

# 3 Policemen Killed in Insider Attack in Ghazni

GHAZNI CITY - A policeman killed his three colleagues in what appeared to be an insider attack in southern Ghazni province, where 40 militants were eliminated during an operation, officials said on Saturday. Provincial police chief Brig. Gen. Aminullah Amarkhel told a news conference that the insider attack took in Deh Khudaidad area on the outskirts of Ghazni City, the provincial capital, on Friday night. "The policeman had links with Taliban and he committed the crime dur-



ing a patrol," he said. Amarkhel did not say if the rogue policeman took away weapons and ammunition from his slain colleagues. The Taliban also confirmed the incident. The group's spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, claimed one of their fighters, who had joined the police, killed four policemen and took away a corolla car and a number of weapons. Elsewhere in the province, 40 militants, including three commanders, were killed during an ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

## Special Gathering Pays Tribute to Miakhel in Paktia

GARDEZ - The Cultural Association of southeastern Paktia province on Saturday held a special meeting to pay tribute to academic and writer Shah Mahmood Miakhel. The meeting held at the Paktia University was participated by dozens of culturists, writers, government officials and others from Khost, Kabul and Paktia provinces. Poet and writer, Daud Tapan, who participated in the event, said the gathering was aimed at appreciating services and contribution of Miakhel in areas of education, culture and politics. Logar Governor Mohammad Halim Fidai said: "It is important for us to work for intellectual development, as it has recently somehow improved." He said such gatherings had positive impact on intellectuals and encouraged them. ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

## Iranian National, 6 Rebels Killed in Herat Incidents

HERAT CITY - A teenage Iranian national and six Taliban militants, including a commander, have been killed during two separate incidents in western Herat province, an official said on Saturday. A group of Taliban on Friday night attacked a joint convoy of Afghan border police and National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel in the Kohsan district, the governor's spokesman, Jilani Farhad, told Pajhwok Afghan News. In the ensuing clash, Mullah Alif, a Taliban notorious commander, and his five fighters were killed and another four wounded, he said. Separately, an Iranian national, Shahruk, was shot dead yesterday by unidentified gunmen in Park-i-Taraq area of Herat City. Police spokesman Abdul Rauf Ahmadi said Shahrokh had been cooperating with the Ministry of Interior's counternarcotics department for the past 15 years. (Pajhwok)

## 29 Taliban Killed in Botched Attack on Kunar's Ghazibad

ASADABAD - Twenty-nine Taliban insurgents were killed after they launched a coordinated attack to capture the Ghazibad district of eastern Kunar province, the governor said on Saturday. Wahidullah Kalemzai told Pajhwok Afghan News the militants attacked police check-posts, but were repulsed back and sustained heavy losses in clashes with the security forces. One policeman was killed in the attack. The insurgents had reached near the district building and were just 20 metres away when police pushed them back



after a clash that lasted hours. The district centre had been secured now. The governor said the vicinity of the district center had been cleared but gunfire continued to be heard in a nearby mountainous area. But Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed the fighters killed 11 security officials and captured two check-posts. Mujahid, however, acknowledged Taliban casualties in the clash. (Pajhwok)

## Hundreds of Disabled People Need Wheelchairs

JALALABAD - Hundreds of people with disabilities could not afford to buy wheelchairs due to their poor economic condition in the eastern zone, a charity organization said on Saturday. Baz Charity Foundation, after distributing 25 wheelchairs to disabled people, urged aid organizations to help it purchase wheelchairs for those in need. Baz Mohammad Abid, head of the Baz Charity Foundation, told Pajhwok Afghan News the 25 wheelchairs given to disabled persons both men and women had been pur-



chased with donations from Afghans inside and outside of the country. He said his foundation had so far distributed 388 wheelchairs to people with disabilities free of cost. Hamdullah Arbab, assistant with the foundation, said Baz Charity Organization faced budget shortage to purchase more wheelchairs as the ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

## Mazar-E-Sharif Parks Come Alive at Night for Locals

MAZAR - Making the most of seemingly improved security in the northern Balkh city of Mazar-e-Sharif, local residents flock to parks in their landmark city for picnics where they are able to put aside their worries and enjoy some semblance of freedom and peace. Reporting from Mazar, TOLONews correspondent Sayed Arif Musavi caught up with some families who enjoyed the sunshine outdoors this weekend - many also, however, enjoy long evenings in the parks. Residents told Musavi that one positive point is that there is no gender discrimination and women, girls and children join their male relatives for such outings. "People come to the park to get spiritual peace, because ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

## Movie Premieres in Balkh in Support of Security Forces

MAZAR - Actors and film makers have called on the public to stand by the troops after they premiered a movie, made to support security forces, in northern Balkh province this weekend. The movie, called Akhereen Negah, was produced by Afghan Film's provincial department. Actors and film makers in Balkh urged government to help them develop the industry. Attending the event were film makers, actors and local security officials. Po-



lice Commander of 707th Pamiir Zone, General Baba Jan, said that the movie industry has seen tremendous growth recently. "You remember that 15 years ago the Taliban had created terror everywhere that they hung cassettes, cassette players and televisions in every square and even on power lines as a lesson for people ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

## Video Shows Afghan Woman's 'Taliban Execution'

KABUL - A video has emerged showing the public killing of a woman after her alleged conviction by an informal Taliban court of killing her husband. The video was shot in Jawzjan Province a month or two ago, officials say, and has just surfaced on social media. A crowd listens as the verdict is given before the woman, sitting on the ground in a burqa, is shot in the back of the head. The Taliban have not commented. Similar killings in the past were widely condemned. The Taliban used to publicly execute women - usually over adultery - in the main stadium in the capital Kabul when they were in power in Afghanistan in the ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

## Roadside Bomb Kills four Afghan Children, one Injured

QALAT - A roadside bomb has killed at least four small children from the same family in the southern Zabul province, an official said Saturday. Wazir Mohammad Jawadi, a district administrator, said another child from the same family was wounded in the blast, which took place late Friday. Afghanistan is inundated with mines and other explosives left over from decades of war. Elsewhere in Afghanistan, an official said Afghan security forces repelled an insurgent attack in the eastern Kunar province, killing 26 militants. Gen. Abdul Habib Sayed ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

## Army Helicopter Makes Emergency Landing in Kandahar, no Casualties Reported

KABUL - A helicopter of the Afghan National Army (ANA) forces made an emergency landing in southern Kandahar province of Afghanistan, local officials said Saturday. Provincial governor's spokesman Samim Kholwal said the incident took place late on Friday in Shahwali Kot district. He said the helicopter was providing logistics to the Afghan armed forces when it made emergency landing due to technical problems. Kholwal further added that security ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

### Outlook Horoscope

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

You're invincible now, or so you think, believing that your skills enable you to overcome nearly any obstacle that comes between you and your goals. Nevertheless, you must process a darker energy today as you wrestle with the temptation to place your needs before everyone else's. Selfish actions could backfire on you if you strive excessively for too much personal satisfaction.

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

Moving your energy - both physically and emotionally - is just what the doctor ordered. Make a commitment to propel yourself into motion if you feel stuck today. You might be highly motivated, yet still unsure how to find the right path. Although your strategy could be incomplete, don't wait until you figure it out. Shift into first gear; once you're making progress.

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

Even those people who usually admire your cool and casual style want more depth and intensity from you now. This magnetic attraction to a deeper experience comes at a perfect time, since you're bored with clever one-liners and shallow connections. You're captivated by powerful Pluto and won't be distracted from the real magic that's behind the curtain. Luckily, others come to your aid because their needs match yours.

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

Although a major crisis continues to brew beneath the surface, you're certain about the actions you need to take now. High drama reaches a breaking point today as the evocative Moon tensely opposes combative Mars. Even if you decide to keep some of your feelings to yourself, it's still wise to exert your will while you have the chance to create positive change.

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

Reaching a decision today is more complicated than you expect, for one solution doesn't address the wide array of needs that are now being expressed. Someone might request your emotional support, but you're tempted to decline in an effort to handle your own affairs. Just be certain you are acting for the greater good of all involved when establishing your priorities.

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

You possess an unrelenting desire to make deeply-rooted changes in your life now. However, your current interest has little to do with your regular daily routine. Instead, you are passionate about redirecting your entire trajectory, including transforming your personal needs and those of others in your immediate environment. But don't act unilaterally today. Taking everyone's feelings into consideration will produce the most profound changes.

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

Something can happen that suddenly alters the direction of the path you're on. Your epiphany may not be a total life-changer, but your newfound awareness opens the possibility to make a serious shift that you've been putting off for too long. However, minimizing your experience invites unwanted surprises. You will run into less resistance if you act authentically with the very same level of intensity.

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

Although you might encounter obstacles created by other people's fears or even your own secretive nature, you can clear the way of negativity now. The radiant Sun harmonizes with your key planet Pluto today, revealing an easier path to express your innermost thoughts and feelings. Be fierce; relentlessly focus on the truth while opening your heart as wide as possible.

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

You dream of soaring unrestrained through the galaxy at warp speed. However, your more cautious side is still worrying about what you might need to leave behind now. Your current sentimentality isn't your typical reaction, but it's a good idea to give full power to any feelings of uncertainty you may be experiencing. The sooner you acknowledge your fear, the faster you can resume your cosmic adventure.

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

A battle within overflows into the outer world today, whether or not you're ready for the extra drama. You're confronted by other people's feelings and you begin to see how they might alter your direction. Reconsider your plans once again as an homage to Mercury retrograde; this time include the feedback you receive in your new strategy. Not only will you gain the respect of those who matter.

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

Your current dilemma involves the pull between wanting to be spontaneous and the need to withhold your feelings. You want to say exactly what's on your mind today, but might worry that you could offend someone if you speak the truth. Ultimately, you're driven toward self-expression, but not without first experiencing a fair share of stress.

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

You are swimming in very wild waters now - waters so deep that sunlight can't reach you. The bright colors have faded into darker shades of gray. But don't get distracted by the otherworldly nature; it comes along with the territory. You have powerful work to do, so face your fears and shine your inner light into the darkness. Slowly return to the surface only when you are ready to reengage.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-66.

Across: 1. Thumps, 6. Give the cold shoulder, 10. Church benches, 14. Golden, 15. Anagram of "Note", 16. Reflected sound, 17. Very prickly woody vine, 18. Among, 19. Top of a house, 20. Found on cave ceilings, 22. Coagulate, 23. Secluded valley, 24. Offensive, 26. Petty quarrel, 30. East southeast, 31. Family, 32. Impish, 33. So be it, 35. Leaf opening, 39. Tartarus, 41. Marine, 43. A drama set to music, 44. Fleet, 46. Calyx, 47. Russian fighter, 49. Tall hill, 50. Former lovers, 51. Ring around the nipple, 54. Narrow opening, 56. Oceans, 57. Circuit, 63. Long ago, 64. Decay from overripening, 65. Disney mermaid, 66. Bright thought, 67. Not first, 68. Cuts into cubes, 69. Vesicle, 70. Being, 71. Display.

Down: 1. Checks, 2. Offended, 3. Murres, 4. Found on rotary phones, 5. Scrawny one, 6. A respected leader, 7. Candidate, 8. Module, 9. Decorate, 10. Portion, 11. French school, 12. Shout, 13. Wuss, 21. Tidy, 25. Ascend, 26. Palm starch, 27. Kind of school, 28. Pang, 29. Thermoregulator, 34. A short novel, 36. Chalcedony, 37. Bog, 38. Cards with 1 symbol, 40. Found on a finger, 42. Faultfinder, 45. Sore, 48. Distort, 51. Savory jelly, 52. Prepared, 53. Relieves, 55. Batrachians, 58. "Oh my!", 59. Relating to urine, 60. Type of cereal grass, 61. Observed, 62. If not.

Yesterday's Solution: ahead, astir, aware, block, captivity, cares, catch, cleanser, click, close, clothes, coarse, concern, debase, decay, dross, exempt, floor, group, incline, instant, lamborigin, phases, plain, radar, rend, rent, right, scrub, sleep, sleuth, spirit, study, sure.

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CLEANSERLTV  
EXEMPTXERSVR  
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