

8 Militants Killed During an Attack on Taliban Prison in Helmand

KABUL - The Ministry of Defense (MoD) said at least 8 militants were killed during an attack on the Taliban prison in southern Helmand province of Afghanistan. According to a statement by Ministry of Defense (MoD), the raid was conducted in the restive Marjah district. The statement further added that 7 militants were also arrested an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) manufacturing factory was destroyed along with a vehicle and two motorcycles belonging to the militants. MoD said at least 19 hostages were also released from the prison belonging to the Taliban militants during the raid.



This comes as the commander of the 1st Brigade of 215th Maiwand Corps of the Afghan National Army General Noor Alam said Sunday that 23 hostages were released during an operation conducted in Sistani area late on Saturday night. He said the hostages were all ordinary civilians who were kept by the Taliban militants in the prison. According to Gen. Alam, at least 20 militants were killed and over 30 others were wounded during the operations in Helmand province. The Taliban militants have not commented regarding the report so far. (KP)

Bodies of Three People Killed Plane Crash Handed over to their Families

BAKU - The bodies of the three Azerbaijani crew members, who were killed after an An-12 cargo plane owned by Azerbaijan's Silk Way crashed in Afghanistan, have been handed over to their families, Adalat Hasanov, director of the Azerbaijani Health Ministry's Forensic Medical Examination and Pathological Anatomy Unit, told APA on May 23. He noted that the families of the victims have recognized their dead bodies. The bodies of the other four (an Uzbek, a Ukrainian, and two Azerbaijanis) are together, Hasanov said, mentioning that the families of the Ukrainian citizens have not looked at their bodies but those of the others have. Nevertheless, it has not been possible to identify the bodies up to now. "Blood samples were taken from the victims' family members and genetic examination has been ongoing since. The bodies were all unidentifiable. The families have recognized the three of the bodies only for certain signs on them," he added. The aircraft of Azerbaijan's Silk Way crashed while taking off at Afghanistan's Dwyer airport May 18, at 14:30 (UTC/GMT +4 hours). The AN-12 was leased from Azerbaijan's Silk Way for cargo transportations in Afghanistan. The aircraft landed in the Dwyer airport after leaving Afghanistan's Bagram airfield and was flying to Mary, Turkmenistan, for refueling. There was no cargo on board. (APA)

Airing Female Songs Reportedly Banned in Kandahar

KANDAHAR - Officials from a number of media outlets in Kandahar said airing female singers' songs has been banned in the province after they received a verbal order from provincial office of information and culture. They said this move will dampen women's spirits in various sectors in the province. "Local officials



in Kandahar have verbally ordered radio channels in the province to stop airing female singers' songs," said Agha Sher Minar, head of Wranga Radio in Kandahar. ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Ehsanullah Bayat Presented 2016 Alumni Achievement Award

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. - The Bayat Group, Afghanistan's largest private Communications, Media and Energy Company, on Monday announced that the Company's Founder and Chairman, Dr. Ehsanullah Bayat, received the 2016 Alumni Achievement Award from The New Jersey Institute of



Technology (www.njit.edu), one of America's most prestigious Poly-technic Universities, which is also ranked ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Killing Taliban Leaders Could Not Necessarily Bring Peace in Afghanistan: Analyst

ISLAMABAD - Senior Pakistani analyst strongly believes that killing of Taliban leaders could not necessarily bring peace in Afghanistan. In an interview with IRNA, Rahimullah Yusufzai said by killing Taliban chief Mulla Akhtar Mansour in a drone strike in Balochistan, the US has killed the chances of any peace process in Afghanistan. He said that Taliban are denying reports of death of their leader so far and they have also issued an audio message in this regards but it is not convincing. "I think Taliban are just in the process of consultation to elect a new leader before accepting the death of their leader," he said. He said Americans look quite confident in their claims about the death of Mulla Akhtar Mansour. The analyst said that one of the deputies of Taliban, Sheikh Haibatullah Akhonzada or Sirajuddin Haqqani could succeed Mullah Akhtar Mansour as new Taliban chief. Opposing the statement of US President Barack Obama that Taliban leader's death is an important step in efforts to bring peace in Afghanistan, he said that US action has derailed peace process in Afghanistan. "US by killing Taliban leader has killed the peace process in Afghanistan," he said. He went on to say that after the killing, Taliban would not join the peace process and on the other hand Pakistan is also not happy with the strike on its soil. "It looks that US has changed its policy in Afghanistan and is ready to take action against Taliban instead of going to the negotiating table," he said. He said that US believes that Quadrilateral Coordination Group (QCG) has failed to bring positive results thus action against ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

The National Procurement Authority (NPA) acting on behalf of the **Afghan National Standard Authority (ANSA)** Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, (herein after referred as purchaser) now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **procurement of laboratory equipments for ANSA**

Against IFB No. **NPA/ANSA/95/ICB/G-1200** Bidding will be conducted through the **International Competitive Bidding (ICB)** procedures specified in the Afghanistan procurement law.

A complete set of **Bidding Document in English may be obtained** by interested bidders by downloading from the NPA website www.npa.gov.af. In case of problem in downloading from website, the interested bidders may contact to National Procurement Authority, 5th Floor, Administrative Office of President, Pashtunistan Watt Kabul, Afghanistan.

Bids must be delivered to the address above at or before **10:00hr (Local time), on 29th June 2016** Electronic bidding will not be permitted, late bids will be rejected, and Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline of bid submission at the same place of bid submission, in the presence of the bidders representatives who choose to attend in person.

All bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Security** of the amount as follows:
Lot 1: 6,000 USD, Lot 2: 9,000 USD & Lot 3: 3,000 USD valid for 148 days after the bid submission deadline.

Contact NO: +93 (0)20 2147453
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24 Development Projects Completed in Panjsher Province



PANJSHER - National Solidarity Programme of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD/NSP) on Monday completed 24 development project in Panjsher province worth AFN 26,500,000. The projects completed in Shatal, Pariaan and Onba districts of Panjsher province. According to NSP Provincial Manager in Panjsher province, these projects include the construction of an irrigation canal 269 meters in length, community centers, protection walls 275 meters in length, micro hydropower stations, extension of irrigation canals and graveling 650 meters of rural roads. Approximately, 461 families in different communities had an opportunity to gain access to basic human needs upon completion of these projects. ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



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Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Your vision is panoramic today, but you run into trouble when trying to create a step-by-step map for executing your plan. Your work associates are eager to place their trust in you because you seem as if your feet are planted solidly in the ground. Unfortunately, you might not be as confident now as you appear; nevertheless.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Although you are set on following the guidance of your moral compass now, you're still itching to speak bluntly about something that bothers you. Luckily, you can ward off negativity by concentrating on spiritual beliefs, rather than falling victim to your own passions. But the power of positive thinking alone isn't enough to permanently put things back in order.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You are committed to resolving a conflict now, but the specifics of the situation are not as important as you may think. However, an information overload could send you into a mental tailspin because you want to focus on the larger picture, instead. In fact, these dynamics are familiar because you often feel challenged to let go of the details. Thankfully, taking the time to relax or meditate allows you to put your worries into a healthier perspective.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



You wake up with unrealistic hopes about accomplishing your goals today; unfortunately, you may be overly optimistic in your expectations. Your current obsession with completing your chores is complicated by a louder-than-usual creative buzz that you don't want to lose. Naturally, you prefer the notion of an artsy-crafty kind of day, but you might just have to fulfill your responsibilities now before you follow your muse.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



It's essential to adhere to the highest level of integrity today or you won't be able to persuade others to go along with your plans. It's as if every person has a slightly different idea about the best way for you to reach your goals. However, no one seems to listen to your thoughts now. Although their disinterest can be a cause for your concern.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Your willingness to adapt to the changing circumstances is an asset today, yet your flexibility is not a weakness. In fact, you may become quite stubborn in the defense of your performance if someone at work pushes you too hard. Don't let your pride tempt you to tell others what to do. Instead, inspire everyone to find his or her own unique path. Live by a variation of the Golden Rule and give people the same freedom of choice that you expect in return.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Overcoming a fear that can be traced back to your childhood is hard work; but reality is now offering you a special opportunity to learn how to deepen your trust in those mysteries that are beyond your five senses. The diaphanous veil that hangs between the metaphysical worlds of thought and the physical world of things has grown thinner. You may even see visions when your eyes are closed.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

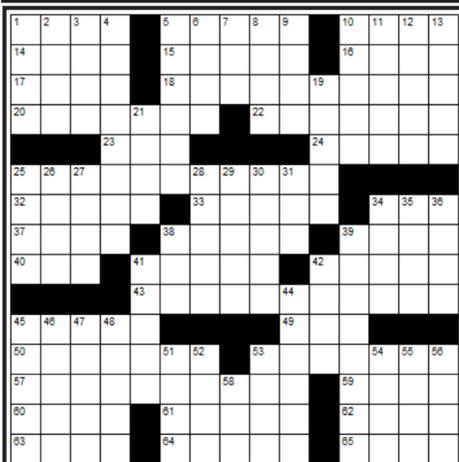


Strange ideas may pop into your awareness today, but they arrive in symbolic form rather than in words. Unfortunately, you might be required to step outside of your comfort zone to decipher the messages. Pay attention to your friends and associates for clues to help you crack the code, even if they seem to have nothing relevant to say. You must listen with every cell of your body to hear what's going on beneath the surface.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You're cruising along on automatic pilot today as you express a simple desire to take care of others. But your revelation is not limited to a verbal disclosure on your part; it's more about how you live your life as a human. You aren't motivated by discussing your altruistic intentions now. Stop analyzing every doubt that floats through your brain. Initiate action before you talk yourself out of a perfectly fine strategy.



Across

- Accomplishes, 5. Twofold, 10. Knife, 14. Hurry, 15. Genus of heath, 16. Heap, 17. Skin disease, 18. Pronounced, 20. In that, 22. Final, 23. Cyst, 24. Approves, 25. Administrations, 32. Makes changes to, 33. Absurd, 34. Beer, 37. Focusing glass, 38. Blow up, 39. Smile, 40. South southeast, 41. Cubic meter, 42. Cornered, 43. Walkers, 45. Sudden burst, 49. Not her, 50. Medical examiner, 53. Diversify, 57. Squadron, 59. Superhero accessory, 60. Require, 61. Infections of the eye, 62. Twin sister of Ares, 63. Countercurrent, 64. Fangs, 65. Religious offshoot.

Down

- "Damn!", 2. Owl!, 3. Feudal worker, 4. Frozen desserts, 5. Harmless, 6. Weightlifters pump this, 7. Louse-to-be, 8. Corrosive, 9. Shoestring, 10. Paddle, 11. Leg bone, 12. Lane-way, 13. Ales, 19. Jagged, 21. Hearing organs, 25. Mousses, 26. Poems, 27. A climbing plant, 28. Boggled down, 29. Habituate, 30. Scruffs, 31. Explosive, 34. Region, 35. Mortgage, 36. Terminates, 38. French for "Summer", 39. Makes a face, 41. Go on a buying spree, 42. Threesome, 44. Flail, 45. Display, 46. Modelled, 47. Cambered, 48. Sycophant, 51. At one time (archaic), 52. Liturgy, 53. Decay from overripening, 54. Have the nerve, 55. Sweeping story, 56. Where a bird lives, 58. Alkaline liquid.

Yesterday's Solution

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ADROIT KARAOKE
OGLES PENT
DESPAIRIED EGRET
YELP AIRRAS MOVIE
ALOE DOGMA APEX
DYER REED NEST

alive, answer, been, better, blame, bonus, close, creep, every, foremost, ignore, issues, lard, late, meeting, model, music, never, optical, percent, picnic, piece, present, raise, rapt, raven, roam, satisfaction, sees, shame, shield, style, taste, testimony, tweet.

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