

15 Rebels Killed in Laghman Offensive: Official



Sacked Policeman Govt. Has Forced me into Begging

SHARAN - A policeman in southeastern Paktika province, who was recently fired, blames the government for forcing him to beg. He has lost two brothers defending the country.

Sirajuddin, a resident of the Sigani area of Kherkot district, told Pajhwok Afghan News, he said: "My brothers and I joined police ranks a few years ago, when no one was interested in such jobs."

The 35-year-old said he and his brothers had participated in dozens of battles against militants. The operations were aimed to improve the security situation in the province.

"I lost two of my brothers in this fight. I myself was twice injured in such engagements. Now I have to feed the orphans and widows of my brothers, though my financial situation is very poor," he complained.

Sirajuddin said he was the only breadwinner and caretaker of his 18-member family. His house was torched by Taliban on the charge of serving in police ranks.

"The government, instead of assisting me and help my orphaned nephews and nieces, has fired me for age-related reasons. ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

4 Civilians Killed in Laghman, Nangarhar Incidents

MEHTARLAM/JALALABAD - Four civilians have been killed and three others injured during separate incidents of violence in eastern Laghman and Nangarhar provinces, officials said on Monday.

In Laghman, two women were killed and three children were wounded on Monday when a mortar shell hit their house in Salingar area of Alingar district, an official at the Governor's House told Pajhwok Afghan News.

The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, blamed the Taliban for firing the mortar. The injured had been evacuated to hospital and their condition was said to be stable.

Two days back, five children were killed in a similar attack in Mehtarlam, the capital of Laghman. The government had blamed the Taliban for that incident.

In Nangarhar, two civilians were killed in a blast inside a room in the first police district of Jalalabad, the provincial capital.

Governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, said two men were killed in the blast that occurred in a room belonged to one, Habibullah

Separately, one person shot injured during a clash with another person in Jalalabad. *(Pajhwok)*

MEHTARLAM - Fifteen militants have been killed and as many wounded during a clearing operation codenamed "Pamir-5" in eastern Laghman province, an official said on Tuesday.

Sarhadi Zwak, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the offensive involving the Afghan army and other security forces was launched on Monday.

He said 15 rebels had so far been killed and another 15 injured in the operation that resulted in driving the rebels from Basram, Ktal, Maidanayo, Hakimabad, Qasaba, Salem Gar and several other areas.

Zwak said key figures were among the dead insurgents and that the operation was ongoing and would continue until all the areas were completely cleared of militants. Zabihullah Mujahid, Taliban's spokesman, said 13 security officials were killed and one Taliban fighter was wounded during the offensive.



Faulty Machines Force Silo to Cease Operations

KABUL - The Central Silo Enterprise in Kabul, having around 2,000 employees and producing more than a hundred tonnes of bread, has lately ceased operations, an official said Tuesday.

Lack of governmental support and damaged machinery has forced the Enterprise, established in 1955 with the financial support from the former Soviet Union, to halt operations. Most of its machines ...*(More on P4)...(21)*



2 ALP Personnel Shot Dead in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel who had link with the Taliban gunned down his two colleagues in the Khogyani district of eastern Nangarhar province, officials said on Tuesday.

Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News militants stormed security check post in Wazero Jahadi Lasay area of Khogyani district late on Monday night. He said militants captured machine gun from slain ALP personnel check-post but their plan to overrun the check-post was foiled.

Meanwhile, the Provincial Council member, Ajmal Omari, claimed that the slain policemen were killed by their colleague. He said the accused officer was patrolling around the check post while the others

were slept thus he saw the opportunity and opened fire at them. He added the Taliban arrived at the check post when the other policemen were dead and the killer was in injured condition whom the Taliban took with them. A local resident, who declined to be named, confirmed the incident explained by the PC member. Taliban have not yet spoken about the incident. *(Pajhwok)*

12 Rebels Killed, 15 Injured in Logar Clashes

PUL-I-ALAM - Twelve militants have been killed and 15 others wounded during clashes with security forces in central Logar province, officials said on Tuesday.

Four security personnel were wounded in the clashes that erupted in Babos, Sarsang, Aloyazo, Zardad villages and Braki Barak district late on Monday night, said Salim Saleh, the governor's spokesman.

He told Pajhwok Afghan News, 12 Taliban attackers were killed and 15 others were wounded

during the clashes that left four security men injured. A clearing operation was underway to purge the villages of militants, the gubernatorial spokesman said.

Daud, an inhabitant of the district, said the clashes broke out late last night and lasted several hours, leaving six Taliban gunmen and a schoolteacher dead. Shapur Arab, Ghazni education department spokesman, confirmed Mohammad Imran, a teacher at Babos High School, was ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

Policeman among 5 Killed in Badghis Clash

QALA-I-NAW - One Afghan Local Police (ALP) member and four Taliban have been killed during a clash in north-western Badghis province, an official said on Tuesday.

Col. Mohammad Hanzala, police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the battle erupted in the Langer area of Qais district late on Monday night

when militants stormed a security check-post.

Maulvi Abdul Rahman, an inhabitant of the locality, said the Taliban suffered casualties but he did not have exact figures. He said only one police officer was killed.

Taliban have not yet commented on the clash. *(Pajhwok)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You might have sufficient reasons to reject someone's offer now that your mind is on the more practical side of reality. Nevertheless, your insistence on boiling down an entire program to a simple bottom line may cause you to miss the potential in an exciting opportunity. Continue weighing the pros and cons until you know what makes the most sense.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Maintaining an objective approach to your job enables you to make the best decisions today. Nevertheless, it's still tempting to get lost in an illusion and then act as if there is no difference between reality and fantasy. There is little doubt that your attitude influences the level of your success, but you can't treat all thoughts equally.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Yesterday's answers become today's questions. However, your renewed sense of wonder and growing uncertainty is not about self-doubt. You're fascinated with the mysteries of the cosmos and a new wave of curiosity gets the best of you now. Fortunately, there are gems of wisdom waiting to be discovered in the twilight of your consciousness.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You may gain inspiration from a close friend or relative today, yet your vision comes with a cost. Seeing new possibilities for your future can be an eye-opening experience, but it also increases your ambiguity. Your excitement mounts when you start thinking about the unrealized potential in your life.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You think you have a solid handle on the current dynamics at work and that you can see how to best achieve success for you and your team. But believing that your plan is the only way to reach your goal doesn't necessarily reflect the reality of the situation. Your rose-colored glasses alter your perceptions now, prompting you to miss some of the potential traps that are

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You wish you could break out of your rut and do things differently today. Nevertheless, it's wise to have a logical reason for your unorthodox behavior, since rebellion is not the same as innovation. Playing the role of a contrarian won't make you any more successful now, but it might alienate you from your closest allies. Peace activist Mairead Maguire wrote, "We need radical thinking, creative ideas, and imagination."

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Your attraction to people may be more based on your own expectations today than with reality. You're eager to connect with someone who shares your vision of the future, but you might be too quick in assuming you know what's in another person's heart. Nevertheless, exchanging dreams begins the process of getting acquainted on a deeper level.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Guardian angels are watching your back now, even if you're not convinced of their existence. You can call it luck if that fits in better with your beliefs -- but however you label the divine intervention, it's only the first step. Transforming an obstacle into a blessing requires your passionate involvement today, because it's not something that will just automatically happen.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



It's tempting to put all your eggs in one basket, especially if that basket is just beyond your grasp. This might sound like a self-defeating plan, but it can actually work in your favor today. Instead of trying to finish anything you start, just set the intention for what you hope to accomplish. Surreal Neptune is blurring your goals, making them impossible to reach now. But you have much to gain by shifting into a meta-

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You can soar as high as any eagle once your work is done. But your wings can't gain altitude as long as you still have responsibilities anchoring you in the real world. Nevertheless, you may be in a position where you could focus on your long-term career goals today, rather than handling crises from one moment to the next.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

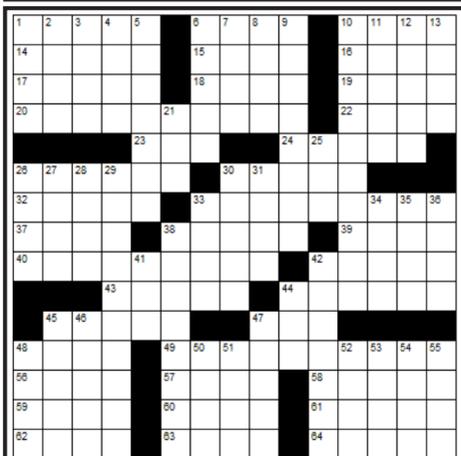


You're being asked to leave behind the emotional safety of your everyday life and walk into an uncharted realm where everything is new and different. Your imagination has no boundaries. Anything can happen once you give yourself permission to explore your fantasies. But this metaphysical adventure isn't just about fun and games; your mission is dead serious today.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Hopefully, your mundane matters are in order and you're ready for a journey to a parallel universe. Fortunately, you don't even need to let anyone know you're leaving today, since you can magically be in two places at once. Maintain the illusion of consistency in the real world when you blast off into the realms of unseen dimensions.



Across

1. Small slits, 6. Disparage, 10. Pickle flavoring 14. A financial examination, 15. Schnozzola, 16. Lazily, 17. Leaf opening, 18. Matured, 19. Char, 20. Up to now, 22. Arrived, 23. French for "Water", 24. African virus, 26. Reflexive form of "It", 30. A type of small mammal, 32. Foliate, 33. Necessities, 37. Notch, 38. Hair net, 39. At one time (archaic), 40. Denigrating, 42. Stadium, 43. Give a speech, 44. Beginning, 45. A type of plastic, 47. Pelt, 48. Kiln-dried grain, 49. Authorized, 56. Type of sword, 57. Egg-shaped, 58. Reef material, 59. See the sights, 60. Testament, 61. Dens, 62. Ground forces, 63. Kill, 64. French for "Storehouse"

Down

1. Cumberbund, 2. Pear-shaped instrument, 3. Smell, 4. An indefinite period, 5. Courtly 6. Foul-up, 7. Corporate image, 8. End ___, 9. Ransomed, 10. Bewilder, 11. Something to shoot for, 12. Andean animal, 13. Stringed instrument, 21. Buffoon, 25. Prohibit, 26. Varieties, 27. Swarm, 28. Indian dress, 29. Audacious behavior, 30. Pilotless plane, 31. All excited, 33. Module, 34. Angers, 35. Feudal worker, 36. Immediately, 38. Shoals, 41. Weep, 42. Pinna, 44. Not in, 45. Steam, 46. A part of the small intestine 47. A young female horse, 48. Of higher order, 50. Wicked, 51. Big party, 52. Protective ditch, 53. Operatic solo, 54. Canvas, 55. If not

Yesterday's Solution

SWAB	DELFT	ERST
KALE	EXILE	BUCE
URSA	LEDERHOSEN	
AMOROUS	EMINENT	
	WAX	LYRIES
FLUORESCENT		
EURIS	WANUS	DUE
ARID	NABOB	FEND
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	IMPRIGATION	
SALAD	HUT	
LIONESS	PIOT	NES
ADVERTISER	NERO	
KEEL	ADIEU	GAGA
ESSIE	BESTS	SLOP

agree, alarm, allegation, bounce, broadcast, browse, check, cheer, close, creek, crisis, debate, dare, demand, dismiss, ensign, grand, intact, lair, local, march, must, scale, serious, settle, sews, shale, signal, softly, stag, stand, story, street

