

# Operations Underway to Reopen Key Road in Southern Region, 45 Militants Killed

KANDAHAR - Military operations for reopening key road linking Kandahar province to Uruzgan in south Afghanistan have been continuing over the past week as 45 Taliban militants including a shadowy provincial governor and a few local commanders have been killed since Sunday, police said Monday.

"Taliban shadowy governor for Kandahar province Mawlawi Hayatullah nicknamed Hajji Lala and his deputy Mawlawi Ahmad Shah Humat are among 45 Taliban rebels who have been killed in clash erupted on Sunday for the control of



Kandahar-Uruzgan highway," Durani told Xinhua.

Mawlawi Hayatullah, according to the official, was a key Taliban leader in the southern region and his physical elimination could be a major blow to the Taliban fighters in Kandahar and neighboring provinces of Helmand, Zabul and Uruzgan.

Taliban militants strengthened their position on the major road linking Kandahar to Uruzgan province and disrupted traffic movement. However, Afghan security forces ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

## Afghan Translator Commits Suicide after British Authorities Reject His Asylum Claim

KABUL - An Afghan asylum seeker has reportedly committed suicide in United Kingdom after his application was rejected by the British authorities despite he had served as a translator with the British forces in Afghanistan.

According to the local media reports, the 29-year-old Nangyalai Dawoodzai was suffering from severe depression as he was told by the British authorities that he would be deported. Dawoodzai had arrived in United Kingdom by risking his life and traveling through risky routes the migrants are usually going through by paying hefty amounts of money to the smugglers. His service with the British forces as a translator in the restive Helmand province had reportedly put his life at risk as the Taliban group was repeatedly threatening him, a threat which normally the Afghan citizens are receiving from the group for working with the foreign forces. "This is the most tragic example of a shameful Government policy," Lord Ashdown, who champions the cause of the translators, told MailOnline. According to the paper, a campaign has highlighted the plight of former frontline translators who remained in Afghanistan after UK forces left and have been targeted by the Taliban because of their service.

The campaign - supported by a petition signed by nearly 180,000 people, including military chiefs, soldiers and MPs - has revealed how interpreters have been shot dead or beaten. Their homes have been attacked and their children kidnapped and murdered.

The tragic death of Dawoodzai comes as thousands of Afghans have left the country due to growing violence with majority of the Afghans heading towards Europe by traveling through risky routes, including the Turkish waters where hundreds of people have lost their lives. (KP)

## Experts Tally NUG'S Broken Promises, Say No Progress in Peace, Security

KABUL - Political commentators and members of the Afghan parliament have blasted President Ashraf Ghani's administration for failing to deliver on campaign promises, arguing that the government has achieved nothing to broker peace with the militants and restore sustainable security in the country.

The statement comes at a time that the country is facing challenges on multiple fronts such as economy, security and good governance.



However, on the basis of TOLOnews' govnmeter website, that tracks the progress of Ghani's pre-election commitments and the NUG's post-election commitments, it appears that there is a six percent success rate by government in terms of improv-

## Almost 400 Teachers in Badakhshan are Drug Addicts: Officials

KABUL - Education officials in north-eastern Badakhshan province on Monday said that nearly 400 teachers, in four districts, are drug addicts and continue to teach students.

Abdul Hai Entezami, head of the provincial education department, said they plan however to start discussions with these teachers soon.

"A survey which we conducted at Badakhshan border schools found there are 380 teachers who are addicts, including male and female teachers at schools, and they are currently teach-

ing. In-fact this will create problems, because psychologically they are ill," Entezami said.

A member of the provincial council warned government that if these teachers are not dismissed "most of the students will become drug addicts," adding that most of the teachers, who are drug addicts, are in Zebak, Shaghnan, Ishkashem and Wakhan districts of the province.

Officials indicate the ...*(More on P4)...(16)*



## Taliban's District Chief Blown up by Own Explosives

KABUL - The Taliban shadow chief for the Arghistan district of northeastern Badakhshan province has been killed by a landmine explosion he was planting in southern Ghazni province.

Deputy police chief for Ghazni, Col. Sakhi Haidar, told Pajhwok Afghan News Maulvi Najibullah was planting the roadside bomb to target a convoy of security forces. Earlier, security forces eliminated Maulvi Sami Inqelabi, the Taliban's deputy chief for Registan district during a clash.

Separately, Taliban leader Qari Zubair was killed in raid in Raghistan district, a statement from the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said. Three more Taliban were wounded in the attack. In Ghazni, security forces seized a ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

## 7 Taliban Killed in Clash Triggered by Attack on District HQ

GHAZNI CITY - Seven fighters were killed and 10 others wounded during a clash triggered by an attack on the Aab-i-Band district headquarters in southern Ghazni province on Monday, officials said.

The insurgents faced strong resistance from the Afghan National Army (ANA) and police personnel, spokesman for the 3rd brigade of the 203rd Thunder Military Corps, Mohammad Hanif Rezaee, told Pajhwok Afghan News. As the attack was repulsed by the ANA and



police, seven assailants were killed and 10 others wounded during an hour-long clash, he said, adding a soldier was also injured in the gunbattle. However, a resident of the district, Allah Mohammad, said he heard ANA ambulances sirens in the area. The Taliban fighters have so far issued no comment regarding the attack. (Pajhwok)

## Police Officer Commits Suicide after Killing Spouse

SHARAN - A police officer shot himself to death after killing his wife in Sharan, the capital of southeastern Paktika province, on Monday, an official said.

An eyewitness, wishing not to be named, told Pajhwok Afghan News the police officer riding a motorcycle along with his wife stopped in the central square of the city. He said the officer shot his wife and then himself to death in the morning. The motive behind the shooting was yet to be known, the source said.

The deputy police chief for Mata Khan district confirmed the incident and identified the police officer as Ghulam Khan. He said the officer had served in the force for 10 years in Paktika.

A relative of the officer, who wished not to ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

### Outlook Horoscope

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

You might believe anything is possible if you put your mind to it today, but you still could run into resistance if you get your hopes too high. Your confidence is usually an asset, but you're not necessarily working with a clear read on reality now. Although the present circumstances may not be very complicated.

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

If everything seems too good to be true today, it probably is. Nevertheless, you might have to work your way through a significant roadblock before you can proceed. Karmic Saturn is waiting to teach you a lesson if you overextend your reach. Fortunately, you will end up in a much better position for another round of growth that's right around the next corner.

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

Running after satisfaction is a complicated endeavor if your partner's desires differ from yours. You may think it's necessary to set aside your dreams in order to win the affection of a loved one today. However, suppressing your emotions isn't a good idea because resentment could rear its ugly head. Let your partner know what's troubling you and exactly what you need to make things right.

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

You're driven by your thoughts today, even if you know that your fantasies are out of reach. Unfortunately, you could quickly work yourself into a state of anxiety if you concentrate on what you lack, rather than utilizing what you currently have. However, you gain control over your future when you temporarily set aside unrealistic goals.

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

Projecting your idealistic hopes on a complex relationship today limits how people can respond to you. This emotional dynamic, in turn, distorts your perception of others. Thankfully, you aren't driven to realign each and every one of your fantasies with the true story. Nevertheless, reconnecting with someone special might bring up an uncomfortable issue.

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

A simple interaction can morph into an extremely complicated one today; however, the process may unfold very differently than you expect. It's not easy to let go of your personal agenda when you feel as if you have a lot at stake. Nevertheless, the spiritual Pisces Moon's visit to your 7th House of Relationships overwhelms you with the power of compassion. Fortunately, empathizing with someone else's position sets the stage for compromise.

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

You are quite hopeful today, raising the bar in love and setting your heart up for disappointment. But you may grow irritated if someone isn't delivering the goods that you desire, especially if you assumed your partner would respond to you in a romantic manner. There is no point in shifting blame to anyone else if your fantasies are not realized; instead, adapt to the new conditions.

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

Finding emotional satisfaction is an uphill battle today as your idealistic faith in a relationship leads you to expect the impossible. Nevertheless, the Moon's dance in your romantic 5th House of Fun and Games bring your dreams to life. Unfortunately, everything quickly grows murky if you mix up your facts with fiction.

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

You are often restless at work and in love as you imagine greener pastures on the other side of the fence. In fact, you may want to experience some quiet time away from the maddening crowds today. The Moon's presence in your 4th House of Home and Family might not be sufficient to completely take your mind off the greater world of possibilities. Although you like the idea of withdrawing socially now.

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

Letting go of your worldly ambitions sounds easy now, while clinging to them too tightly can create more discouragement than happiness. Fortunately, there's no reason to set new goals yet, and putting them on the back burner for a couple of days could be a smarter move than you think. Give yourself a break from the rat race, especially if it allows you to reconnect with someone on a deeper emotional level.

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

Discerning your daydreams from reality requires more effort now than it's worth. Although everything appears topsy-turvy, doing nothing seems to confuse you even further. The more you struggle to figure out the truth, the more complicated it gets. Suspending your disbelief -- as you do when you're watching a movie -- enables you to turn frustration into magic.

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

Your misinterpretation of events might convince you that you won't get what you want from a relationship today. But this frustrating message from the cosmos may originate from your attitude rather than the actual situation. Paradoxically, practicing patience can transform your current dissatisfaction into a more meaningful kind of love. Don't be in such a hurry; playing the waiting game works in your favor.



**Across**

1. High fidelity, 5. Vineyard fruit, 10. Contributes, 14. Anagram of "Dome", 15. Lubricated, 16. No charge, 17. Gymnas't feat, 18. Be grateful for, 20. Renters, 22. Without a weapon, 23. Prompt, 24. Approaches, 25. Lady, 32. Bay window, 33. Mournful poem, 34. Policeman, 37. Peel, 38. Close-knit group, 39. Use a beeper, 40. East southeast, 41. Cut, 42. European blackbird, 43. Teenager, 45. Trim, 49. One time around, 50. Advise, 53. Scottish Highland robber, 57. Theater, 59. Unusual, 60. Engendered, 61. Style, 62. Always, 63. On the left or right, 64. Possessed

**Down**

1. Significance, 2. Doing nothing, 3. Thrust with a knife, 4. Crashed into, 5. Small chin beard, 6. Tears, 7. European peak, 8. South American country, 9. Biblical garden, 10. All excited, 11. Literary genre, 12. Discourage, 13. Sows, 19. Shrewd, 21. Non-existent, 25. Pierce, 26. Anagram of "Sire", 27. 1 less than 10, 28. Interlace, 29. Bygone, 30. Joyous, 31. Years, 34. Grumble, 35. Leer at, 36. Equal, 38. C, 39. Pelted, 41. Swagger, 42. Protective ditch, 44. Found fault, 45. Picket line crossers, 46. Nymph, 47. Ceased, 48. Comment to the audience, 51. Corporate image, 52. An old spelling of "True", 53. Medical breakthrough, 54. Rant, 55. District, 56. Egghead, 58. Hotel.

**Yesterday's Solution**

bees, bracket, brake, brash, brazier, broccoli, center, cheer, cobra, cognac, creator, damage, drink, effort, executive, horse, impudent, insolent, intellect, kite, matter, name, priest, queue, small, speed, stand, still, sunny, taut, teas, throw, tight, tumor, vault.

