



Five Civilians Killed in Afghan Forces Operation in Surobi

KABUL - At least five civilians, including four women and one child, lost their lives in an operation by Afghan forces supported by foreign troops in Surobi district in Kabul on Monday, the Resolute Support confirmed on Tuesday.

"Last night, Afghan security forces and a small contingent of US advisors conducted a raid in Surobi district, Kabul province," the Resolute Support spokesman Debra Richardson said.

"During the operation, airstrikes were used after Taliban fighters armed with machine guns were positively identified. Unfortunately, 4 women and 1 child were killed," he added.

"We own every munition - every strike - and while we strive to minimize non-combatant casualties through every stage of an operation from operational planning, to targeting to execution. The nature of war is horrific. The most effective way to end the suffering of non-combatants is to end the fighting," he added.

He said that they are reviewing the operation with their Afghan partners.

"It is likely the Taliban Sarobi District Shadow Governor was killed along with six Taliban fighters," he said.

Meanwhile, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said in a statement that Mullah Rasheed, a key commander of the Taliban, was killed in the operation in Surobi district in Kabul.

The statement added that casualties were inflicted to civilians in a counterattack by Afghan forces in response to the Taliban's firing.

This comes as 13 civilians were killed in an operation by Afghan forces in the northern Kunduz province on March 22. UNAMA in a statement confirmed civilian deaths in Kunduz. President Ashraf Ghani on March 13 ordered ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

Trump to Announce New Strategy-and Probably More Troops-for Afghanistan



WASHINGTON - President Trump has settled on a new military strategy in Afghanistan after months of bitter internal debates by his national security team and will announce a plan Monday expected to provide U.S. commanders with additional troops and broader authority to pursue militant forces.

Trump is expected to authorize about 4,000 more U.S. troops for

counter-terrorism missions, as well as U.S. advisors to work closer to the front lines with Afghan military officers in America's longest war.

The new forces will join the 8,400 U.S. and 5,000 North Atlantic Treaty Organization troops who now train and advise Afghan security forces as they seek to quell a resurgent Taliban, Islamic State militants and other militias that have plunged the war-torn nation into deeper chaos over the last year.

The strategy comes as U.S. military officials have warned of Afghanistan's fast-worsening security situation. The United Nations said there were 11,418 civilian casualties last year - the most since the U.N. began keeping records in 2009. Eleven U.S. troops have been killed there so far this year, compared with nine all of last year.

Adding more U.S. forces would reverse President Obama's decision last year to ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

Most Baghlan Schools without Buildings, Drinking Water Facility



PUL-I-KHUMRI - Hundreds of schools in northern Baghlan province have no buildings and facility for clean drinking water, education officials and students said on Tuesday.

Hangamai Walizada, the student of Gohar Shad High School's 7th class told Pajhwok Afghan News, they had been studying under an old tent from the past few years.

"Huge amount of money spent on education sector over the years, but no progress was made in the education sector of Baghlan."

Nazia, the student of Kan High School in Pul-i-Khumri, said there is not a single school in Baghlan where everything will be all right.

Abdul Shakour, in charge of schools monitoring, confirmed to Pajhwok that most of the schools in Baghlan have no building and the students had been faced with multiple problems.

Education Director Syed Ismael Mujahid said hundreds of schools in Baghlan were without buildings and the student study in open area.

He said of the total 596 schools in Baghlan 214 are without buildings ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Mujeeb Shines In Kings XI Punjab's Win Against Rajasthan



NEW DELHI - Afghanistan's spinner Mujeeb Zadran shined in the opening match for Kings XI Punjab in the Indian Premier League (IPL) and as they beat Rajasthan Royals by 14 runs in India's Jaipur city on Monday night.

Kings XI Punjab defeated Rajasthan Royals at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium to open their campaign at IPL with a win. Mujeeb got two wickets for his team at a

critical moment.

Chasing 185 runs for victory, the home team were off to a flier as opening batsmen Ajinkya Rahane and Jos Buttler added 78 runs for the first-wicket.

Gayle scored 79 off 47 balls and hit eight boundaries and four sixes in the process. Rahane was dismissed for 27 off 20 by Ravichandran Ashwin.

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Heratis Uneasy with Big Crowds Welcoming Guests at Airport

HERAT CITY - Some residents of western Herat province on Monday expressed deep concern over the presence of massive crowds at the provincial airport to welcome and receive travelers, calling it 'an unpleasant culture.'

Although people have been welcoming their relatives at the provincial airport and at transport stations for the past few years, but now it has turned into a tradition and has created huge tension and problems for people, the residents claim.

The residents say, "It is good to welcome and receive guests from airports but they should not bother other people."

Chulam Habib Haidari, a resident of Herat City, the provincial capital, told Pajhwok Afghan

News the large number of people at the airport to receive guests and relatives caused traffic jams in the city.

He said, "Unfortunately the issue has turned into a tradition. When a person or a government official arrives at the airport, from 80 to 100 people come for their welcoming at the airport which causes traffic jams."

Shaoib Yarzadah, another resident, told Pajhwok: "I was coming from Kabul to Herat and the same day a government official was also arriving to the province. About 40 vehicles had come to the airport to welcome the official."

A number of other residents held similar views and urged people to avoid creating problems for others. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Some strange dreams could stimulate your imagination and start you on new avenues of exploration. You might at some point play detective. What you seek is likely to be within your psyche. Don't be surprised if you learn new things about yourself that you hadn't been aware of before. You could also find your psychic faculties increasing.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Mar 27, 2019 - Reading could take up a lot of your time today, Taurus. Books on psychology or the occult sciences might seem interesting, particularly as your intuition is operating on a higher level than usual. You might not want to talk about what's coming up for you, but that's OK. You will need to make sense of it first

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Mar 27, 2019 - Your mind is likely to be on your finances today, Gemini, and you may be searching for previously unknown ways to advance yourself. Colleagues or friends could help steer you in the right direction. When it comes to jotting down possibilities, trust your intuition, as it's operating at a very high level. List your possibilities and then let it stew for a few days before going over them again.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Mar 27, 2019 - Increased communication with a close friend or lover, more on a subtle than verbal level, could bring you closer and enrich your relationship. Quiet time spend together today could generate a new sense of closeness. Images and ideas that come from deep within you can contribute to your creative self-expression. Write

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Mar 27, 2019 - Today you might crave solitude, Leo, perhaps for meditation or to contemplate your current situation. You may feel you're at a crossroads and need to decide which way to go. This could involve the next step in your material progress or self-expression, or it might involve your spiritual path. Emotions from the past could well up,

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



New earning or investment possibilities could have you in a quandary over which one is the best for you, Virgo. There are a number of solutions - technology may be one of them - but this isn't the time to make any important decisions. Everything may seem equally attractive to you! Professional advice might help, but even so, don't feel you have to make a decision right away. Wait a few days.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Mar 27, 2019 - A sudden upsurge in your intuition could have you feeling more in tune to the thoughts, feelings, and desires of others, Capricorn. Your communication is going to be clear and open as a result. You're likely to grow closer to everyone dear to you, especially your romantic partner. Don't expect everything you pick up to be positive.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Mar 27, 2019 - Your mind is strong and focused today, Aquarius. As a result, you're probably feeling especially physically robust. Sudden insights could earn you some satisfying acknowledgement, not to mention the respect of someone important to you. Your intuition level is high and apt to serve you well now, particularly where work and health are concerned. Make

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Mar 27, 2019 - Today, Sagittarius, your mind may turn toward deep subjects. You could explore the sciences, psychology, the occult, or metaphysics. You will probably discover some new facts or ideas that could keep your mind occupied for hours. Needless to say, you will spend much of your time alone exploring these themes. You might also want to write down your insights and revelations to study later.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Today you might face a choice, Capricorn. You might be thinking in terms of relocating to advance your career, but you could be confused about your options. You might be grappling with several options. Input from family members isn't likely to help at this time. Wait a few days and then think seriously about what you want to do.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

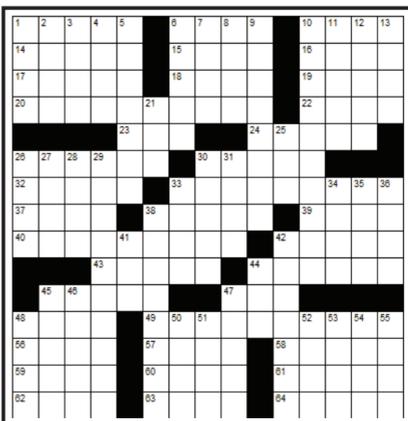


An intellectual problem may prove confusing, Aquarius, and reading and research reveal contradictory information. You might also hear some gossip that doesn't seem quite right. This isn't the day to believe everything you read or hear or to try to make sense of anything that has you befuddled. You will be in a better space later. Put it aside for a few days and then tackle it.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Confusion about money might be on your mind today, Pisces. This doesn't necessarily mean that your finances are in chaos. Chances are that you face unfamiliar options concerning your financial future, and so you may be in no position to make any kind of decision. Don't feel that you have to do it today. It would be best if you waited a few days until you're a bit more focused to consider your options.



Across

1. Engine, 6. Hearing organs, 10. Trees of the genus Quercus, 14. Give a speech, 15. Tidy
16. Algonquian Indian, 17. City in France, 18. Spanish lady, 19. Eatery, 20. Powered by electricity, 22. Colored part of an eye, 23. Not many, 24. A type of tree, 26. Silly talk
30. Pursue, 32. Electronic letters, 33. Unoriginality, 37. Adjoin, 38. Record player, 39. Not false, 40. Towards, 42. Bet, 43. Follow as a result, 44. Filamentous, 45. Small fatty European fish, 47. Grayish brown, 48. Defrost, 49. Downplay, 56. Palm starch, 57. Violent disturbance, 58. Proprietor, 59. Anagram of "Rave", 60. Cap, 61. Slogan, 62. A musical pause
63. Lascivious look, 64. SSSS, ,,

Down

1. Brood, 2. By mouth, 3. Container weight, 4. Ear-related, 5. Relaxing, 6. Provide with a permanent fund, 7. Eternity, 8. Hindu princess, 9. Separating the notes, 10. Not oriental
11. A kind of macaw, 12. Liquor from fermented milk, 13. Views 21. Regulation (abbrev.), 25. East southeast, 26. Pile, 27. Part of an ear, 28. Mangle, 29. Yellow gentian
30. Hag, 31. Ancient units of liquid measure, 33. You (archaic), 34. Therefore, 35. Litigates
36. Arid, 38. Relating to posture 41. Ribonucleic acid, 42. Attractive, 44. Pelt, 45. Trim, 46. Attendants of knights, 47. Discourage, 48. Russian emperor, 50. Agreeable, 51. A hemispherical roof, 52. 2.2.2.2, 53. Picnic insects, 54. French for "Head",

Yesterday's Solution



bliss, cheat, choice
cloud, create, curse
decide, deem, degree
delight, devil, enjoy
evening figure, frantic
graduate, heavy, ideal
image meet, obedience
peace, radar, recognize
refuge, remind sake

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