

16 Taliban Killed in Helmand Airstrike

LASHKARGAH - At least 16 Taliban have been killed and nine others wounded in Afghan forces air raid in the Nad Ali district of southern Helmand province, an official said on Monday.

Lt. Col. Mohammad Rasool Zazai, spokesman for 215th Maiwand military corps, told Pajhwok Afghan News the air force targeted a group of Taliban who were planning attacks against security forces.

Zazai said, 16 militants were killed and nine others wounded and



many weapons and ammunition were destroyed during the airstrike.

Akhtar Mohammad, a resident of Nad Ali said to Pajhwok, the security forces carried out the airstrike late on Monday and Taliban suffered heavy casualties but, he was unaware of the exact figure of militants' losses.

Separately, four Taliban had been killed in Sangin district during infighting, Zazai claimed. Taliban have not yet ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Taliban Insurgent Admits Beheading of Civilians after Joining Peace



KABUL - A Taliban insurgent who has joined peace process in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan has confessed that they have butchered innocent civilians.

A group of eighteen Taliban insurgents have joined peace renouncing violence in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan.

The provincial government in a statement said the group led by commander Bakhtu Khan joined the peace process due to the efforts of the Afghan intelligence.

The statement further added that the militants also handed over some weapons as they pledged to return to a normal life and renounce insurgency. The group was previously operating in Bati

Kot and Ghani Khel districts with one of the militants Raz Mohammad saying they were encouraged to start insurgency against the government from certain circles in Pakistan who were providing them with all of types weapons they needed.

He confessed that he was involved in the execution of civilians by butchering them besides conducting other insurgency activities, including attacks on military convoys, for which he says he feels regretted.

Mohammad also added that they had received instructions to destroy the Darunta dam and tunnel which forced them to renounce violence, admitting that the insurgency they were waging was not a holy war or Jihad. (KP)

Young Man Kills Father in Mazar-I-Sharif



MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Police have arrested a young man for allegedly killing his father in the capital of northern Balkh province, an official said Monday.

Provincial deputy police chief, Brig. Gen. Abdul Razaq Qaderi, told Pajhwok Afghan News the accused was aided by his mother in killing the father. He said the incident took place on the outskirts of Mazar-i-Sharif and the accused was arrested late on Sunday. The detainee had confessed to stabbing his father to death as part of a dispute over He said the accused had also confessed to his mother's role in the murder. Police were investigating the case. (Pajhwok)

10 Local Security Personnel Hurt in Sar-I-Pul Accident

SAR-I-PUL - Ten Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel and local uprising group members have been wounded in a traffic accident in the Sayyad district of northern Sar-i-Pul province, an official said on Monday.

District Chief Tajuddin told Pajhwok Afghan News the accident occurred Monday when the vehicle of local security personnel overturned near the district center.

Four injured had been dispatched to Jawzjan while six were being



treated in Sar-i-Pul, he said. Tajuddin added one of the injured was in critical condition. He did not provided figures of injured ALP and local uprising security personnel. (Pajhwok)

Key Daesh Member Arrested in Jawzjan

SHEBRGHAN - Local officials on Sunday said a notorious Daesh or Islamic State (IS) member has been detained along with one of his accomplices in Shebrghan, the capital of northwestern Jawzjan province.

Governor's spokesman, Mohammad Reza Ghafari, told Pajhwok Afghan News Daesh member, Akhtar Bilal was previously involved in anti-government activities on Shebrghan-Sar-I-Pul highway when he was in the Taliban rank.

He said Bilal had recently



left the Taliban and joined a Daesh commander, Qari Hekmat. Akhtar Bilal was leading a 28 member group of IS militants who were involved in murdering and armed robbery cases. The key Daesh member was detained during a ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Police Defuse Car Bomb in Wardak

KABUL - The Afghan National Police personnel defused a car bomb in the country's eastern province of Wardak, the Interior Ministry said on Monday.

"On Sunday morning, the ANP forces, based on a tip-off, carried out a special operation in Sayed Abad district, Wardak province. They discovered and defused a car bomb there," the ministry said in a statement.

The militants tried to use the vehicle for conducting a terrorist attack in the



province, 35 km west of Afghanistan's capital of Kabul, it noted.

In addition, the Afghan police have also defused an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in Bagram district of neighboring Parwan province, according to the statement.

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Notorious Taliban Commander Held in Faryab

MAIMANA - Security forces have arrested Taliban Commander Farooq Pashakhani after a clash with militants in northern Faryab province, an official said on Monday.

The Taliban commander was held and his fighter killed while they were snatching money and goods from common people on Khishti-i-Pul on Maimana Road, Deputy Police Chief Meer Amnullah Zahir told Pajhwok Afghan News.

Another Taliban local commander confirmed the arrest of Pashakhani and the killing of another fighter Mullah Shoiab in Sunday clash. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You're pleased to find that your vigor has returned just in time to start the week, and you're eager to up your game. It's your job to direct your strength in the most productive way possible when the ardent Aries New Moon activates your 1st House of Self. You're likely to be so zealous that you throw yourself into the first thing that strikes you as relevant.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Your imagination is wide awake and you can't wait to put it to good use. You're convinced that your efforts will result in something marvelous when magical Neptune casts a spell on macho Mars in your sign. Applying your energy now will have effects that outlast the creations you produce while the pioneering Aries New Moon highlights your 12th House of Destiny.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

There are some considerations that you prefer to leave in the back of your mind for a time when you feel more ready to tackle them. But frittering away today's cosmic gifts to escape into a private fantasy isn't in your best interest, even if doing anything else sounds like too much trouble. You won't regret pulling it together when the passionate Aries New Moon blesses your 11th House of Hopes and Wishes, inviting you to sketch your dreams and create a bold plan to achieve them.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You're beginning to realize that yearning isn't enough and you need to give your dreams substance to make them real. Fortunately, the courageous Aries New Moon lands in your 10th House of Ambitions, re-igniting your sense of purpose and motivating you to get down to business. Hold your head high today and face the future with greater certainty.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

There is always more you could learn in this ever-expanding world, but it's time to consolidate your knowledge and transform it into a plan for action. The enterprising Aries New Moon broadens your 9th House of Vision, where conceptual understanding becomes a fuel source for realistic progress.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

It's all too easy to listen selectively when there are matters that seem too complicated to unravel on a normal day. But you have a chance to set things right by choosing a healthier way to cope when the Aries New Moon falls in your 8th House of Intimacy. Although discomfort may be unavoidable when broaching sensitive subjects, everyone will feel better once they understand the complexities of the situation.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You're willing to go to considerable lengths to keep others happy, but your ability to compromise can be utilized in a more productive manner. Your own needs must factor into the equation when the Aries New Moon galvanizes your 7th House of Others, even if it seems like altruism is the solution. You may find yourself putting your foot down today, fortifying your boundaries or simply reinstating a policy of honesty with someone close to you.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

It's tempting to let someone persuade you to indulge in some worldly pleasures today. But you have an obligation as custodian of your own body to take better care of yourself. There's no more time for excuses now that the dauntless Aries New Moon energizes your 6th House of Health.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You're secretly wondering if anyone would care if you flaked on your responsibilities today. You might figure if everyone else pitches in, no one will notice you're missing from the action. Although you could feel invincible when the daring Aries New Moon fires up your 5th House of Play, you're likely to get caught if you skip out on your boss or coworkers. If you just stick to your work until it is finished.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

It seems as if things are coming full circle on the home front. There may be remaining static in the air, but happily it can be channeled into a new plan to move forward when the Aries New Moon catalyzes your 4th House of Home and Family. A shift in dynamics could be as simple as giving someone a chance to vent their frustrations or finding creative ways to have more fun with the ones you love.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You're often so self-sufficient that you honestly forget that there are valuable assets other people can offer you. You may already have a project in mind when the Aries New Moon pulsates in your 3rd House of Information, but the cosmos encourages you to ask a friend to assist you in your new endeavor. You can pull it off if you step out of your research lab every once in a while to get an outside opinion.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You're living by the motto, "if you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything," and you're passionate about letting people know how you feel today. The Aries New Moon in your 2nd House of Values reinvigorates your desire to recommit to your highest priorities, and naturally you want to share your excitement with others. But make sure to verify your sources before you spread the word. Although attitude is important, so are the facts.

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1. Hard punch, 5. Row of shrubs, 10. Hairdo, 14. Greek letter, 15. Not written exams, 16. Region, 17. Wicked, 18. Injurious, 20. Hermit, 22. Be appropriate, 23. Frequently, in poetry, 24. Not outer, 25. Disposal, 32. Runs in neutral, 33. Bread from Heaven, 34. Aye, 37. Street, 38. Lift, 39. Was a passenger, 40. Shade tree, 41. American symbol, 42. Margin, 43. Being filled with wonder, 45. Contemptuous look, 49. Utilize, 50. Trinket, 53. Australian food fish, 57. Eclipse, 59. Lawn mower brand, 60. Hindu princess, 61. Ancient Greek marketplace, 62. Hodgepodge, 63. French for "Head", 64. Humorous, 65. A musical pause.

Down

1. Casket, 2. Great affection, 3. Ear-related, 4. Whacked, 5. Lifting devices, 6. Sea eagle, 7. Father, 8. Smooth-tongued, 9. Anagram of "Sees", 10. Moses' brother, 11. Common refrigerator, 12. Late actor Christopher, 13. Cowboy movie, 19. Fine dinnerware, 21. Flying saucers, 25. Calamitous, 26. False god, 27. Close violently, 28. Picture, 29. Most dogs have them, 30. Map within a map, 31. In song, the loneliest number, 34. An English royal house, 35. Border, 36. Observed, 38. Uncooked, 39. Sense organ, 41. Noblemen, 42. Brand of credit card, 44. Airstrip, 45. Sound of contempt, 46. Exploded stars, 47. What's happening, 48. Creepy, 51. Defrost, 52. A sharply directional antenna, 53. Classify, 54. Barbershop emblem, 55. Anagram of "Sire", 56. Part of a plant, 58. Point.

Yesterday's Solution

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