

1,000 New Recruits Join Afghan Army in Herat



HERAT - Military officials said the new recruits will be deployed to different parts of the western province of the country. More than 1,000 new recruits joined the ranks of the Afghan National Army under the 207 Zafar Corps in Herat province in the west of Afghanistan. Commander of Zafar Corps Gen. Noorullah Qadiri said the new forces will be deployed to differ-

ent districts to ensure the safety of the provinces. "The enemy plans to close the main roads, destroy the bridges and hospitals but they will not be able to reach to their goals," Qadiri said. A battalion commander of the 207 Zafar Corps Nazir Ahmad Salik said the new soldiers will undertake short-term training and will be deployed to different provinces. "They will be trained for 12 weeks in

Herat Training Center," Salik said. The new members of the Afghan National Army said they joined the Army to take part in security and stability of the country. "We joined the Army to fight against those who want to target our people and destabilize our country," said Sarajuddin, an Army soldier. "We joined the Army to defend and serve the country," said Kefayatullah, a soldier. (Tolo news)



Taliban Close 12 NGO-Run Health Clinics in Nuristan

JALALABAD - The Public Health Department of eastern Nuristan province says Taliban insurgents have closed around 12 health centres in areas under their control.

Two days back, 17 health facilities were closed but five of them were later reopened, with 12 others remaining closed in Doab, Mandol, Nurgram, Kamdesh and Barg-i-Matal districts. The move has deprived people of health services. Provincial Public Health Director Dr. Zakiullah Storai told Pajhwok Afghan News that the Taliban had shut 12 health centres belonging to non-profit AHEAD organization.

Most of the health facilities which have been closed are located in Taliban-control areas. The rebels shut the facilities after health workers and people complained to them about inadequate services of the AHEAD NGO.

"Some of our personnel also complained to the Taliban, in fact the AHEAD NGO has been unable to deliver adequate services to people," Storai added.

However, common people in the areas complained that sick people were in serious trouble after the closure of the clinics.

Sayed Ali, a resident of Nurgram district, said the clinics remained closed since a month and their doctors were also not paid enough salaries.

"Today, five sick individuals were brought to the district clinic but there was no one in the facility and the ailing persons were then moved to Laghman," he added.

Governor Hafiz Abdul Qayyum said efforts were underway through tribal elders to reopen the clinics and hoped the clinics would be reopened within one week. ...*(More on P4)...*(7)

Deputy Intelligence Chief for Baghlan Gunned Down

PUL-I-KHUMRI - The deputy head of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) for northern Baghlan province was killed and his bodyguard injured in a Taliban attack on Sunday, a well-placed source said.

Ghafoor Khan was killed in the Taliban ambush in the limits of Doshi district on Sunday morning, the source revealed. Khan's bodyguard, injured in the attack, was evacuated to hospital.

A Provincial Council member, who wished to go unnamed, said Ghafoor Khan was killed in Kelaji locality at around 10:00 am.

Civil Hospital Director Mohammad Anwar Wardak said he was unable provide to detail but one body and two injured people had been brought to hospital from the site. He added the five injured, members of the security forces, had been evacuated to hospital from Bala Dori area on Saturday night.

The Taliban have not yet commented about the incidents. A few days back, the Taliban stormed the police headquarters in Pul-i-Khumri, killing 18 security personnel. (Pajhwok)



Kama District's Deputy Intelligence Chief Shot Dead

JALALABAD - Unidentified gunmen have shot dead the deputy intelligence director for the Kama district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Sunday.

Police spokesman Faridullah told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place in the Kandak area of the district at around 6:30pm on Saturday evening.

He said the gunmen, after killing Haji Haroon, managed to escape.

Naseer Khadum, cousin of Haji Haroon, said they did not have personal enmity with anyone. Haroon had been killed by militants, he claimed.

Nasir Kamawal, a member of the provincial council, expressed serious concern over rising incidents of targeted killings. He urged security officials to take concrete measures to curb the practice.

Elsewhere in the province, a policeman was slightly wounded as a result of a roadside bombing in Jalalabad. Police chief Brig. Gen Abdul Raqib



Mubarez told Pajhwok the blast targeting a police pick-up happened in limits of the 4th police district on Saturday night. (Pajhwok)

10 Taliban Killed in Logar, Kunduz Incidents



KUNDUZ CITY - Ten Taliban have been killed in airstrike and own mine explosion in northern Kunduz and central Logar province, a statement from the governor office said on Sunday. Five Taliban were killed in own mine explosion in the Chahardara district, the statement said.

"The Taliban installed a bag of explosives for security forces but it exploded on them."

In Logar, five Taliban were killed in airstrike on their vehicle, said Police spokesman Shapur Ahmadzai.

The Taliban have not commented about the incidents. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You can expect your love life to take a dramatic turn for the better, Aries. This may be because you feel more self-confident than you have in a long time. In addition, you feel great and look even better. It's no wonder your romantic partner is reacting to you in such a powerful, positive way. Make the most of this opportunity by spending some quality time together.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You're looking good and feeling great, Taurus. Now if only your home environment reflected who you are. As you look around, you may realize that it isn't as elegant as it could be. Today you can begin to change it. Begin with the basics - tidy up and clear away clutter. Once all the extraneous items are gone, you can begin to look at more serious changes.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Sign up for a class or workshop today. Your career could greatly benefit from more training. A short computer course might be all you need to move your career a giant leap forward. Don't neglect your artistic abilities, Gemini. Ideally, you will find a way to integrate your creative talents into your daily business life. There's always room for creativity.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You've been working especially hard lately, Cancer, and today you may begin to reap the benefits of all your hard work. Some project that's dear to your heart may be nearing completion, and even you are impressed by the results! All those naysayers who said it would never work are now looking at you with admiration and respect. Give yourself a pat on the back for your accomplishment.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



There's no other way to say this, Leo - you're in the mood for love. Tonight you may feel a strong urge to be with your partner. If there isn't one in your life, you should take steps to correct that. You may meet someone who sweeps you off your feet. You want to be head-in-the-clouds in love, which is the only way to be!

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You have a generous spirit, Virgo, which could get you into trouble if you aren't careful. When you get a gift of money or even a hint of one, your tendency is to buy presents for all your friends. It's hard to fault you for this, but there are other ways to show your affection. You could bake cookies to distribute, for example. This will keep your money safe and earning interest.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



You hardly even believe in love, much less love at first sight, Libra, but something that occurs today may turn you into a believer. You never know when it will happen. You could be in line at the grocery store when someone catches your eye (and heart). Perhaps someone with whom you've only had a phone relationship suddenly shows up at your office. Adventure lies ahead.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



It's likely a hidden talent of yours is revealed today, Scorpio. All those scraps of writing could turn into something more concrete, such as a novel. Maybe you begin to dabble with your children's paint set and realize how much you enjoy the creative process. Be open to all possibilities. You may find your life takes a different, more authentic direction.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



You will feel especially close to family and friends today, Sagittarius. There's a lot of positive energy in the air, and people feel optimistic and congenial. It's a pleasure to be with your loved ones, and interactions with strangers have a lovely flavor as well. Take advantage of the warm astral energy and plan a get-together with your favorite people. You will enjoy growing closer.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You're likely feeling confident, optimistic, and enthusiastic today, Capricorn. You feel as though anything is possible, and indeed it is. If you feel a bit of wanderlust and are anxious to explore new places and meet new people, you may soon receive the chance. Life is one great big adventure. You're fortunate to have the sort of spirit that embraces it fully.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

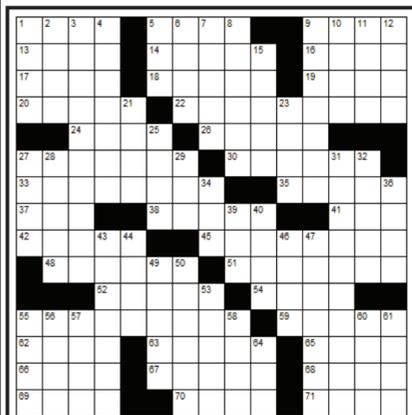


You have a wonderful combination of optimism and spirituality, Aquarius. You believe in miracles as well as angels, Santa Claus, and the Tooth Fairy. We support your attitude wholeheartedly! Today something may happen that only further solidifies your beliefs. Perhaps your guardian angel saves you from stepping in front of a bus, or you receive a telepathic message that stops you from making a bad career mistake.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Don't be afraid to ask for help today, Pisces. It may be that your friends and family help you with a task or you discover a mechanized solution that does the job for you. Technology can be a wonderful thing. Don't let any aversion to it stop you from incorporating it into your daily life. You will find that once you embrace innovation, it improves your quality of life dramatically.



Across

- Behold, in old Rome, 5. Clout, 9. It was (contraction), 13. Emollient, 14. Parts portrayed
- Relative status, 17. An indistinct shapeless form, 18. Concerning, 19. Dwarf buffalo
- Impolite dinner sound, 22. Growing old, 24. One who accomplishes, 26. Fangs
- Piece of furniture, 30. Sneaks, 33. Infidelity, 35. Ski jacket, 37. Coniferous tree, 38. Slowly losing life, 41. Petroleum, 42. A red fluorescent dye, 45. A star with 5 points, 48. Threaded
- Braided cords, 52. Contorted knot in wood, 54. Faucets, 55. Intersection, 59. Adjust again, 62. Protagonist, 63. Sweetener, 65. Trailer trucks, 66. As just mentioned, 67. Colonic
- Saturate, 69. Sit for a photo, 70. Sketched, 71. Concludes,

Down

- Wanes, 2. Phone, 3. Downpour, 4. Involve, 5. Brassiere, 6. Charged particles, 7. Swift, 8. African foxlike animal, 9. Windpipe, 10. Diminish, 11. Again, 12. Three-handed card game, 15. Drive
- Confined, 23. Stair, 25. Marsh plant, 27. Eatery, 28. "Bye", 29. Attempt, 31. Parade
- Expertise, 34. Sharp high-pitched cry, 36. Beers, 39. Mesh, 40. Small flying insect, 43. Annoying
- Religious sisters, 46. Russian emperor, 47. Bad-mouth, 49. Medical professional, 50. Dry land, 53. Type of beer, 55. Flake, 56. Start over, 57. Mining finds, 58. Madam
- Quaint outburst, 61. Sounds of disapproval, 64. Uncooked,

Yesterday's Solution

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