



Afghan Special Forces Conduct Operations in 8 Provinces Leaving 20 Taliban Militants Dead

KABUL - The Afghan Special Forces conducted counter-terrorism operations in eight provinces of the country in the past 24 hours leaving at least 20 Taliban militants dead.

Informed military sources said Friday that the Afghan Special Operations Forces conducted a raid in Garm Ser district of Helmand province and destroyed 240 pounds of homemade explosives, 20 pressure plate IEDs and a small cache of IED components.

This comes a month after 12 civilians, including six children, were severely wounded by a magnetic bomb in southern Helmand province.

The Afghan Special Forces conducted similar operations in Shah Wali Kot district of Kandahar and Tarin Kot district of Uruzgan province, killing 1 Taliban fighter and detaining 8 others. Two days ago three Taliban commanders were killed in Tarin Kot as pressure on fighters in Uruzgan province continues, the source said.

The Afghan Special Forces conducted a clearance operation in Chahar Dara district of Kunduz province, discovered and destroying 4 IEDs and a house-borne IED, the sources said, adding that a similar operation was conducted in Baraki Barak district of Logar province in which 1 Taliban fighter was killed and 3 others were detained. In the meantime, 8 Taliban fighters were killed in Gomal district of Paktika province, 3 others were killed in Deh bala district of Nangarhar province, and 7 Taliban fighters were killed, 4 more were wounded in Farah city, the provincial capital of Farah province. (KP)

Leading WJ Candidates Close Parliament Gate



KABUL - Leading Wolesi Jirga candidates from Kabul on Saturday closed the gate to Parliament during a protest, demanding declaration of final results before the selection of the Administrative Board of the lower house.

Earlier, the Wolesi Jirga decided to elect the administrative panel with or without members from Kabul province today (Saturday). Last week, The Independent Elec-

toral Complaints Commission (IECC) has shared Wolesi Jirga poll election results for capital Kabul with the Independent Election Commission (IEC) for announcement.

On Thursday, Wolesi Jirga Secretary Abdul Qader Zazai Watandost told Pajhwok Afghan News if the final results from the capital were not announced until Saturday, they would select the administrative panel without Kabul representatives.

Around 10 leading candidates on the primary results for the Kabul constituency, along with hundreds of supporters, staged a protest rally in front of the Parliament House and closed its gate.

Shinkai Karokhel, one of the leading candidates, said they would not allow the selection of Wolesi Jirga's Administrative Board until the final outcome from Kabul was unveiled.

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Afghanistan Beat Scotland in Rain-Hit Game

KABUL - Rahmat Shah hit 113 while Hashmatullah Shahidi and Mohammad Shahzad made half-centuries as Afghanistan defeated Scotland by two runs in a rain-hit ODI on Friday.

Scotland made 325 for seven from their 50 overs with Calum MacLeod hitting 100 and captain Kyle Coetzer supporting him with 79.

Afghanistan reached 269 for three with 31 balls remaining when rain forced the players off the field and they were eventually declared the winners on the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method.

Hashmatullah Shahidi finished with an unbeaten 59 while opener Mohammad Shahzad hit 55.

The first match that was scheduled for Wednesday was called off without a ball being bowled because of rain.

Afghanistan are one of just 10 teams taking part in the World Cup which gets underway in England and Wales on May 30.

Brief scores: Scotland 325 for 7 (MacLeod 100, Coetzer 73) v Afghanistan 269 for 3 (Rahmat 113, Hashmatullah 59 not out, Shahzad 55). (Tolo news)



Wolesi Jirga Panel Advisor Shot Dead in Kabul

KABUL - Wolesi Jirga culture and religious affairs commission advisor Mena Mangal was killed in Kabul on Saturday morning.

Police spokesman Basir Mujahid said a woman was shot dead in the 2nd street of Rahman Baba Mena and her body was taken to hospital.

He added the identity of the woman was yet to be ascertained but a source in the 8th police district said victim was named Mena Mangal.

The source said unknown gunmen shot dead Mangal on her way to office in Rahman Baba Mena (Kart-i-Naw) area at around 7:30am. Mangal succumbed to her wounds at hospital.

According to the source, Mangal's father claimed that his daughter had been killed by her husband as their divorce proceedings were underway.

Rahimullah Ghalib, Wolesi Jirga's deputy secretary, said that they had received information about Mena Mangal's death



but official sources had not confirmed it so far.

Mena Mangal previously worked for Shamsad and Ariana private TV channels and presented different programmes. (Pajhwok)

10 Civilians Rescued from Taliban Prison in Kunduz



KABUL - At least 10 civilians were rescued from a Taliban prison in Kunduz province in an operation by Afghan forces, the Pami Corps said in a statement on Saturday.

The civilians were kept in a Taliban's jail in Chahar Dara district, the statement said.

During the operation, 10 Taliban

fighters were killed and 15 others were wounded, the statement added.

No more details were provided in the statement regarding the operation or possible casualties among the security forces.

Taliban has not commented on this report so far. (Tolo news)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You generally enjoy your dreams, Aries, both the dreaming process and analyzing them later. But tonight you might have too many to keep track of. While you will probably recall the most significant ones, it may be frustrating if you forget any of them. This might be the day to start a dream diary, if you don't have one. Have fun!

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Too many invitations to social events may come today, Taurus. This might be one evening when you want to relax at home, but you won't want to say no to anyone. Analyze each invitation. Consider the location, host, other guests - whatever seems most significant to you. Attend only the ones you think you will really enjoy. Follow your heart.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Today you might work on your spiritual practice or studies, Gemini. You could read a book on the subject, attend a lecture, or practice some kind of discipline such as yoga or meditation. The only caveat is don't try to do too much at once. You could tire yourself out. Concentrate on one thing at a time. The information will still be there tomorrow!

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Physical pleasure may be at the top of your priority list today, Cancer. You might want to go to your favorite restaurant and have a great meal, including wine, appetizers, and dessert. Or you might feel especially energetic and want to take your partner for a complete spa treatment. Whatever your desires, exercise some restraint. You can get too much of a good thing!

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Love matters may prove too intense today, Leo. You may be having a rough week. Your partner may be especially demanding of your time and energy. This might be a good day to schedule some time alone. Go for a massage, sauna, or hot tub - by yourself - and simply relax. That way you will be more refreshed when you meet with your beloved in the evening.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You've been hoping for a quiet day on the job, Virgo, but too many calls could come your way. You might have to juggle several at once. Don't try to deal with every problem. Exercise your triage abilities and take care of the most pressing first. Let the others go, if necessary. You aren't doing anyone any favors by getting too distracted. Even you can be less than thorough when overwhelmed.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Were you planning to go shopping today, Libra? If you can, put it off until tomorrow. You could be tempted by too many items that seem wonderful in the store but are nothing but a bother once you get them home. If you must go, make the effort to bypass shops where you might fall into this trap. You don't want to have to make a second trip to bring back returns.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You look especially attractive today, Scorpio, and it's doing wonders for your self-esteem. Even members of your household notice. But you probably feel more like staying in than going out. If you want a romantic partner to notice how you look, it might be a good idea to extend an invitation to visit your home. You will get to stay in and still be admired by the one you love the most!

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Today, Sagittarius, you might want to make an unqualified declaration of love. That's fine if you've been involved for a while, although you could overwhelm your partner. If the relationship is new, beware! This could feel like too much too soon. Your friend could respond by backing away or even disappearing. Use restraint or you might have the opposite effect to the one you want.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



A friend may offer you a gift today, Capricorn. It could involve money, favors, time, items you need, or something else. Be discriminating about what you accept, and make sure you offer to reciprocate. Insist, if you must. As generous as your friend may be now, later he or she could feel used or else call in some favors that you aren't willing to perform. Accept graciously, within limitations.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

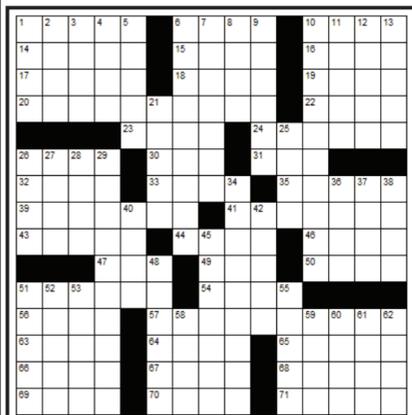


The temptation to take center stage might be too strong to resist, Aquarius. Someone may ask you to tell a story. Your gift with words and vivid imagination should serve you well. Keep it brief. If you go on too long, your friends could fidget. Time your performance by watching their expressions. Do it right and you will be asked to do it again.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



A gathering could bring you lots of good news and useful information, Pisces. The problem is that there might be too much. You will want to remember it all, but your memory may not be as sharp as usual. Before you attend a gathering, grab a notebook and pen. That way you can write down whatever you want to look into later.



Across

- Autocratic, 6. Self-satisfied, 10. Superhero accessory, 14. Swift, 15. Used to be, 16. Sister and wife of Zeus, 17. On the up and up, 18. Norse god, 19. Prima donna problems, 20. Toothpowder, 22. Ascend, 23. Fizzy drink, 24. Boat, 26. Unwanted email, 30. Frequently, in poetry, 31. Big fuss, 32. Killer whale, 33. Perishes, 35. Go in, 39. Faintness, 41. Bloodline, 43. Besmirch, 44. Hotfooted, 46. Whirl, 47. Petrol, 49. Born as, 50. Where the sun rises, 51. Cheddar or edam, 54. Petty quarrel, 56. Ship's steering mechanism, 57. Surfactant
- Overhang, 64. Ripped, 65. Dining room furniture, 66. Not odd, 67. Garden tools, 68. Appear, 69. Sassy, 70. Terminates, 71. Nuzzled,

Down

- Hairless, 2. Curved molding, 3. Anagram of "Sing", 4. Narrow opening, 5. Abominable snowman, 6. Fish with a swordlike jaw, 7. Intercede, 8. Relating to urine, 9. Swiss city, 10. A peninsula, 11. Patronage, 12. Nonpoetic writing, 13. Artist's workstand, 21. Things we can eat, 25. Biblical garden, 26. Mats of grass, 27. Dainty, 28. Tip, 29. Administration, 34. Insomniac, 36. The thin fibrous bark, 37. Auspices, 38. Lease, 40. Historical periods, 42. Notions, 45. Underwrote, 48. Boil, 51. Bird sound, 52. Throw with effort, 53. Young eel, 55. Moon of Saturn, 58. Natural satellite, 59. Casino game, 60. Nile bird, 61. If not, 62. Anagram of "Deer",

Yesterday's Solution

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