



### Nangarharis Say Targeted Killings Continue Unabated

JALALABAD - The residents of eastern Nangarhar province on Monday expressed their deep concerns about what they called unabated targeted killings.

They said the targeted killings had spread a wave of terror among local population who witnessed about a dozen deaths during the past three months.

The victims included civilians, religious and tribal elders, government officials and one journalist. However, government officials say a special joint unit of security forces is being created to prevent incidents of targeted killings.

Civil society activist Noor Agha Zwak said such incidents often occurred due to security forces' negligence. He said police most of the times were unable to properly do searches and play their vigilance.

Another civil society activist Abdul Rahman Moawin was of the view that mafia circles were behind targeted killings with the aim to destabilize Nangarhar.

"Because of such incidents which are often blamed on security forces' negligence the Nangarhar province is deprived of major development projects."

A member of the Nangarhar provincial council, Ajmal Omar, said they had taken up the issue of targeted killings with security organs and the governor's house and hoped the provincial administration would come up with an organized plan to prevent such incidents.

The public representative said he was concerned if such incidents did not stop, it would negatively impact businesses and routine life in Jalalabad.

The victims of such attacks include people from various walks of life, but religious ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

# Journalists Slam Badakhshan Authorities for Censorship



FAIZABAD - Journalists in north-eastern Badakhshan province on Sunday expressed concern over local authorities' denial to share information with them in a timely manner, calling it against the access to information law.

Dozens of media persons held a gathering in Faizabad, the provincial capital, to mark the World Press Freedom Day.

Samiullah Saehon, member of the

provincial Journalist Union and a reporter with Salaam Watandar, said access to information law came into force five years back, but still some key government departments were unwilling to share information with media.

He said: "This brazen act of censorship by the government has been depriving the people of Badakhshan of their right to information and freedom of speech", he said.

The media representatives urged the government to avoid censoring information in the province and abide by the law in this regard.

Naqibullah Saqibiyar, another journalist, said in the past above 40 media outlets worked in the province but their number reduced to 11 due to lack of financial resources and no support of donors.

He said those denying information to ...*(More on P4)...(11)*



## 75 People Suffer Casualties in Sunday Attack: Baghlan Governor

PUL-I-KHUMRI - The governor of northern Baghlan province on Monday said 18 security officers and soldiers were killed in yesterday's group attack on the police headquarters in the provincial capital, Pul-i-Khumri, alleging the attack was planned in Pakistan.

The attack began when a suicide bomber crashed his explosives-laden vehicle against the police building and then other attackers entered the compound.

The Interior Ministry had said 13 policemen and eight attackers were killed and 30 police and 23 civilians were wounded in the attack.

Speaking at a press conference on Monday, Baghlan governor Ahmad Farid Basim said the Taliban carried out the attack in retaliation to their huge casualties in Borka district.

He said 18 security officers and soldiers were killed and 39 others wounded, with 10 sustaining grievous wounds. He said the bravery of the Afghan forces was that they controlled the massive attack within four and a half hours. The governor claimed initial investigation showed the attack had been planned in cooperation with the Pakistani intelligence agency and a response in this regard would be given soon. ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

## Senior Khost IT Official Gunned Down



KHOST CITY - Unknown gunmen have killed the Telecommunications and Information Technology administrative manager for southeastern Khost province, an official said on Monday.

Khost Telecom and IT department head Mohammad Arif Ahmadzai told Pajhwok Afghan News that the administrative manager, Mubarak Shah,

was killed in Hassazai village of the Ismailkhel Mandozai district.

He said the 64-year-old Shah, who held the post for the past nine years, was killed by unknown assailants on Sunday night. He said Shah was going to the village mosque to offer Tarawih prayers when came under attack.

There has been no claim of responsibility for the targeted assassination. (Pajhwok)

## 2 Romanian Soldiers Injured in Kandahar Accident



KABUL - Two Romanian military, who were injured after their car overturned in southern Kandahar province on Monday, were stable now, the country's Defense Ministry said.

The two military men from the "St. Andrei" Force Protection Bat-

alion 300 were conducting a patrol mission inside the Air Base in Kandahar.

During the mission, the MRAP fight vehicle overturned. The causes of the accident were under investigation by a committee set up in ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

### Outlook Horoscope

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



Respect your superiors today, Aries. There's great wisdom to be learned, so keep your eyes and ears open. Hasty actions are bound to get you in trouble. Don't step blindly into situations. Make sure you have all the facts before you proceed. The information is out there, but you have to be patient to find it. Make sure your goals are worthy before extend yourself trying to reach them.

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



It's OK to cry today, Taurus. Releasing is critical to receiving. If you have no sense of fear and restriction, it may be hard for you to experience joy and expansion. Incorporate the good with the bad and let these two powers settle harmoniously within your being. Make the preparations that will let you soar to great heights. Make sure you're ready to accept the challenges that come with growth.

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



Do something that inspires the passion within you, Gemini. Don't be discouraged by setbacks - be motivated. Use discipline and patience to set your dreams in motion. Be realistic in your approach. The time has come to face the music. Whatever you do, don't shrink into the background and expect others to take care of things for you. The only one who acts in your best interests is you.

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



Take control of your power today, Cancer. Strip any excess baggage out of your life. Things are coming to a critical climax now. This isn't a time to back down. If anything, it's a time to push the limits even further. Look to the future with the same perspective you had as a child. Rid yourself of jaded thinking and a clouded mind.

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



There's a powerful force moving through your life that can't be ignored any longer, Leo. Adjustments may be needed in order to take full advantage of the energy at hand. You will find with a healthy balance of restriction and expansion that you can take the reins and set yourself on the road to success. There's a great intensity to today that will seep into every facet of your life.

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



Seize today, Virgo. This is the day you've been waiting for. Don't back down from the intensity. You have the power to get ahead in whatever it is you wish to accomplish in this lifetime. You will find your willpower and discipline strong. It's time to grab the opportunities that are presented to you. Take the plunge toward a brighter future and be confident of your success.

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



Your quest for the new and unconventional, the latest gadgets, and the best technology may come into conflict with a sobering force today, Libra. New ways of doing things may suddenly be challenged by a more traditional approach. Realize that the opposition's strength may also be its biggest downfall. It's time to do away with the old and bring in the new.

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



For dreams to be actualized, they must have a vehicle through which they can manifest, Scorpio. Today is a day to help bring those dreams to life. Use the incredible grounding force to simultaneously expand your mind and bring it down to Earth in a realistic manner. Combine ancient wisdom with practical planning to help set a powerful wave in motion for the future. You have all the tools you

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



Combine your discipline and expansiveness today and see what manifests. Concentrate on your investments and home. The energy of the day is quite powerful and not something to be taken lightly. You may have much greater control than you realize. Understand that you have to be the one to take the initiative in order to activate the magic of today.

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



This is no ordinary day for you, Capricorn, certainly not one in which you should sleep late. Get up and get moving. There are opportunities on your doorstep just waiting for you to grab them. Put away the issues of the past and focus on the future. There are great forces at work today that are coming together in your favor. Stick to what resonates with your soul.

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

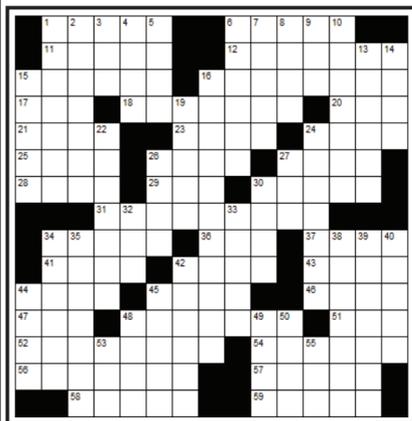


Ground yourself today, Aquarius. Lay a solid foundation for the future. This is a very critical time in which you must think realistically about your future success. You must incorporate an element of restriction into your life before your dreams can actualize. Today is one of those days in which you can fuse a powerful combination of fantasy and reality in order to build success.

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



Use your powerful sense of intuition today, Pisces. Whether you realize it consciously or not, the oceans are creating a tsunami of power that won't be ignored. Make sure you're operating from a solid base before you extend yourself outward. Be careful of the rip tides. It may be fun to play in the waves, but this is one of those times in which you could easily get sucked out to sea.



#### Across

1. Facsimiles, 6. Twelve, 11. Pointed arch, 12. Tyro, 15. A three-legged metal stand, 16. A cage for fattening fowl, 17. Eastern newt, 18. Risque, 20. Tiny, 21. Absorb written material, 23. Male offspring, 24. Stopper, 25. Anagram of "Tine", 26. A ceremonial staff, 27. Mentor, 28. Coulash, 29. Ripen, 30. Listens, 31. Tabular arrays of days, 34. Dutch pottery city, 36. Buff, 37. Rapsallions, 41. French for "State", 42. Gunk, 43. Sheltered spot, 44. Colorful (Scottish), 45. Protruding part of the jaw, 46. Dash, 47. 18-wheeler, 48. Castigate, 51. Donkey, 52. Noble-mindedness, 54. Narrate, 56. Relevant, 57. Got up, 58. Duck down, 59. Not drunk, ,

#### Down

1. Surrender, 2. Alarm, 3. 14 in Roman numerals, 4. Not odd, 5. Bristle, 6. Nymph loved by Apollo, 7. Leaves out, 8. Kooky, 9. French for "Summer", 10. An interconnected system, 13. Womb, 14. Stink, 15. Small slender gulls, 16. Self-centeredness, 19. Habitual practice, 22. A rudimentary inner toe, 24. Longhand, 26. Kiln-dried grain, 27. Needlefish, 30. Paw, 32. Astem, 33. Bully, 34. Mock, 35. Knickknack holder, 38. Listlessness, 39. Spackle, 40. Feel, 42. Pursuer, 44. Naval jail, 45. Backbone of an animal, 48. Attired, 49. Historical periods, 50. Roman emperor, 53. French for "Friend", 55. Ear of corn, ,

#### Yesterday's Solution

NOVA, BENDURE, SLUCH, ARID, HOURS, GLOY, CIGAR, TRIGLE, ATOP, HOE, WASTE, WRITTE, ONS, TAGE, ADEAM, GAG, BIARD, GAMER, ANACONDA, SUP, DAN, TRAW, ROUSE, EMU, EBN, DEPRESSION, BLUE, USURP, ANTE, TEST, ESSAY, DEES

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