

12 Militants Dead in Separate Operations: Mol

KABUL - At least 12 militants have been killed and score others wounded in separate anti-insurgents offensives across the country during the past two days, a statement from the Ministry of Interior (Mol) said Friday.

US Drone Strikes Kill 57 Rebels in Last 4-Month

KABUL - US drone strikes in Afghanistan killed 57 insurgents during the last four months, a leading France news agency reports.



Somalia in 13 drone strikes. US officials have not commented on the report. (Pajhwok)

5 Dead in Fresh Bout of Violence

QALAT - At least three persons were killed in a mine blast and two others died in a land dispute, which left six others wounded in central Zabul province, a security and health official said on Friday.

15 Insurgents Dead in Kunduz Firefight

KUNDUZ CITY - Fifteen militants have been killed when heavy-armed insurgents mounted attacks on police check posts in northeastern Kunduz province, police spokesman said on Friday.

Land Mafia Destructs Helmand Forests

LASHKAR GAH - Land mafia ruthlessly cut down forests on more than 13,000 acres of land and seized the swathes during the past four decades in southern Helmand province, an official said on Thursday.



into agricultural fields. According to his department, land mafia had seized nearly 1700 acres of land in Nad Ali district, 1500 acres in Khanshin

14 Illegal Immigrants Afghanistan Die in Train Accident

SKOPJE - At least 14 illegal immigrants were killed in a train accident late Thursday night near the central Macedonian town Veles, 50 km south of the capital Skopje.

Civilians Suffer in Fight Between Illegal Groups



MAHMOOD RAQI - Hezb-i-Islami Afghanistan (HIA) had been fighting with each other for the last few years. Khalid, a local resident, complained: "Civilians get killed and wounded in a gun battle between the rival commanders.

New Plastic Chair Factory Could Mark Start of New Domestic Industry

KABUL - An investment of \$1 million USD has helped launch a plastic chair production company in Kabul that hopes to corner the market in Afghanistan, and in the process, edge out foreign competitors.



optimistic about their chances of grabbing hold of the market in Afghanistan, in turn making it domestically self-sustainable. At the moment, the chairs made in Kabul

Militants Launch Attacks on Kunar Check Posts

ASADABAD - Taliban launched co-ordinated attacks on security forces in 12 districts of eastern Kunar province, which were repulsed by Afghan forces leaving 11 militants dead and wounded on Friday, provincial police chief said.

Documents Show Aid Goes to Deserving Families

KABUL - Pajhwok Afghan News on Thursday obtained official documents that show the Afghan government has distributed monetary assistance to deserving families of refugees from Pakistan's Waziristan tribal region in southeastern Paktika province.



welcomed the displaced families while some, including businessmen, provided them with financial support and others shared their houses with the families.

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Your creative juices are flowing today and it's up to you to find the best medium for expressing them. However, this isn't just a fun distraction; you have big ideas about what you want to accomplish.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

There's plenty of action on the home front today, especially if your feelings clash with someone else's. Oftentimes, you see conflict as an annoying source of trouble; you prefer an atmosphere of peace and harmony.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your regular weekend routines grow more complicated today if other people's unspoken desires cloud the atmosphere. You may talk about simplifying your life, but it's not going to be easy to cut back on your activities in order to accommodate someone else.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Today is a perfect day to shift gears and put your plans into motion. You have had enough time to process your feelings and consider the various possibilities ahead, so don't delay the inevitable any longer.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You have a smile on your face and a bounce in your step because you can feel your confidence returning today. You might actually notice that the Moon is back in your sign because you are acutely aware of your changing moods.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You might be reticent to participate in social activities today, but circumstances make it increasingly difficult to operate quietly behind the scenes. You need time to concentrate on your priorities, but there aren't many topics you're compelled to talk about now.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You are eager to enjoy the benefits of spending time with a special person or a select group of friends today. Thankfully, your good cheer prompts others to hang out with you because they want to soak up your good energy.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Your nerves may be on edge today because people seem so fixated that there's little room for your perspective. Although you're willing to be vulnerable and share your needs with a dependable friend, the thought of conflict stresses you out now.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Your close-up vision isn't very accurate today; however, it seems as if you can see forever. You look out toward the distance and you are certain that the horizon -- although it's quite clear -- has moved even farther away.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Your anxiety may be hard to shake today because you know how important it is to stay on task and live up to your promises. To complicate matters further, it's not enough to satisfy your own definition of success; others have their set of expectations, too.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Your day could be hijacked by someone who feels the need to share a relationship drama. Whether it's a romantic partner or a new acquaintance, it might appear as if he or she is attempting to limit your personal freedom.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Household chores or work-related tasks seem overly tedious today, which could make you feel unusually restless. Your impulsive solution might be to shake everything up in order to turn a dull routine into an intriguing experience.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-68 indicating starting points for clues.

Crossword clues: Across: 1. Run away to wed, 6. Fourth sign of the zodiac, 10. Salt Lake state, 14. Last, 15. Sit for a photo, 16. Not, 17. Pretended, 19. Remain, 20. Afternoon nap, 21. Explosive, 22. Nameless, 23. Nosed (out), 25. Extreme, 26. Friends, 30. Black Sea port, 32. Snob, 35. Brusquely, 39. Extreme cruelty, 40. A type of beauty treatment, 41. Adulteress, 43. The combining power of atoms, 44. Smooth, in music, 46. Consider, 47. Baby beds, 50. Pandaliculations, 53. Hubs, 54. Boxer's punch, 55. Nuclear, 60. Smell, 61. Mandatory, 63. Left, 64. Hemorrhaged, 65. Novices, 66. Snack, 67. Bristle, 68. Smell. Down: 1. F F F F, 53 .2 in Roman numerals, 3. A single time, 4. Taps, 5. High society, 6. Consumer Price Index, 7. Absolutely still, 8. Apart, 9. Finest, 10. Deranged, 11. Corrupt, 12. Eagerness, 13. Doglike nocturnal mammal, 18. Little bit, 24. Snagged, 25. Normal, 26. Annoyance, 27. Winglike, 28. Adriatic resort, 29. Spontaneous abortion, 31. Couch, 33. Small islands, 34. Dirty air, 36. Eat, 37. Shoestring, 38. Anagram of «Lyme», 42. Due 43. Solemn promise, 45. Pill, 47. Jester, 48. Cowboy sport, 49. Graphic symbols, 51. Henpeck, 52. Statistics, 54. Chores, 56. Ear-related, 57. Not less 58. Weightlifters pump this, 59. Vesicle, 62. Actress Lupino

Yesterday's Solution: TRUE, TITHE, ACED, WANT, INUIT, DODO, IMPALPABLE, JUDD, KITT, APRIKA, JUIRO, TENABLE, ROOST, TOE, EIGHTEEN, DEGOR, ADORN, DORE, TRAP, ARQUE, JUST, ASL, ACRES, CASTS, DETACHES, DIM, TIVES, EIGNITE, WAVED, FALGA, MIO, ELAN, SILVERWARE, PATU, KNEES, EGGS, TREE, AGENT, TEST

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