

# Death Toll Rises to 9 in Green Zone Bombing



KABUL - An explosion ripped through Kabul's heavily-fortified diplomatic area of Wazir Akbar Khan in Kabul on Tuesday afternoon killing at least nine people. A suicide bomber reportedly detonated his explosives in 14th Street in Wazir Akbar Khan - inside the Green

Zone. Hospital officials told TOLONews that at least nine people were killed and 21 wounded. TOLONews journalists at the scene reported that they saw many casualties.

Security forces immediately cordoned off the area and ambulances were seen rushing casualties to nearby hospitals. According to the Ministry of Defense, which has an office in 14th Street, the explosion ..(More on P4)...(15)

## 11 Police, 18 Taliban Dead in Ongoing Uruzgan Battle



TIRINKOT - Nearly a dozen policemen and 18 Taliban insurgents have been killed during an ongoing clash in Chinartu district of central Uruzgan province, an official said on Tuesday. Chinartu district police chief 2nd Lt. Akhtar Mohammad told Pajhwok Afghan News insurgents staged coordinated attacks on security check-posts in the district on Monday night. He said the clash was still ongoing and so far 11 policemen and 18 insurgents had been killed and four police wounded. Mohammad appealed for sending reinforcements urgently as the battle continued. A resident of the district, wishing anonymity, said the Taliban launched attacks on security check-points in Siya Sang area last night. He said both the sides had suffered casualties...(More on P4)...(16)

## 45 Tons of Expired Drugs, Food Burnt in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - About 45 tons of low-quality and expired medicines and food items have been set alight in eastern Nangarhar province, taking an public health official said on Tuesday. Nangarhar Public Health Director Dr Najibullah Kamawal said the drugs and food were set ablaze on Monday, the fourth such event in few months taking to more than 300 tons of expired stuff destroyed. He said the commission concerned was making every effort to confiscate and destroy all low-quality and expired medicines and food items in the province. Dr. Ashraf Ahmadzai, environmental healthcare head at the provincial Public Health Department, asked people to avoid using spurious commodities, which he said were being illegally smuggled to the country from Pakistan. (Pajhwok)

## Bergdahl Apologises to Soldiers Wounded in Search for Him



KABUL - A US Army sergeant has apologised to fellow soldiers who were wounded searching for him in Afghanistan eight years ago. Bowe Bergdahl apologised in court on Monday to all the military personnel who were hurt searching for him and narrated his ordeal in Taliban's captivity. "I made a horrible mistake," s...(More on P4)...(21)

## Explosion Among Taliban Militants Leaves 5 Dead, Wounded

HERAT - At least five Taliban insurgents were killed or wounded in an explosion in western Herat province of Afghanistan, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said Tuesday. The incident took place in the vicinity of Keshk-e-Kohna district after several improvised explosive devices went off among the Taliban insurgents. MoI in a statement said the incident took place on Monday in Darzak village as several Taliban insurgents were busy planting IEDs on a roadside. The statement further added that four Taliban insurgents were killed and another insurgent was wounded in the explosion. According to the ministry, two Taliban local leaders identified...(More on P4)...(17)

## Three Suicide Bombers Arrested in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Three insurgents, including a suicide-attack planner and two suicide bombers, were arrested in Jalalabad city in eastern Nangarhar province on Tuesday, local officials confirmed. The insurgents were arrested in PD3 of Jalalabad city by the National Directorate of Security (NDS) forces. The three were planning to carry out attacks in the city, the provincial governor Gulab Mangal told reporters. "The bombers wanted to carry out attacks in a crowded area in the city and they came in from across the border," Mangal said. In the meantime, local security officials said that two attackers are from Kandahar and Laghman provinces and the attack planner is from Quetta in Pakistan. "The attackers were arrested in a Corolla car and the first attacker wanted to carry s...(More on P4)...(18)

## Laghman Prosecutor Gunned Down in Jalalabad

JALALABAD - Unidentified gunmen have shot dead the Laghman prosecutor in Jalalabad, the capital of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Tuesday. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News Sheikh Mujeeb Rahman was gunned down by unknown motorcyclists on his way home on Monday evening. He said Mujeeb, 42, a resident of Khogyani district, had served as prosecutor for Nangarhar and Kunar. His current assignment was in Laghman. He added security force had launched an investigation into the incident. More details would be shared with media later on, the spokesman promised. Separately, a food contractor was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in s...(More on P4)...(19)

## 14 Rebels Dead, 16 Injured in Baghlan Clash



PUL-I-KHUMRI - Fourteen insurgents have been killed and another 16 injured during a clash with security forces in Burka district of northern Baghlan province, police said on Tuesday. Police chief Brig. Gen. Akramuddin Sari told a press conference here a severe clash had been ongoing in Burka district over the past two days and so far 14 insurgents had been killed and another 16 injured. "Two Taliban group leaders -Qari Sattar and

Qari Abdul Wahab - were also among the dead," he said, adding Qair Abdul Wahab's dead body was with security forces and the insurgents fled after sustaining heavy casualties. He said nothing if security forces had casualties in the fighting. The police chief warned insurgents they would achieve nothing except casualties on the battlefield if they continued their violent activities. he said the only choice with the rebels was s...(More on P4)...(20)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

**Aries** You are reminded of your birthright to act spontaneously, even if you haven't yet considered what might happen. The enterprising Aries Moon encourages you to make the most of the moment by seizing the current opportunity before it fades into the past. You're willing to take a chance by putting an incomplete plan into motion.

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

**Taurus** You're excited to start a new project at work today, but one thing after another blocks your progress. Although someone's lack of confidence in your plan could influence others not to support your efforts, your self-doubt also contributes to your current troubles. Don't talk yourself out of your personal success by letting someone discourage your ambitious attitude.

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

**Gemini** You can't wait to share your amazing plans for the future with your friends. Although you crave the feedback from your peers, you're probably not fully prepared to launch the next phase of your life. Nevertheless, you expect to receive support to build your self-confidence. Keep in mind that life will only change when you become more committed to your dream than you are to your comfort zone.

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

**Cancer** You want everyone to know you're watching out for them today yet you could be overly protective in the process. Although you mean well, others might think you're being a bit too pushy or even manipulative. Avoid reacting defensively by withdrawing completely, for that won't help the situation at all. Instead, consider what you can do to bridge the gap between people's perceptions.

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

**Leo** You can see a direct path to nearly any destination you can imagine today. But visualizing a goal is much different than actually manifesting your vision. If you grow frustrated with your lack of observable progress, you may need to reframe your experience. Instead of dealing with setbacks and delays, be thankful that you are being given an opportunity to improve your plan.

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

**Virgo** Rushing ahead with your latest and greatest plan is a fantastic use of your current enthusiasm - but only until your resources are depleted. Although you are normally quite practical, ignoring your common sense today could lead to running out of time, energy or money before you reach your goal. Unfortunately, there will be a serious price to pay if you just barrel ahead without honoring your regular need for due diligence.

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

**Libra** Although you need more time to finalize your plans, someone could insist that you make a commitment today. Since you are very serious about arriving at the right decision, you could already be deep in your evaluation process. Others may think your ambivalence is a weakness, when it's actually your greatest strength now.

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

**Scorpio** Everything seems to be black and white today with very little middle ground. Although your emotions are often extreme, you can jump to a conclusion very quickly now. You're unlikely to be open to negotiation once you make up your mind. Thankfully, you can save yourself from a headache down the road by consciously delaying the announcement of your final judgment.

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

**Sagittarius** You're hot to trot today; every situation appears to be an invitation to another adventure. You can't see any sensible reason to contain your enthusiasm for the smorgasbord of possibilities stretching all the way out to the horizon. Nevertheless, the reality factor will kick in sooner or later, even if the path ahead seems clear from your current vantage point. Just remember that you can't be sure of what's around the first bend.

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

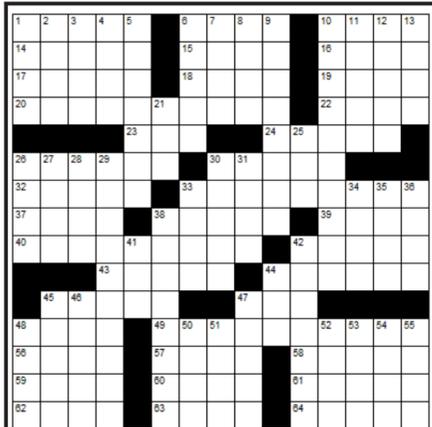
**Capricorn** You're on a mission today and have an ambitious plan to reach your lofty goal. But others may not realize what you're up to because you might downplay your objectives. Keeping your agenda to yourself is a way to prevent the possibility of negative feedback. Unfortunately, this encourages you to build your strategy in a bubble of blind optimism.

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

**Aquarius** You could run around in circles doing many things today, only to find yourself at the end of the day without anything to show for your efforts. If looking busy is your goal, you will succeed beyond your dreams. But if creating tangible results is what's important, then you need to alter your modus operandi. Think carefully about each move before you make it.

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

**Pisces** Since you may have your head filled with bigger-than-life goals today, you might think about striking out on your own. You certainly don't want to be inhibited by anyone else's more conservative approach. Nevertheless, circumstances can make it nearly impossible for you to do anything without the involvement of others. Pushing them away could fuel an adversarial relationship that is wise to avoid at all costs.



**Across**  
1. Mayhem, 6. 2 2 2 2, 10. Hindu Mr., 14. Sporting venue, 15. Lease, 16. Mining finds, 17. Respond, 18. Within, 19. Leer at, 20. Criminal, 22. Infants, 23. Type, 24. Milkshakes, 26. Self-interest, 30. Skid, 32. Partially melted snow, 33. Biologist, 37. Relating to aircraft, 38. Sidekick, 39. Delight, 40. Frowning, 42. Triangular formation, 43. Delete, 44. A type of fin, 45. Past, 47. Rechewed food, 48. Mogul, 49. Imperilled, 56. Hubs, 57. Midday, 58. Chopin composition, 59. Ear-related, 60. Coagulated milk, 61. A radioactive gaseous element, 62. Not nays, 63. Catch a glimpse of, 64. Stalks,,  
**Down**  
1. Damage, 2. District, 3. Calf's meat, 4. A single time, 5. Freshwater bottom-living fish, 6. Deception, 7. Left, 8. Savvy about, 9. Tempestuously, 10. Moonshiner, 11. Lingo, 12. Waist cinches, 13. Applications, 21. A high alpine meadow, 25. Fuss, 26. Brother of Jacob, 27. Secluded valley, 28. Not yours, 29. Muscle-building exercises, 30. British biscuit, 31. Not short, 33. Goddess of discord, 34. Ailments, 35. Bristle, 36. Blue-green, 38. A closed carriage with 4 wheels, 41. Fury, 42. LA baseball team, 44. Grayish brown, 45. Nitrogen (archaic), 46. Type of connective tissue, 47. Confection, 48. Cause surfeit through excess, 50. French for "We", 51. A hamlet (South African term), 52. French for "State", 53. Boorish, 54. Biblical kingdom, 55. Lairs

**Yesterday's Solution**  
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angel, apples, bags, chocolate, clap, costumes, crypt, door, eerie, fairy, fright, ghosts, goodies howl, loot, makeup, masks, monsters, moonless, night ogre, parents, princess, sees, spooky, suit,

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