

Over 80 Insurgents, 11 Army Personnel Killed

KABUL - More than 80 insurgents and 11 Afghan National Army (ANA) personnel have been killed during the operations in several provinces, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) announced on Monday.

In Andar and Waghaz districts of southern Ghazni province, 68 armed militants were eliminated, 31 others wounded and 180 explosive devices defused, a statement from the ministry said.

The ongoing offensive, code-named Victory, is led by the ANA and ...*(More on P4)...(20)*



3 Key Members of Haqqani Network Arrested in Paktika

KABUL - National Directorate of Security (NDS) - Afghanistan's intelligence agency - has arrested three key members of the terrorist group of Haqqani network in southeastern Paktika province.

A statement issued by NDS office in Paktika on Monday states that the three Haqqani members were arrested from a hideout in Kin Kazh area of Geyan district yesterday.

The statement further states that the hideout belonged to Sardar, Taliban so-called district governor for Geyan district but during the operation Sardar was not at the compound.

NDS statement also states



that a weapon depot belonging to the insurgents was also discovered during the operation.

According to the statement 13 vests of suicide attacks, a number of bombs, light and heavy weapons and ammunition were discovered from the depot. Nine Pakistani

identity cards were also found in the depot, the statement states.

NDS statement further states that the three arrested terrorists are under further interrogation.

Haqqani Network is responsible for several deadly attacks in Afghanistan. ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Windstorm Rips Through Tents of Displaced Families

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Heavy windstorm has uprooted 150 tents of displaced families in Guzargah Noor district of northern Baghlan province.

In April 2014, at least 72 persons including women and children were killed and 1,200 families displaced as a result of floods triggered by heavy rains in Guzargah Noor district.

At that time, the Norwe-



gian Refugees Council (NRC) distributed 650 tents to the affected families.

The residents said that

tents of 150 families had been destroyed by a hurricane, forcing families to stay nights under the ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

3 Police, 5 Rebels Killed

QALAT - Five Taliban militants and three policemen have been killed during a clash and a roadside bombing in southern Zabul province, officials said on Monday.

Insurgents attacked a police convoy in Spina Gbargi area on the outskirts of Qalat, the provincial capital, on Sunday evening, sparking a clash that left five attackers and two policemen dead, Zabul police chief Brig. Gen. Ghulam Sakhi Rogh Livanai told Pajhwok Afghan News.

Another four rebels and a third policeman and two women were wounded during the firefight that lasted two hours, he said.

Elsewhere a policeman was killed when ...*(More on P4)...(22)*



District Police Chief Clashes with Office Manager, 6 Injured

KABUL - At least six policemen were injured following the clashes between a district police chief and his office manager inside their compound in northwestern Faryab province on Monday.

The Pashtun Kot district police commander Mohammad Najib, who fought with his office manager Zahir Rahmani, confirmed his fighting to TOLONews himself, saying six police were injured in the fighting.

However, the reason behind the fighting is still unknown. Another security official, who requested not to be named, also confirmed the incident but denied commenting on casualties. (Tolonews)

pushed back by his supporters. One of the volunteers was killed and another wounded.

Muhtasham said he had contacted Kunduz security organs and a Quick Reaction Force unit would be deployed soon to the area. About 1000 Afghan National Army soldiers were recently stationed in Kunduz to launch night operations.

But a resident of the area, Abdul Samad, claimed the government had failed to orient them, with the result that locals themselves had taken up arms in self-defence.

He said Gichi had 400 armed supporters fighting against the Taliban.

Elsewhere, two militants were killed and four others wounded in Badakhshan. Police chief Col. Sakhi Dad Haidari said the rebel casualties came after they attacked a police post in the Mughlan area of Juram district. A Taliban commander, Mohammad Zahir was, also among the dead, he said. The three hour clash also left three policemen wounded.

But Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed capturing a military centre in Mughlan area and killing six policemen during the overnight fighting. (Pajhwok)

Power Supply Restored to Kandahar, Lashkargah



KANDAHAR CITY - Cables carrying electricity from the Kajaki hydropower plant to two southern cities, Kandahar and Lashkargah, were repaired on Monday, about one and half months after they were damaged.

The cables were cut off in the Sangin district of Helmand province after security forces launched a massive operation against militants in the troubled town, plunging Kandahar City and Lashkargah into darkness.

Afghanistan Breshna Shirkat official Amanullah Ayub Farooqi, who visited Sangin as part of repair work, told Pajhwok Afghan News 10 kilometres cables had been snapped during clashes between security forces and militants in Shkar Shela area.

He said a dozen pylons had also been damaged. The official said the power utility workers embarked on the repair work at a time when clashes were ongoing and landmines littered the ground everywhere.

Farooqi said the cables were once joined about three weeks ago, but they were damaged ...*(More on P4)...(24)*

Girl Commits Suicide to Escape Forced Marriage

HERAT CITY - A 21-year-old woman committed suicide by shooting herself dead in western Herat province, an official said on Monday.

Anahita was found dead in the 8th police district of Herat City, the provincial capital, police spokesman Abdul Rauf Ahmadi told Pajhwok Afghan News.

He said initial investigations suggested that Anahita took the extreme step after being forced by her family to marry against her choice.

Her father, an Afghan National Army (ANA) officer, and the man who was supposed to marry Anahita have been arrested. An intelligence official, who wished anonymity, said the victim was an employee of a private television channel in Herat City. (Pajhwok)

MoFA Official Gunned Down

MAZAR-E-SHARIF - Unidentified gunmen shot dead an official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) in Mazar-e-Sharif, the capital of northern Balkh province, police said Monday.

Abdul Razaq Qadari, provincial police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Aziz Ghani, the slain official, was a close relative of Balkh governor. Ghani worked in protocol department at the MoFA.

Ghani 27 was killed late Sunday evening in Mazar-e-Sharif while he was going in his car. Police had started investigations, he said.

Also two days back, unidentified gunmen shot dead brother of Mohammad Khan, member of provincial council, in

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

An element of the mystical and fanciful will play a significant part in your world today, Aries. This energy is likely to come to you unexpectedly, and your first reaction might be to shy away from it. Believe in the power of thought and intention. Pursue whatever you wish to achieve in your world. Putting a great deal of willpower behind your actions will make you more likely to succeed.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You may sense that the actions around you are fueled by selfish motives. You may be the only one who really sees what's going on, Taurus. You feel like an observer on a mountain looking down with disdain on the people below. You understand the politics of the situation, yet from your high vista you feel powerless to implement effective change. Collect data now and act later.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Take action that will help you find greater freedom in your life, Gemini. In an attempt to please the people around you, you may be giving up too much of yourself. Before you know it, you may be in shackles connected to people, situations, and commitments that you can't seem to extricate yourself from. Use today to free yourself from these chains.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You may have to consciously let go of some of your plans, Cancer, and simply leave things up to chance. The element of the unexpected can help you out quite a bit, so work with it instead of trying to keep it at bay. The natural flow of events should lead you toward a place of greater freedom. Use your imagination instead of relying completely on mental processes like logic.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Don't let the positive energy of the day pass you by, Leo. You're able to grab hold and make greater use of it than most, so don't hesitate to get going early and keep on going until late. Stop contemplating the issues and take action. Take the best aspects of each side of the issue instead of feeling like you're restricted to one side or the other.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You may be tempted to make up your own rules, Virgo, because you really aren't happy with the ones before you. Be careful of doing so without first understanding the full implications for you and the people around you. By all means, if you feel like certain things just aren't right, take steps to change them. There's no reason that you have to stay within traditional constraints.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Your actions may be erratic and spontaneous today, Libra, but they will also most certainly be powerful. You may be driven by a sharp intellectual mind. Perhaps there's someone near you who has great cunning. You may be feeling brainer than usual. Genius ideas are apt to surround you and your actions as long as you keep an open mind about how and when they manifest.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Take some time to break out of your normal routine and see what's going on in the world around you, Scorpio. You could be so focused and so driven toward a specific goal that you fail to take into account the rest of the world. You may not even be aware that these outside energies have a huge effect on what you're doing in your own little compartment.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Don't feel like you're obligated to jump through other people's hoops, Sagittarius. Just because someone wants you to do something doesn't mean you have to oblige. Bend over backward for yourself and not for the entertainment of others. Freedom is an operative word for you, so make sure you exercise this right in every aspect of your life. No one else is going to do it for you.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

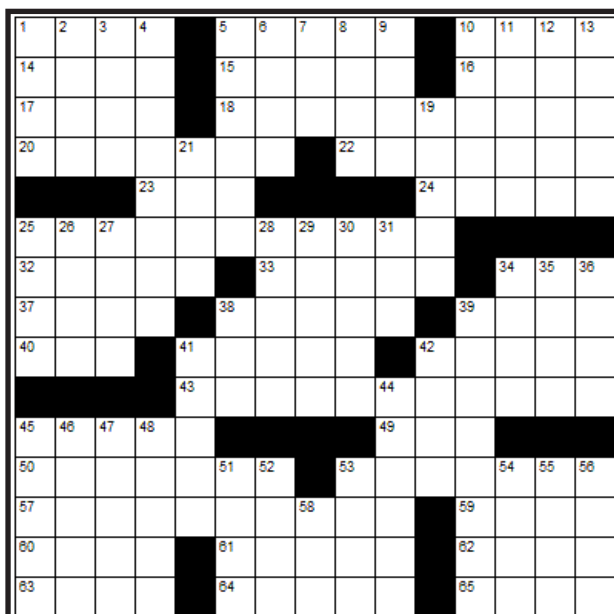
You may be acting unconsciously, Capricorn. Suddenly you're halfway through a task and wondering what you really hoped to accomplish by starting it in the first place. Be more conscious of your energy and how you use it. Make sure you don't shoot yourself in the foot by wasting your precious resources on things that don't really matter in the long run.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You can rely on your good luck to pull you out of difficult situations today, Aquarius. This is one day when you can launch yourself headfirst without worrying too much about the outcome. There's a great deal of positive energy on your side that you may not even be able to see right now. Trust that whatever you undertake will work out fortuitously for you in the long run.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You may have your guard up as you fend off people and situations that have caught you unprepared, Pisces. Be careful about putting up such big walls that you can't see over them. The danger of building a fortress that doesn't allow others to come in is that it makes it more difficult for you to look out. Leave one wall shorter so you don't cut yourself off from the outside world.



Across

- Humdinger, 5. Plaster, 10. Where a bird lives, 14. Press, 15. Cancel, 16. Savvy about, 17. Prima donna problems, 18. Warranted, 20. Goddess of divine retribution, 22. Without a weapon, 23. Poetic dusk, 24. Weepy, 25. Encroachment, 32. Intimidate, 33. Hyrax, 34. French for "Friend", 37. Water chestnut, 38. Wash out with a solvent, 39. Where two pieces meet, 40. Antlered animal, 41. Nonchalantly unconcerned, 42. Thin piece of wood or metal, 43. Changes, 45. Small fatty European fish, 49. One time around, 50. Groundbreaker, 53. Side by side, 57. Opposition, 59. Close, 60. Goddess of discord, 61. A long-legged S. American bird, 62. Venician magistrate, 63. Feudal worker, 64. Basic belief, 65. Winter precipitation

Down

- Mortgage, 2. Desire, 3. Weaving machine, 4. Sightless, 5. Summoning, 6. Rectum, 7. Ribonucleic acid, 8. Mentor, 9. Dash, 10. French for "Our", 11. Colonic, 12. Drive, 13. Drink made of liquor and water, 19. Dapper, 21. Dispatched, 25. Doing nothing, 26. Letters, etc., 27. An 80's style of music, 28. Panache, 29. Rodent, 30. Go in, 31. Born as, 34. Relating to aircraft, 35. Principal, 36. Rapsallions, 38. L, 39. Allowances

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