

17 Police Killed in Taliban Attacks on Security Posts

LAHKARGAH - At least 17 policemen have been killed in Taliban attacks in the Greshk and Nad Ali districts of southern Helmand province, an official told Pajhwok Afghan News. Fifteen policemen were killed in the Balochan locality of Greshk, when the insurgents attacked a security check-post and snatched weapons from the security personnel, the source revealed.

Two more policemen were killed in the Cha Angir locality of Nad Ali district, according to the official, who



said Helmand police chief Brig. Gen. Abdul Rahman Sarjang had arrived in the area to assess the situation. Officials have not yet commented on either accident, but Bashir Ahmad Shakir, the provincial council security committee's head, confirmed the attacks on police posts in Greshk and Nad Ali.

Meanwhile, Taliban spokesman Qari Yousuf Ahmadi said the fighters stormed police check-posts in Greshk, leaving 16 policemen dead. (Pajhwok)

5 ALP Personnel among 15 Killed in Separate Attacks



KABUL - Ten insurgents and five security personnel have been killed in separate attacks in Kunduz, Zabul and Farah provinces, officials said on Tuesday. Seven Taliban were eliminated on Monday night when a NATO-led coalition drone struck a vehicle in northern Kunduz province. The vehicle carrying the militants came under attack in the Nah-r-Sufi area of Chardara district, the town's administrative head said.

Zalmai Farooqi added the coalition airstrike, based on a tip-off, left seven fighters dead and two others wounded. He said the Taliban had

snatched the pick-up from police (ANP) last year. The vehicle was destroyed in the airstrike. Five police personnel were killed in a Taliban attack on their check-point in the Nawbahar district of southern Zabul province.

Police chief, Col. Ghulam Jilani Farahi, said five Afghan Local Police (ALP) members were killed and two others wounded in the assault.

In northwestern Faryab province, three rebels were killed and five others injured after they stormed police's posts in the Qala Kalan area of Pashtun Kot district. (Pajhwok)

Torkham Gate Closed after Dispute with Pakistani Forces

JALALABAD - The Torkham gate on the Durand Line have been closed for passengers on Tuesday after a dispute between Afghan and Pakistani forces, an official said. An Afghan shopkeeper in Torkham, Javed Shina, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Pakistani border security guards were trying to extend a barbed wire near their security checkpoints along the Durand Line, but Afghan Border Police (ABP) prevented them and the border police of



both countries took positions against each other. Shops near Torkham gate were closed and the gate between the two countries has been blocked for

Suicide Attack Kills Eight and Wounds More Than 20

JALALABAD - A suicide bomber detonated explosives at the home of a local commander of a non-government group, Malik Dehqan, in Nazian district Nangarhar province killing eight and wounding more than 20 others, local officials said.

The provincial governor's spokesman Attaullah Khogyani while confirming the incident said that civilians are also among the victims. So far no insurgent groups have claimed responsibility for the attack. (Tolonews)



5 Militants Killed, 2 Wounded in Kunduz Airstrike

KABUL - At least five militants were killed and two others were wounded in an airstrike in northern Kunduz province of Afghanistan. The Ministry of Defense (MoD) said the airstrike was carried out in Chardara district of Kunduz, targeting a vehicle of the anti-government armed militants.

According to a statement by MoD, the vehicle was damaged in the raid, leaving five militants dead and two others wounded.

The anti-government armed militant groups have not commented regarding the report so far. The Afghan forces have stepped up raids against

the militants in Kunduz province to suppress their insurgency activities following an attempt by Taliban to recapture the strategic Kunduz city.

At least 6 militants were killed during a night raid conducted by the Afghan commandos in this province last month. The Afghan National Security Forces arrested a military chief of the Taliban group, Qari Salim, arrested during a special night raid late last month.

Qari Salim was a key leader of the Taliban group who played a vital role in the collapse of Kunduz city last year. (KP)

Suspected Taliban Financial Officer Arrested

JALALABAD - A suspected Taliban financial officer was arrested in eastern Nangarhar province reportedly with a ten million Pakistani rupees bank cheque in his possession, local officials confirmed.

The financial officer named Mir Adam was arrested last week by security forces in Pacheraqam district, a senior official said. He said that they have called on the central government to arrange for the man to be transferred to Kabul but until now no one has responded.

He says investigations are underway in connection with the case. (Tolonews)

Taliban Ban MTN, Etisalat Services in Ghazni

GHAZNI CITY - Taliban militants have censored MTN and Etisalat telephone services from the past one month in southern Ghazni province, local residents complain.

Rahmatullah Marjankhel, an inhabitant of the province, told Pajhwok Afghan News MTN and Etisalat mobile operators had not been working in Ghazni the past one month.

A reporter by profession, he said: "There is only one slow-paced Internet café in Ghazni City. My employer



wants news from me but I don't have fast Internet to upload videos."

He added Roshan, AWCC and Salaam telecom companies were also active in Ghazni, but people were not satisfied with their services.

Mohammad Hashim, a SIM card seller based in Ghazni City, said his business had weakened ... (More on P4)... (14)

Two Afghans Arrested by Italian Police on Suspicion of Terrorism

MOSCOW - Italian Police have arrested two Afghans who they accuse of plotting attacks throughout Europe, the Italian daily newspaper Il Giornale reported Tuesday.

Police have arrested two Afghans in the southern Italian city of Bari on suspicion of being part of a terror group that plotted attacks in Italy, France, Belgium and Britain, Il Giornale reports. The newspaper quoted prosecutors who said the busted terrorist cell had links to Daesh and al-Qaeda, which are outlawed as terrorist organizations in Europe, the United States and Russia.

The Islamists planned to strike civilian, government and military targets, including ports, airports, hotels and shopping malls, the outlet said. Last week, Europol, the European Union's ... (More on P4)... (15)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Standing right on the edge of familiarity with one foot in new territory is oddly reassuring for you pioneering Rams. You are in love with the idea of doing something for the first time and are ready to expand your agenda at work now. An exciting venture captures your attention and you're feeling optimistic about the future. Be as adventurous as you wish.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

The simple act of experiencing pleasure takes on magical proportions today and makes you feel like all is well in the world. You might see loveliness everywhere you go while your key planet Venus receives a nod of approval from lucky Jupiter, filling you with a sense of contentment. But be on guard, for the temptation of laziness often lurks nearby when times are sweet.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Everyone you encounter seems to offer the possibility of a good time today. Thankfully, there is an easy flow of energy between you and your coworkers, but you also want to play a major part in any social activities that are brewing. If nothing exciting is on your calendar, then create an event by inviting a few friends to lunch. Try to start your celebration early before your mood shifts later in the afternoon.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your nurturing magic is meant for more than just taking care of everyone else today, even if you're only rewarded for being extra sweet on the job. Take responsibility for your own emotional needs by spending time with a loved one. Going out with a close friend or sharing a romantic meal with a partner might be just what you need to reignite the flame of intimacy in a relationship.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You feel as if you're on center stage, ready to give a million-dollar performance. Happily, the combination of your talent and enthusiasm is appreciated by your friends. In fact, they like you enough to applaud and ask for more, whether or not you're up for doing an encore. Although the positive feedback energizes you, it's absolutely critical to know when to stop.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Taking care of unfinished business sounds like a necessary task today, but you may grow restless while trying to follow through with your plans. Your intentions are honorable, but distractions abound and it's tempting now to pick a path that leads to fleeting pleasure instead of a sense of accomplishment. Sharing your heart with a friend can spark a delightful dialogue, but you might regret your decision if you don't also meet your obligations at work.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Your trajectory is on the rise now that charming Venus trines propitious Jupiter, triggering the reflective Moon in your 10th House of Career. It's time to receive recognition from your peers - and maybe even a raise from your boss. No matter what happens, keep your heart open to generous Jupiter's good fortune. Just don't forget about your duties and obligations as you pursue the next alluring experience.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You might not have to try very hard for recognition, money or romance to beat a path to your door today. Of course, it's helpful if you're enjoying your work because your ongoing attachment to your daily routine is what pays the bills and feeds your heart. If you no longer gain pleasure from your current regimen now, figure out a way to bring the missing magic back into your life.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Your fiery charisma attracts professional opportunities today, but could also court pleasure as beautiful Venus harmonizes with buoyant Jupiter. Romance may find you, even if you're not looking now. Consciously give yourself permission to expect more without worrying about possible failure. If a love interest doesn't work out successfully, then seek other ways to express your creativity.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Although today is a workday for many, you're more interested in searching for enjoyment now than anything else. You might discover fascinating ideas that motivate you to reconsider your priorities. You are genuinely more affectionate as you express your appreciation to others. It's okay to break the rules and indulge in something outrageous simply for the pleasure it brings.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You are busy reevaluating your list of the necessary ingredients for personal fulfillment at work. After much contemplation, you're ready to try again now that you're back on top of your game. However wonderful everything seems today, don't fret if you end up having to try one more time. Don't fake confidence if you're unsure of your destination.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Blue skies and endless horizons tempt you to believe that everything is blissful today; however, your optimistic conclusions might lure you down a dangerous path. Honor your concerns instead of just glossing over them on your search for the next priceless treasure. Be wise and examine the pitfalls of pursuing pleasure over choosing the responsible route. Fortunately, amazing experiences are yours for the asking as long as you maintain your balance.



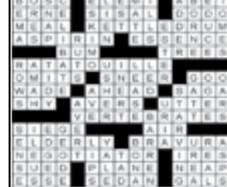
Across

1. Caper, 6. Identical, 10. Vipers, 14. Hawaiian veranda, 15. Astringent, 16. Concern, 17. Up to, 18. Metal fastener, 19. A ball of yarn, 20. Spontaneous abortion, 22. Nights before, 23. Occupation, 24. Malicious burning, 26. Not digital, 30. Oxygen and helium, for example, 32. Offensively curious, 33. Pertaining to judges, 37. Branchlet, 38. Round red root vegetables, 39. Curse, 40. Untarnished, 42. A high-pitched woodwind, 43. Layers, 44. Antenna, 45. Nimble, 47. Arrive (abbrev.), 48. Close violently, 49. Marked by tact, 56. Decorative case, 57. False god, 58. Habituate, 59. Tease, 60. Roman emperor, 61. Well-known, 62. No charge, 63. International trade agreement, 64. Thigh armor.

Down

1. Add, 2. Deliver a tirade, 3. Against, 4. Found on a finger, 5. Party pooper, 6. Sir, in India, 7. Winglike, 8. Be compelled, 9. Inflection, 10. Capable of being reached, 11. Artillery burst, 12. Primp, 13. Stitches, 21. Mire, 25. Scarlet, 26. Picnic insects, 27. Nothing (British), 28. Largest continent, 29. Make legal, 30. Estimate, 31. The products of human creativity, 33. Razz, 34. Inner membrane of embryos, 35. Initial wager, 36. Lascivious look, 38. Hemorrhaging, 41. Zero, 42. Vinify, 44. To and ___, 45. Communion table, 46. A type of bandage, 47. Dole, 48. Slave, 50. Bright thought, 51. Harbor, 52. Dwarf buffalo, 53. Sounds of reproof, 54. Angers, 55. Formally surrender.

Yesterday's Solution



abandon, adverse, agree, brass, candy, charge, company, crystal, cynics, dagger, dance, defenseless, delude, devil, dram, effect, fads, gray, hilarity, hyssop, impish, limited, loner, lope, marvel, moment, negative, plant, prank, rear, recordsavor.

