

# 8 Rebels Killed, 13 Hurt; Insider Attacker Held

KANDAHAR CITY - Eight militants were killed and more than a dozen wounded in a clash with security forces in the Mianshin district of southern Kandahar province, officials said on Tuesday.

Kandahar police spokesperson, Zia Durrani, told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash took place last night and that the slain rebels included two local commanders. The security forces and civilians stayed unhurt. The Taliban have not commented about the incidents yet. Durrani also said policeman who recently killed a number of his colleagues in Shinkai district of southern Zabul province had been arrested in Kandahar City. The alleged insider attacker wanted to join the police again in Khakrez district of Kandahar, but security officials identified and arrested him, Durrani said. (Pajhwok)



## Taliban Commander for Shewan Killed in Farah Clash

FARAH CITY - Dreaded Taliban Commander Mullah Mohammad has been killed and two policemen wounded during militants attack in the Bala Boluk district of western Farah province, an official said on Tuesday. Police spokesman Iqbal Baher told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban stormed police check-posts in the Shewan locality on Monday night. The clash continued for two hours in which the Taliban commander for Shewan was killed. (Pajhwok)

## Militant Attack from Afghanistan Repelled: Pakistani Army

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's army says it has repelled an attack by militants from across the border in Afghanistan that targeted two of its checkpoints, killing three of the attackers. It says several militants were wounded as they fled back across the porous boundary. The army says Tuesday's incident took place in the South Waziristan tribal region, where the military has been conducting operations since mid-2014 to rout militants from the area. Islamabad alleges that Pakistani militants hide across the border in neighboring Afghanistan, from where they plot attacks inside Pakistan. Kabul denies Pakistani allegations that it condones the militant sanctuaries. (AP)

## 2 Police, 3 Militants Killed in Khost Clash

KHOST CITY - Two police and three militants were killed in a clash in Bak district of southeastern Khost province on Tuesday, the district administrative head said. Abdul Hai Zazai told Pajhwok Afghan News that three Taliban gunmen stormed his office, killing two police. The rebels fled to a nearby village after the attack, but they were chased and eventually killed, Zazai added. He said the gunmen opened fire at the police manning the main gate of the district headquarters. A local resident named Mohammad Nasir told Pajhwok Afghan News that he heard gunfire and it appeared two policemen had been killed in a militant attack. "I was at my home and suddenly firing started. When I came out, I saw two policemen were killed, but later the three militants were also killed in retaliatory attack," Nasir added. The Taliban have not commented about the incident yet. (Pajhwok)

## Taliban Attack in North Kills 5 Policemen: Official

KABUL, Afghanistan - An Afghan official says a Taliban attack in a northern province has killed five policemen and wounded four. Jawvd Dedar, spokesman for the provincial governor, says the assault happened late on Monday in the district of Ghormach in Faryab province. He says the Taliban briefly overrun much of the district but that security forces recaptured lost ground after a short while amid heavy fighting with the insurgents. Dedar says eight Taliban fighters were killed, their bodies left on the ground as the insurgents retreated from the area. The Taliban made no claim of responsibility for the attack in Faryab. Separately, Afghanistan's Ministry of Defence said that the U.S.-backed offensive underway against the extremist Islamic State group in eastern Nangarhar province has killed 23 IS militants over the past 24 hours. (AP)



## German Police Probe Motives of Man who Killed Fellow Afghan

BERLIN - German police say they're trying to determine a motive for the killing of an asylum-seeker in Bavaria at the weekend, amid reports the suspect - a fellow Afghan - was angered by her conversion to Christianity. The Bild newspaper quoted a sister of the 38-year-old victim claiming the attacker had singled her out after seeing her attend a church service. The victim, whose name wasn't released by police, was stabbed in front of her two children outside a supermarket Saturday in the town of Prien, southeast of Munich. She later died in hospital. A 29-year-old Afghan man was arrested at the scene and ordered held in a psychiatric institution. Police spokesman Andreas Guske said Tuesday investigators have ruled out jealousy as a motive, but are otherwise keeping an open mind. (AP)



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## Taliban Torch Road Construction Vehicles in Logar

PUL-I-ALAM - Taliban militants torched four vehicles of a private road construction company in Mohammad Agha district of central Logar province, the district chief said on Tuesday. Mohammad Rahim Amin told Pajhwok Afghan News the vehicles belonging to Aryoub Zazai Road Construction Company were set afire late on Monday night. The district chief the Taliban not only torched the vehicles but also threatened the company workers to leave the work. The company has been asphaltting the road from Pul-i-Kandahar to Dahno area. The road connected tens of the villages along the Kabul-Logar highway, but the Taliban were creating hurdles, Amin said. He said the 7.8-kilometer road was being reconstructed in response to local people's demand. The district chief said efforts through tribal elders were underway to pave the way for resuming work on the road. Bashir Ahmad, an inhabitant of the locality, said: "The Taliban came to our village late on Sunday night and set fire to four vehicles including a damper and tanker." Aryoub Zazai RCC's officials refused to provide details about the incident. Zabihullah Mujahid, a Taliban's spokesman, rejected the fighters had torched the four vehicles. ... (More on P4)... (17)

## Mother who Lost 6 Sons to Daesh Thanks Pajhwok

JALALABAD - A woman from the Kot district of eastern Nangarhar province, who lost six sons in the fight against Daesh, thanked Pajhwok Afghan News on Tuesday for filing a detailed report on her plight. After Pajhwok released her interview, President

Ashraf Ghani conferred the Malalai Medal on Niaz Bibi, whose two sons are still fighting against the militant group in the eastern province. Pajhwok filed three reports on the woman to draw attention to her predicament. The Nangarhar governor has decided to help her af-

ter reading Pajhwok's second report. Governor Gulab Mangal, who traveled to Kabul to meet the president last month, also took the woman to the Presidential Palace. President Ashraf Ghani awarded her the Malalai Medal, said the governor's ... (More on P4)... (16)

### Outlook Horoscope

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



It's time to get to work and put your recent ideas into motion. If you already have a concrete action plan in mind, don't hesitate to execute it today. But be aware that you may need to make substantial modifications to your current strategy as the circumstances continue to change. New information multiplies your options after Mercury turns direct in your sign.

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



It's increasingly difficult to separate the real facts from the fake facts as yesterday's truths become today's fantasies. Nevertheless, talking about your desires opens the door to a wide range of experiences. Thankfully, mischievous Mercury starts to regain lost ground in your 12th House of Spiritual Mystery, encouraging you to uncover hidden aspects of your feelings.

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



Your social universe may be recovering from a sudden barrage of information that altered the lens through which you view the world. Your unwavering optimism isn't so bright that it blinds you, allowing you to see the possible pitfalls ahead. But don't overcompensate and withdraw from your friends and associates because you're afraid of what might happen now. In fact, you could use a trustworthy ally who is willing to offer you a second opinion today.

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



Although unresolved tensions have been floating around at work for weeks, you might have an "aha!" moment today when all the pieces suddenly fall into place. But whatever you learn now is likely to be only one part of an unfinished story that's still being told. Avoid jumping to conclusions while new data is still coming in or you may become the victim of inadvertently.

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



You might have temporarily shelved big plans for self-improvement, but it's now time to place them front and center. Perhaps you weren't quite ready to make a commitment to a long-term educational goal because you were too busy to begin something new. Maybe a lack of funds required you to delay your enrollment. Thankfully, the waiting game is over.

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



You're not known for your reckless attitude, but you're likely to surprise people now with your out-of-character behavior. Logic may play second fiddle to your emotions while you pursue intense feelings that are usually safely tucked away in the shadows. However, your key planet, Mercury, turns direct in your 8th House of Deep Sharing, encouraging you to listen to your heart.

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



You might not be able to believe what comes out of people's mouths today. Honestly, it's as if they're not thinking before speaking. Although unpremeditated revelations can create an awkward situation now, it's not as discomfiting as being stuck with no one saying anything at all. Thankfully, common sense prevails; it's obviously simpler to modify a thought that has been said than one that hasn't.

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



You're not interested in censoring your sharp wit that's being fueled by your overactive imagination now. It's as if you're standing in the path of a fire hose that is streaming innovative ideas and unprocessed images. It's at once exhilarating and overwhelming, making it a challenge to settle the tension in the emotional landscape.

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



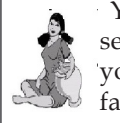
A major breakthrough in your communication may be showier than productive. Clever Mercury turns direct in your 5th House of Self-Expression, prompting you to speak your truth, even if it's an irrelevant one. Nevertheless, your brilliant repartee won't likely improve on Einstein's "E=mc<sup>2</sup>", nor will you single-handedly resolve the world's hunger problem.

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



You're normally quite adept at balancing opposite forces in your life, however they play out. You apply the laws to the known situation and visualize the various outcomes based upon your choices. Nevertheless, you're likely to disengage from personal and professional interactions now so you can focus on your spiritual practice.

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



You don't understand why everyone else seems so certain about their actions while you're wandering around lost in space. In fact, there's so much busy noise now that you can't even hear yourself think. There's no peace and quiet to be found when loquacious Mercury turns direct in your 3rd House of Endless Chatter.

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



You have often wondered which personally held beliefs were important enough to be non-negotiable. Perhaps a particular conversation stumbled onto a sensitive topic today, prompting you to reevaluate your priorities. However, you may be more drawn to reconsider your relationship to the material world. Making small changes to how you manage your money might appear inconsequential now.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-55.

#### Across

1. A single-masted ship, 6. Smog, 10. A metric unit of weight, 14. Nymph, 15. Dogfish 16. Was a passenger, 17. Group of 8, 18. Blow off steam, 19. False god, 20. Disagreement 22. Egghead, 23. Merriment, 24. A radioactive gaseous element, 26. Kleenex, 30. Fraternal or identical, 32. Bay window, 33. A woman priest, 37. Gentle, 38. An alloy of copper and zinc, 39. Leer at, 40. Set up, 42. Muzzle, 43. Bully, 44. Afternoon nap, 45. Blockade, 47. Mayday, 48. Computer symbol, 49. An observation tower, 56. Carry, 57. River of Spain, 58. High society, 59. Historical periods, 60. Dash, 61. Kidney-related, 62. Untidiness, 63. Greek territorial unit, 64. Grimy

#### Down

1. Not barefoot, 2. Hubs, 3. In baseball, 3 per inning, 4. Mining finds, 5. Lamentable, 6. Shelter, 7. Ends a prayer, 8. Brass component, 9. Diners, 10. A flat circular stone, 11. Cowboy sport, 12. Beautify, 13. Blend, 21. Fitting, 25. Autonomic nervous system, 26. Hefty volume, 27. Colored part of an eye, 28. Sediment, 29. Solemnity, 30. Garbage, 31. Desire 33. Snob, 34. Prima donna problems, 35. A promiscuous woman, 36. Bristle, 38. Prickly European weed, 41. Mire, 42. Female siblings, 44. Comes after Mi and Fah, 45. Gain points in a game, 46. Smidgens, 47. British biscuit, 48. Bit of gossip, 50. Competent, 51. Streetcar, 52. Margarine, 53. Drunkard, 54. French for "State", 55. Depend

#### Yesterday's Solution

Grid for yesterday's solution crossword puzzle.

biceps, blast, bread, break, champion, dear, dense, devoted, dress, drool, express, first, freak, fudge, growth, holed, insurance, large, mascot, masterpiece, matter, movie, notes, pert, price, sauce, series, spade, spread-tender, ties, track, trail

Word search grid with letters F, U, D, G, E, T, E, N, D, E, R, E, F, D, V, I, D, E, O, V, M, T, R, C, J, I, C, E, B, R, E, A, D, A, A, E, O, E, N, H, S, V, C, N, N, M, B, I, T, G, O, A, A, E, I, O, B, I, S, P, R, R, T, W, L, M, R, N, B, T, L, R, E, A, E, R, E, O, P, I, S, L, I, E, V, L, S, A, A, E, R, I, E, U, A, T, C, D, S, F, T, C, K, G, O, S, R, S, P, R, E, A, D, I, K, L, R, N, T, A, T, W, R, A, P, P, E, R, Y, O, I, M, N, U, P, D, R, E, S, S, L, S, W, F, J, C, X, C, H, R, M, A, S, C, O, T, F, R, E, A, K, E, G, M, O, V, I, E, H