

# Osama Worried About Differences within Movement

KABUL - In a letter to Hakimullah Mehsud, Osama bin Laden advised the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) leader not to take measures that would further divide an already unwieldy jihadist movement, media reports. The letter the Al Qaeda founder wrote to Mehsud on Dec 4, 2010 is included in 103 documents the US Office of the Director of National Intelligence released on Wednesday.



In one of the documents, Bin Laden claims that the jihadi "work in Pakistan is almost self-sufficient". "There are many operating groups and local Taliban groups who have joined, and there is Tehreek-i-Taliban or those who did not join (us). Those who did not join are no less than those who have joined (us)," he writes. But the letter he wrote to Mehsud shows that both he and the TTP leader often worried...*(More on P4)...(19)*

## 2 Insurgents Shot Dead

LASHKARGAH - Two insurgents were killed and four others, including an Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier, wounded in a face-off in the Sangin district of southern Helmand province, the 215th Maiwand Military Corps said in a statement on Friday. The statement said a large number of rebels were gathered at a house in the Shin Ghazyan area when they came under attack by ANA soldiers who were carrying out clearing operation in the locality. It said that the restive district was almost purged of militants but a landmine blast left one ANA soldier injured. *(Pajhwok)*

## Prices of Fuel, Gold up in Kabul

KABUL - Following decline in value of Afghani currency against dollar, the prices of necessary food items and gold has edged up during the outgoing week in capital Kabul. Moneychanger Ahmad Shah said buying rate of one US dollar was 60,50afs, while 1,000 Pakistani rupees accounted for 581 afs. Last week's exchange value of one dollar stood at 59.35 afs and 1,000 Pakistani rupees at 575afs. Referring to decline in Afghani currency, he said assistance from international community, political crisis and recent surge in insecurity, which dealt a blow to local currency. He said earlier the central bank used to inject \$80 million in the market, but the amount has now declined by 50 percent. Fazal Rahman, head of Food Traders' Union, said decline in the value of Afghani against foreign currency caused surge in the prices of necessary food items. According to his information, 50-kilogram bag of Pakistani flour accounted for 1,300 afs, 24 kilograms of rice for 1,650afs, 50 kilograms of sugar for 1,700afs, 16 litres of ghee for 1,100 afs and a kilogram of African black tea for 215afs in the outgoing week. But a retailer in the Dahan-i-Bagh area of Kabul, Khan Ali, sold a 50-kg bag of flour for 1,450afs, a 50-kg sack of sugar for 1,800afs, a 24-kg bag of rice for 1,900afs and a 16 liter tin of Momin ghee for 1,050afs... *(More on P4)...(25)*

## Military Analysts Welcome Decision over Defense Minister

KABUL - Afghan military analysts have welcomed President Ashraf Ghani's announcement of the nominee for defense minister post and believe that in the current climate the Defense Ministry needs a leader and a chief of army staff more than ever. They say government should plan a crack down on insurgents as soon as possible. Harsh criticism was however lodged against the Na-



tional Unity Government leaders over the past few weeks on the issue of non-appointments in both posts. However, first vice deputy to Abdullah Abdullah Mohammad Khan said in an exclusive interview with TOLOnews shortly before Ghani's announcement that the NUG leaders had disagreed over nominees for defense minister and army chief of staff... *(More on P4)...(20)*

## NDS Arrests Taliban Judge in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) - Afghanistan's intelligence agency - has arrested a judge of Taliban militant group in eastern Nangarhar province. NDS issuing a statement this morning stated that Roza Din S/O Habib Gul is an original resident of Baghlan province but he was acting as the judge of Taliban insurgents in Nangarhar who is now in the custody of the security agency. NDS has arrested



another terrorist who is from the law enforcement, locally known as "Amr Bilmarouf and Nahi Anil Munkir", branch of Taliban. The arrested terrorist is identified as Sayed Rahman S/O Surgul alias... *(More on P4)...(23)*

## Taliban Conditionally Allow Bakwah Schools' Reopening

FARAH CITY - The Taliban have allowed schools in the Bakwah district of western Farah province to resume operating under the condition that as many religious seminaries should be established, tribal elders said on Thursday. Abdullah Bakwah, a tribal elder in Shan village, told Pa-

jhwok Afghan News that two primary schools had been established in the town 37 years ago but they ceased functioning during the 1992 civil war. Local officials said a school was made functional in the district about eight years ago, but it was closed after a landmine blast.

Bakwah said the provincial education department had recently launched 18 classes in mosques in various areas being taught Islamiat and Pashtu subjects by a teacher. He said Bakwah was a large district with a population of more than 4000 people mostly... *(More on P4)...(21)*

## 3 Militants Killed after Attacking Police Officer's Residence in Laghman

MEHTARLAM - 3 insurgents have been killed in a clash erupted after they attacked the residence of a security officer in eastern Laghman province. The police officer together with his family responded to the attack in Omarzi area around 11:00 PM last night leaving 3 militants killed. The dead bodies of all three insurgents have been taken to the hospital, the provincial capital. The officer's son and his son's wife also sustained injuries during the clash but they are announced out of danger. Although, no militant organization have yet claimed responsibility for the attack but Taliban militants have increased attacks on security forces. *(KP)*

## Gunmen Kidnap Principal in Maidan Wardak



KABUL - Two masked men abducted principal of technical and vocational institute in central Maidan Wardak province, the head of the institute said on Friday. Asadullah Noori said that Principal Hikmatullah was bundled into a car from the institute by two masked men on Wednesday. However, local elders have started efforts to ensure safe release of the kidnapped official. The kidnapping took place in an

area where the institute is situated on one and a half kilometer distance from the governor's office. The security check post is located at 100-meter distance from the institute. Sharifullah Hotak, a member of provincial council, said that "unfortunately, it is the first abduction case that took place in the provincial capital." Hikmatullah is the resident of Ibrahimkhel, a village close to the provincial capital. He had no personal grudge with anyone, Hotak added. "I'm not sure who is behind his kidnapping but Hizb-e-Islami and Taliban groups are active in the area," he said, adding that local elders were playing mediator role to ensure his release... *(More on P4)...(24)*

## Gang of Kidnappers Arrested

HERAT - A gang of four kidnappers who had recently kidnapped a child has been busted in western Herat province. Abdul Rawoof Ahmadi, spokesman for the police headquarters of Herat province says that the group was arrested from different parts of Herat city on Wednesday. Ahmadi said the gang had recently kidnapped the son of Ezatullah Bashiri, a businessman, from his school gate about 20 days before. He said that the child was later released but security agencies were still looking to arrest the gang and ultimately police were able to arrest them yesterday. Ahmadi said that the group has confessed to its crime. Although, the spokesman of the provincial police headquarters did not specify how the child was set free but sources say that kidnappers released the child after receiving ransom. Kidnapping for ransom cases have been happening more often in Herat. In few cases kidnappers have killed hostages even after receiving ransom. *(KP)*

## 19 Rebels Dead in Paktika, Kandahar Clashes

SHARAN/ KANDAHAR CITY - At least 19 militants have been killed and eight others wounded in clashes with security forces in southeastern Paktika and southern Kandahar provinces, officials said on Thursday. Commander Nisar Ahmad Abdul Rahimzai, director of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) in Paktika, told Pajhwok Afghan News the



clash took place on Wednesday night when dozens of insurgents mounted attack on police check-post in the Spin Keli village of Omna district. He said five Afghan Local Police (ALP) men suffered injuries in the last night fighting. Taliban have yet to comment on the clash. Elsewhere, one police and four militants have been killed in... *(More on P4)...(22)*

### Outlook Horoscope

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

You may not catch up with your chores as quickly as you wish today, for you are preoccupied with pleasure rather than production. You might have the right idea about getting the distractions out of your system. If you have a lot to do now, you won't be able to procrastinate forever. Nevertheless, returning to your unfulfilled obligations with a happy heart enables you to accomplish more.

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

Domestic tasks are on the front burner today, including paying bills, emailing friends and even cleaning your home. However, you might not make measurable progress by the end of the day because you're probably slow to get started, making it harder to get ahead. Nevertheless, your determination builds to a mid-afternoon crescendo, motivating you to finish strong.

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

You might be stubbornly clinging to negative feelings about an unfinished conversation, but it's wiser to move on. You have other fish to fry now, and there's no time to replay an interaction that didn't go as you wanted. However, you could end up frustrating yourself today if you think you can somehow make everything right. Planning for new successes throughout the coming week is much more useful than worrying about the past.

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

It's dangerous to jump to conclusions without getting your facts in order because once you make up your mind today you're pretty certain that you are correct. Unfortunately, you could become a victim of believing your own hype now. The good news is your breadth of vision can fuel the most amazing discussions on a variety of interesting topics.

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

Responding to the fallout from your anger could be a sore spot that resurfaces every now and then. However, you might believe that you already dealt with the original source of the problem. Luckily, you can count on your friends and relatives for support, which may be sufficient to guide you through these rough waters.

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

Relaxing isn't as simple as it sounds these days because your unfulfilled commitments have piled up since Mercury turned retrograde a week ago. You probably wish you had several additional days packed into your weekend. Aside from wanting to accomplish more, you also need more time to think. Nevertheless, your time for contemplation is coming to an end. Instead of waiting for that magic moment, jump into the flow of activity.

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

Making a long-term plan can be tough now because several things you want to do interfere with existing obligations. You have one-too-many exciting choices in front of you, complicating matters even more. But don't let anyone tell you that you must decide your future today, since it's advisable to keep your options open for a while longer.

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

Your anger may simmer beneath the surface all day, especially if anyone tries to talk you out of your feelings. Uncharacteristically, you're willing -- even eager -- to change your mind today, but only on your own terms. If others don't take the time to ask you what you want, then you won't likely be ready to compromise.

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

Establishing your top priorities is not a piece of cake today, especially if you're unprepared to make an important decision yet. It's not that you should forget about your objectives; it's just you have a lot to gain now by following an intelligent friend or partner for a while instead of heading off on your own. Don't worry about a missed opportunity because a new situation for advancement at your current job is likely.

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

Don't be afraid to ask for advice as you navigate through uncharted territory. It's nearly impossible to make sense of everything because there could be so many possibilities, leaving you overwhelmed and exhausted from trying to figure it all out. Your stress multiplies if you believe that your current choice is finalized now. You can still change your mind later without as much difficulty as you think.

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

Instead of booking your schedule so tightly that your entire day is locked down, try moving the energy by giving yourself more flexibility today. The easiest way to shake things up is to leave blocks of time completely unstructured to do as you please. It may also help to re-examine your motives for keeping so busy every moment of the day.

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

Revealing your feelings helps dissipate any lingering negativity; however, you could easily go overboard in the other direction now by pretending everything is just fine. Instead of trying to anticipate people's reactions, concentrate on the accuracy of your message. Avoid the temptation to share your personal information as a way to get your friends and workmates to take notice.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-68.

Across: 1. Accumulate, 6. Historical periods, 10. Overtake, 14. Midday meal, 15. Hard work, 16. Chills and fever, 17. Possible, 19. Shower, 20. Record player, 21. What we sleep on, 22. Cans, 23. Clothesline alternative, 25. Slight color, 26. Audition tape, 30. Arousing, 32. Supercilium, 35. Instinctive, 39. Not greater, 40. Spite, 41. Gist, 43. Roman household gods, 44. Position, 46. A musical pause, 47. Awry, 50. Cut wood, 53. Sandwich shop, 54. Completely, 55. Large indefinite amount, 60. Hodgepodge, 61. The same backward as forward, 63. A soft sheepskin leather, 64. Always, 65. Wish granter, 66. Terminates, 67. Arid, 68. Decorative jugs

Down: 1. "Oh my!", 2. Mongrel, 3. Initial wager, 4. Stigma, 5. Startled, 6. Estimated time of arrival, 7. Thief, 8. Control surface on a plane, 9. Toboggan, 10. Exacting, 11. Another time, 12. Seeking damages, 13. Feel, 18. Neither \_\_\_, 24. A type of evergreen tree, 25. Moon of Saturn, 26. Expunge, 27. Visual organs, 28. Untidiness, 29. Fixations, 31. Docile, 33. Leases, 34. Killer whale, 36. Liturgy, 37. Cards with 1 symbol, 38. "\_\_\_ we forget", 42. Subjugate, 43. Church bench, 45. Some who phones, 47. Love intensely, 48. Cantaloupe for example, 49. Homeric epic, 51. Many millennia, 52. Avoid, 54. Mimics, 56. Sketched, 57. Solitary, 58. Arab chieftain, 59. Views, 62. Fury.

Yesterday's Solution: application, beard, bleach, bracket, cart, chic, clinic, coupon, dunce, excite, familiar, fiber, groom, grout, hart, haunt, health, honey, justify, lamp, liable, lobby, lunch, nuns, organ, penny, reduce, renovate, seen, shelf, spay, steel, stone, surrender, table, totally, usage.

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