

27 Taliban Insurgents Killed in ANSF Operations

KABUL - At least 27 insurgents have been killed in a series of coordinated operations over the past 24 hours by the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said in a statement on Tuesday. In addition, 35 insurgents were



injured. The operations were conducted in Kandahar, Uruzgan, Nangarhar, Helmand, Badghis, Farah, Pakhtia and Zabul provinces, the statement said. "During the same 24 hour period, Afghan National Police discovered and defused four different types of IEDs placed by enemies of Afghanistan for destructive activities in the MoI, however, did not comment on whether any security force members were injured during the operations. (Tolonews)

1 Dead, 3 Injured in Kandahar Shooting

KANDAHAR CITY - At least one person has died and three injured after unknown gunmen placed an explosive device in a shop Tuesday in Kandahar city. According to Samim Khpalwak, a spokesman for the provincial governor, an unknown number of gunmen entered the shop and opened fire, killing the shopkeeper. They then placed an explosive device at the scene and fled. When police arrived to investigate the device was detonated - injuring two police officers and a civilian, said Khpalwak. He said police are investigating the matter but no arrests have yet been made. No group including the Taliban has claimed responsibility for the incident. (Tolonews)

Marked Increase of Foreigners in Faryab: Local Officials

MAIMANA - The head of Faryab provincial council Abdul Baqi Hashimi on Tuesday said there has been a marked increase in the number of foreigners in the region - people he said who do not speak an Afghan language. A number of Faryab MPs agree and say they are concerned the foreigners intend joining insurgent groups in the area. The head of the Faryab provincial council Abdul Baqi Hashimi said: "In recent weeks movements of foreign nationals who apparently ... (More on P4)...(9)



Nangarhar Ulama Back Qatar Peace Talks

JALALABAD - A number of leading Ulama in eastern Nangarhar province on Tuesday announced complete support to peace talks in Qatar amid calls that negotiation was the only way out for durable peace and stability in the country. The conference titled "Af-

ghan dialogue" on Saturday and Sunday was organized in Doha by a Canadian based organization, Pugwash Council. A number of political parties' leaders, lawmakers and civil society activists from Afghanistan attended the conference. Taliban have demanded a formally recognised office for themselves to continue the peace process in a statement that followed two days of talks in Qatar. Over one hundred religious scholars in a gathering held in support of unity government backed peace talks and termed them ... (More on P4)...(11)

20% Ghor Schools Closed Due to Insecurity



FIROZKOH - The residents of five districts in central Ghor province say with the exception of schools in the capital city, almost all educational institutions in remote areas lack proper buildings and teaching staff. Officials of Ghor education department acknowledged being faced with pressing problems, with 20% of schools have been shut down because of spiraling insecurity and threats from insurgents. The province has nine districts in all but Shah-

rak, Pasaband, Dawlina, Charsada and Teora districts experience deteriorated law and order. Abdul Khaliq, a resident of Shah Joy locality of Dawlina, said he does not remember a day when school children have gone for studying. He told Pajhwok Afghan News some members of his family were enrolled in schools, but it wasn't clear which class they were enrolled at and they could not even read or write. "To be honest, there is no school and no teacher here. ... (More on P4)...(12)

112 Bamyan Schools without Buildings

BAMYAN - Of 338 schools in central Bamyan province, as many as 112 of them are without proper buildings, education officials said. Education Director Mohammad Reza Ada told Pajhwok Afghan News 145,000 boys and girls are enrolled in various schools of the province, with 70,000 of them are forced to get education under tents, trees or mosques because of lack of buildings. "We plan to build 34 buildings for schools this year. But because of budget constraints we don't know whether these buildings



will be constructed well before the time," Ada added. Fatima, a 9th class student in Wars district, said every day she travel for over three hours to school and the tragedy is that the school has no building. She added the school had the capacity of 500 students, but over 2,500 girls... (More on P4)...(13)

Baghlan Clashes Leave 2 Civilians Dead, 8 Wounded

POL-E-KHUMRI - At least two civilians were killed and eight others wounded in fresh clashes in northern Baghlan province, residents said. The clashes took place in central Baghlan district and Dand-i-Ghori area of Pul-e-Khumri, the provincial capital. Four member of a family were injured after a rocket



hit their home. However, two of the wounded succumbed to their injuries at provincial hospital, Dr. Khalil Naramgo-

ey, a senior official at the hospital said. Also six others were wounded during firefight between Afghan security forces and militants in Dand-e-Ghori area. Nizamuddin, a resident the locality, told Pajhwok Afghan News both sides have been using... (More on P4)...(14)

Taliban Kill 2 Kidnapped Passengers

FARAH - Taliban killed two kidnapped passengers in eastern Farah province, provincial police chief said Tuesday. Farah police Chief Gen. Fazal Muhammad Samadyar told Pajhwok Afghan News that militants had taken hostage three passengers from a bus from Farah-Farahud highway. The militants gunned down two of the three kidnapped passengers. Bismillah, the slain passenger, was an employee... (More on P4)...(15)

Warduj Fighting Claims 18 Soldiers Lives: Medics



FAIZABAD - Health officials said on Tuesday that 18 bodies of slain policemen died in Warduj district fighting in northeastern Badakhshan province have been shifted to the provincial hospital. The policemen belonged to Yawan, Khwahan, and Yaftal districts of Badakhshan and Kunduz and Takhar provinces, Pajhwok Afghan News reporter said. Eng. Mohammad Din Khwahani, a local elder, who visited the hospital said some of the bodies would be shifted to their hometowns through helicopter. Gen. Rahmanuddin Rahman, coordinator of operations in the district, said... (More on P4)...(10)

3 Dead in Fight between Supporters of Lawmakers

MEHTERLAM - Three persons were killed and five others wounded on Tuesday in a gun battle between two groups of Laghman lawmakers in Mehtarlam City, the provincial capital, witnesses said. Wahidullah, an eye witness, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Eng. Ajmal Wafa and Yousaf Malangzai, both the lawmakers from Laghman, exchanged harsh words which developed into an armed clash. The bodyguards and supporters of the lawmakers opened fire on each other which caused several casualties. Abdul Latif Qayumi, director civil hospital, said three dead bodies and five wounded were shifted to hospital. The wounded, he said were in serious condition. Sarhadi Zwak, the spokesman for the acting governor, confirmed the incident but did not share details. (Pajhwok)

3 Smugglers Held with 700 Kg Drugs

JALALABAD/PUL-I-ALAM - Police in eastern Nangarhar and central Logar provinces detained two smugglers and recovered 700 kilograms of drugs from their possession, officials said on Tuesday. Logar Police Chief Brig. Gen. Abdul Hakim Ishaqzai told Pajhwok Afghan News that police recovered 500 kg... (More on P4)...(16)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Fixating on your future goals makes focusing on the present moment impossible. Nevertheless, you're like a bee to honey today and you can't take your mind off the road ahead. Perhaps the temptation of so many lovely flowers is just plain irresistible. Nevertheless, ignoring your current responsibilities is not an option. Make whatever modifications to your schedule are necessary to reach your goals.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

There could be so many opportunities to seek pleasure today that it's confusing to know which route to take. You might even believe that your options have so much potential that you can't go wrong, no matter what alternative you choose. Thankfully, you may not be so far removed from the truth. You have taken the first steps on a very important journey that can be rewarding.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

People naturally assume that you're having a good time but you're secretly worried about taking on too many commitments today. Your apparent indifference keeps others in the dark, but only for a short period of time. Once you lose your cover it may be time to face up to your real-world obligations. But this doesn't mean that everyone gets to tell you what to do. You retain the right to define what's on your plate.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You might have an ingenious idea about how to make money today, only to discover that you are missing an important piece of information. Perhaps, in your eagerness to succeed, you just forgot something you already knew. But your current confidence is not a substitute for having a solid foundation on which to build. Fortunately, a trusted colleague could possess the rational perspective you lack.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your presence is a gift to others today because you are able to maintain your positive attitude in spite of any problems you encounter. Fortunately, leading by example works well for you now as long as your enthusiasm doesn't get the best of you. You could become so passionate about the prospects of your current job that you end up spreading your energy too thin and losing ground.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Even if you are famously known for your efficiency on the job, following a goal-oriented schedule is not going to happen today. Your agenda might be to keep yourself on a straight and narrow path, but simple twists of fate continue to deliver disruptive messages about your place in the world. You are not meant to be a retiring wall flower now. Engage fully at every chance you get until a new course of action become apparent.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Yesterday's uplifting ideas may be today's headaches. It's as if each innovative thought is like a hot air balloon that expands so much that it pops. Just as you were growing accustomed to the panoramic view, your fantasy disappears and you must come to grips with your disillusionment. Rest assured this reality check is all part of a larger process. Explore your options without putting all your eggs in one basket.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Lofty career goals are not enough to inspire you today; what you need is some good old-fashioned magic. In fact, just setting the bar higher can have a chilling effect on your creativity now. If you're worried about missing your mark, you're not likely to take as many risks to express your imagination. Nevertheless, the well-traveled path isn't for you now; reach for the sky.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Sometimes making a new mess is more fun than cleaning up an old one. Unfortunately, you might have already turned your life upside down in a recent search for excitement. You have an eye for the extraordinary, yet putting all your resources into one inspiration now could very well spell doom for the project before it has a chance to get off the ground. Don't leave loose ends untied today, for your window of opportunity is closing fast.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Your high level of competence can trick you into underestimating the time and resources needed to complete a job. Unfortunately, people may be counting on you now because they know you perform well under pressure. Meanwhile, you're trying to cover your error in judgment by working even harder to get things done.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You're eager to cut loose today but you don't want to do it alone. Although others might be out to have fun, you're concerned that they won't be able to keep up with you. Unfortunately, you may be so zealous in your quest for pleasure now that you're prone to overindulge in food, drink or sensory stimulation. Unfortunately, too much of a good thing leads to trouble rather than satisfaction.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your confidence is soaring today, leading you to think you have all the answers at work, but you're not the only one ready to take charge. Instability could be brewing as conflict between the various strategies on the table seems inevitable. Unfortunately, resolving the disagreement could require more resources than the project, itself. There isn't enough time to deconstruct every aspect of each proposal.



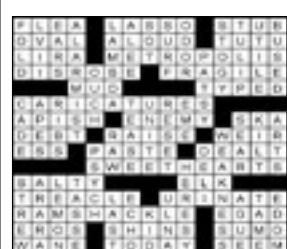
Across

- 1. Chordophones, 6. Apollo astronaut Slayton, 10. Shallow metal containers, 14. Anoint (archaic), 15. Bit of gossip, 16. Found in some lotions, 17. Something to shoot for, 18. Bluefin, 19. 3 times 3, 20. Link, 22. Pay attention to, 23. Chief Executive Officer, 24. \_\_\_-garde, 26. Military greeting, 30. ,rench for "Morning", 32. Portents, 33. Fabled, 37. Ward (off), 38. Located, 39. Hawaiian feast, 40. Aardvarks, 42. Risk, 43. Rhinoceros, 44. Team spirit, 45. Smooth brown oval nut, 47. Female sib, 48. Storage cylinder, 49. A flat , ircular stone, 56. 64 in Roman numerals, 57. Go on horseback, 58. Keen, 59. Assistant, 60. Away from the wind, 61. Besmirch, 62. Ale, 63. 365 days, 64. Oozes.

Down

- 1. Nonclerical, 2. Annul, 3. Adolescent, 4. Distinctive flair, 5. Chooses, 6. Repeat, 7. Decorative case, 8. Gambling game, 9. Gave forth, 10. Beggar, 11. Extraterrestrial, 12. A nine-piece musical group, 13. Sow, 21. C, 5. French for «Wine», 26. Couch 27. Ends a prayer, 28. Gave temporarily, 29. Clandestine, 30. Parisian subway, 31.How old we are, 33. Mortgage, 34. Emanation, 35. Train track, 36. Christmas season, 38. Large venomous ray, 41. «Eureka!», 42. Have, 44. Central, 45. Sprite, 46. Leave out, 47. Contemptuous look, 48. Generous slice of the pie, 50. Anger, 51. Bright thought, 52. Docile, 53. Curved molding, 54. Half-moon tide, 55. Makes a mistake

Yesterday's Solution



- again, arrive, avoid, blonde, blood, broke, center, chart, cheap, cover, desire, devil, draft, easily, enough feat, flesh,gent, goals, great, hart, , here, ibis, instigate,model, pear, pedestal, pore, prize, restaurant scrap, stall, stark, store, strength, studio, thrown,

