

# Herat: Shadow District Chief among 15 Killed Taliban Slain

HERAT CITY - Fifteen militants, including the Taliban-shadow administrative chief for Adarskan, have been killed during military operation in western Herat province, an official said on Wednesday.

Jailani Farhad, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News security forces launched a joint clearing operation against militants in Adarskan district from the past three days.

He said 15 militants were killed including two notorious commanders and 21 others wounded. Mullah Hamid, the Taliban' shadow district chief, for Adarskan district was among the dead.

The security forces launched clearing operation aimed at to purged rebels from clear 31 villages. Security personnel faced militants ...*(More on P4)...*(16)



## Explosion Targets Taliban Vehicle in Kandahar Leaving 11 Dead

KANDAHAR - At least eleven people were killed in a roadside mine explosion in southern Kandahar province, the local authorities said Wednesday.

The incident took place late on Tuesday night in the vicinity of Maiwand district of Kandahar.

According to a statement by the provincial government, a four by four vehicle belonging to the Taliban insurgents struck an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) planted in Khak-e-Chopan area of Maiwand district late on Tuesday night.

The statement further added that eleven people inside the vehicle were killed in the explosion.

The Taliban insurgents frequently use IEDs as the weapon of their choice to target the security forces and government officials but in majority of such incidents the ordinary civilians are targeted.

The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UANAMA) released its latest civilian casualties report last month, covering a period of three months since the start of 2017.

According to the report, the Anti-Government Elements caused 62 per cent of civilian casualties - 1,353 civilian casualties (447 dead and 906 injured), reflecting a five per cent increase compared to the same period in 2016. The UN mission also added it ...*(More on P4)...*(18)

## Slain Daesh Leader Once Taught English in Logar

PUL-I-ALAM - Daesh or ISIS leader in Afghanistan, Sheikh Abdul Hasib, who was killed in a joint Afghan-US military raid in eastern Nangarhar province on April 27, was a former high school English and mathematics teacher in central Logar province.

Abdul Hasib, whose real name was Hayat, was killed along with several other key members of the group's Khorasan branch in a joint Afghan-American forces raid in Nangarhar last month near the site where the US dropped its



heaviest non-nuclear bomb. The Daesh leader was killed along with his wife and brother and his mother was wounded in the incident.

Habibullah, a resident of Azra district, said Sheikh Abdul Hasib taught besides English algebra and triangles in the main school of the district. "He would nicely behave with pupils and ...*(More on P4)...*(10)

## Taliban's Shadow District Chief Killed in Nangarhar Clash

JALALABAD - A Taliban-designated chief for Khogyani district has been killed during a clash in eastern Nangarhar province, an official claimed on Wednesday.

Attullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News Wafuallah - alias Omar - was killed by Afghan forces in the Kozbiar area of the district late on Tuesday.

He said Enayatullah, a close associate of Wafuallah, was seriously wounded during the gunbattle. The Taliban, however, have not yet commented on the incident. (Pajhwok)

## Kandahar: 17 Rebels Eliminated in Blast, Clash

KANDAHAR CITY - At least 17 Taliban insurgents have been killed and scores of others wounded in separate incidents of violence in southern Kandahar province, officials said on Wednesday.

Kandahar police spokesman, Zia Durani, told Pajhwok Afghan News a group of rebels was busy making landmines in Band-i-Timor area of Maiwand district when the explosives went off, killing nine insurgents and wounding eight others. A Taliban commander named 'Zawahari' was among the dead.

Separately, insurgents waged coordinated attacks on police posts in Ghorak district, ...*(More on P4)...*(20)

## Herat Roadside Blast Leaves 7 Civilians Dead

HERAT CITY - Seven civilians were killed including women and children when a roadside bomb hit a vehicle in western Herat province on Wednesday, officials said.

Provincial police spokesman, Abdulahad Walizada, told Pajhwok Afghan News the ...*(More on P4)...*(19)



## New Pictures Show aftermath of MoAB Bombing on ISIS Hideouts

JALALABAD - New pictures have emerged from the eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan showing the aftermath of an airstrike involving GBU-43 bombing, also known as Mother of All Bombs (MOAB) on ISIS hideouts.

The pictures were released by the provincial government earlier today which shows the massive losses incurred to the ISIS terrorists in Asad Khel area of Achin district.

A destroyed car, bodies of ISIS militants dispersed and still lying across the area, damaged tunnels, and presence of the Afghan security forces are shown in the latest photographs released by the government.

The bomb was dropped around 7:30 pm local time on Thursday, the 13th of April, a move which was widely welcomed by the local residents and tribal elders of Nangarhar.

The commander of the US forces based in Afghanistan Gen. John Nicholson appeared in a press conference after the airstrike was conducted, saying the use of the GBU-43 Massive Ordnance Air Blast bomb or Mother of All Bombs in Achin district sent a clear message to the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group.

Gen. Nicholson made the remarks as he was speaking to reports together with the US Secretary of ...*(More on P4)...*(21)

## Afghan Christian Mother Killed in Germany, Investigated as Religiously Motivated Attack

BERLIN - A Christian Afghan mother was stabbed and killed just over a week ago in Bayern, Germany. Police are investigating a 'religious motivation' for the attack.

A 29-year old Muslim asylum seeker has been accused of stabbing the mother, who was killed in front of her children, according to Evangelical Focus.

The 38-year old woman, known only as FS, was stabbed on Saturday 29 April outside a supermarket, and died of her injuries in hospital. She had hailed from Afghanistan and was an 'example of integration', according to local authorities in the town of Prien am Chiemsee, Bayern, where she had sought refuge.

FS was a committed Christian who was baptised eight years ago. She had been a member of an Evangelical Protestant church in Prien, and supported an Afghan Bible study group organised by a neighbouring free evangelical church. She leaves behind her two children, aged five and 11.

Her suspected attacker is a Muslim who is known for being psychologically unstable, and has been temporarily sent to a psychiatric institution, according to RT. It is also believed that he knew FS.

FS' sister told ...*(More on P4)...*(22)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

You're still riding an energetic high and there's no obvious way to get off this cosmic tilt-a-whirl while it's still in motion. The good news is that you know you're safe; there's enough structure in place to guarantee that you will land on your feet. The bad news is that the current confusion makes it difficult to know what to do because you're afraid of people misinterpreting your behavior.

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

Your current optimism is more likely based on your inner confidence than on external circumstances. You know your intentions are honorable and believe that reality will support your endeavors now. But you must take a leap of faith because all the pieces are not yet in place. Look within to make sure your plan is aligned with your goals because it's easy to deceive yourself when you want a specific outcome.

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

Possessing a solid plan for success is not enough to get you to your destination; you must put your ideas into motion. Fortunately, superhero Mars is energizing your sign now, but you could initiate action only to find yourself heading in the wrong direction. Fortunately, you're willing to do whatever it takes, but hard work isn't the answer if you're just spinning your wheels.

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

Separating your dreams from reality requires extra effort now because your fantasies are so vividly vibrant. Fortunately, your creativity is supercharged when you ride the powerful waves washing through your mind. But losing yourself in your imagination is only useful if you can transform the best ideas into tangible results.

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

Self-control can be difficult when you're enjoying yourself. But managing your limits makes the difference between failure and success today. The unobstructed view you have while flying through your imagination gains value when you apply it to your everyday life. It's not easy to return to earth when your spirit is soaring like an eagle.

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

Your mind is functioning like a steel trap today. However, you could inadvertently catch a delusion rather than a solid fact. Although you can effectively wrap logic around your ideas, there's no justification for inaccurate data. Fortunately, you possess the intellectual tools to be discerning as long as you remember to use them. Nevertheless, it's hard to know which is truth and which is deceit when it comes to your own thoughts.

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

You may need to rework your schedule today because reality doesn't necessarily conform to your agenda. Although your ability to remain flexible can save the day, you probably don't realize how rigid your thinking has grown. Someone might be intentionally deceiving you, but chances are you just jumped to an incorrect conclusion.

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

A casual interest in a new project is turning into something greater than you expected. A quickly done task is morphing into a major commitment. The sooner you rethink your strategy the better off you will be. Luckily, you're able to filter out all the complexities today; you can see where you're coming from and how you got here. But there isn't time to get lost in your dreams;

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

Your struggle today is about gaining a healthy perspective so you can discern what's real. On one hand, your pragmatic approach to life keeps you balanced in your own center of gravity. On the other hand, people in your environment are reflecting your more cavalier side and encouraging you to take unnecessary risks. You are eager to entertain all possibilities, but caution prevails if you are paying attention to the signs.

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

You are quite intent on doing everything right today. You see a path toward getting further ahead at work and you're serious about taking advantage of the moment. Although you're not interested in anything that pulls you away from your self-appointed mission now, there are annoying details that need your attention and slow down your overall progress.

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

You can benefit from the healthy relationships that stabilize your life. You might wish you could spend the day dreaming, listening to music or otherwise losing yourself in your imagination. But your coworkers are relying on you and they won't let you drift too far. However, it's up to you to stay in touch with others now; they can't reach you if you withdraw into your cave.

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

Try as hard as you might to be responsible today, work commitments may suffer if you choose to follow your heart and not your head. But knowing in advance that you're being pulled away from the mundane world by a string that's attached to your dreams enables you to seek balance between fantasy and reality. In fact, you can become a Jedi warrior who uses the power of the mind to overcome the resistance you.

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- Backside, 5. Gutsiness, 10. Python, 14. Fender blemish, 15. Eagle's nest, 16. Keen, 17. Inactiveness, 19. Cleave, 20. Buffoon, 21. Betel palm, 22. German iris, 23. Sleep, 25. Stories, 27. A late time of life, 28. Indefatigable 31. An edict of the Russian tsar, 34. Picture, 35. French for "Summer", 36. Pervert, 37. Small slender gulls, 38. Fortitude, 39. Mesh, 40. Ballet skirts, 41. Foundations, 42. A type of metal (American sp.), 44. Knave, 45. Hearing-related, 46. Winter Olympics vehicle, 50. Steed, 52. Cognizant, 54. Big fuss, 55. Auspices, 56. Jobless, 58. Wings, 59. Picket line crossers, 60. Audition tape, 61. A small wooded hollow, 62. Lofty nest, 63. Historical periods,

#### Down

- "Bye", 2. Kidney-related, 3. Foul-up, 4. And so forth, 5. Coupled, 6. Pry, 7. Relating to urine, 8. References, 9. It unlocks doors, 10. Cask, 11. Supervisors, 12. Short skirt, 13. Contributes, 18. Dining room furniture, 22. Margarine, 24. Netting, 26. Anagram of "Star", 28. A monotonous hum, 29. Anagram of "Ties", 30. Collections, 31. Forearm bone, 32. Ship part, 33. Work of an actuary, 34. Irritability, 37. Bluefin, 38. Spurs, 40. Rubber wheel, 41. Biblical tower, 43. Bivalve mollusk, 44. Body, 46. Fictional deer, 47. Stratum, 48. Swelling under the skin, 49. Blockheads, 50. A person who is in charge, 51. Leer at, 53. Don, 56. Utilize, 57. Lyric poem.

#### Yesterday's Solution

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