Thespian, 27. Quandary, 30. Religious belief, 33. Highway flyover, 35. Engine, 37. Trot, 38. Japanese verse, 41. Stir, 42. Bay window, 45. Saw-toothed, 48. Named (archaic), 51. Orb, 52. Arm of the sea, 54. Certain, 55. A small restaurant, 59. Cantankerous, 62. Hubs, 63. Courageous, 65. Shade of blue, 66. River of Spain, 67. Open skin infections, 68. Gone under, 69. Adolescent, 70. Deliver a tirade, 71. T T T T.

#### Down

1. Money, 2. Found in some lotions, 3. Someone who is paralyzed, 4. Colonist, 5. Little bit, 6. Is indebted to, 7. Devilish, 8. Split, 9. Goodbye (British), 10. A soft sheepskin leather, 11. Church alcove, 12. Noxious plant, 15. Fangs, 21. Rope fiber, 23. Verse, 25. Nursemaid, 27. Karate school, 28. Shade of white, 29. An Old Testament king, 31. Stately, 32. One who poses, 34. Female sib, 36. Was a passenger, 39. Beer barrel, 40. Website addresses, 43. Omission, 44. Focusing glass, 46. Defeat decisively, 47. Side by side, 49. The common people, 50. Panic, 53. Crown, 55. Decay from overripening, 56. Gown, 57. Unit of land, 58. Not odd, 60. Melody, 61. Wild Tibetan oxen, 64. Eastern Standard Time.

#### Yesterday's Solution

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EGOS KUDOS ELAN  
RUTS RIBERT VENO  
DECAY PARAKEETS  
HUED SIGIL  
APPLAUD DEVOUR  
SLOTHFUL APNEA  
PIT FIBES HUB  
SECTS DATABASE  
RHYTHM WAVELET  
PIOUS RILL  
UPTRUSTS DITIDE  
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