

11 Children Among 13 Wounded by Mortar Shells

MAIMANA - 13 people, including 11 children, have been wounded in separate incidents of violence in Almar and Ghormach districts of northwestern Faryab province, an official said on Wednesday. Governor Syed Anwar Sadaat told Pajhwok Afghan News three girls between 9 and 11 years of age were wounded as a result of a clash between two local commanders in Khudamat locality of Almar district late on Tuesday.

He said Gen. Farooq Qate and Commander Manaf, hailing from one family, clashed last evening. Gen. Qate target Manaf's residence with a mortar shell, injuring four people, including three children. Mohammad Saleh Saleh, the town's administrative chief, said he invited the two parties to talks and managed to



bring the clash to a halt within an hour. A security official, who wished to go unnamed, said the firefight started when a supporter of Manaf was disarmed by Gen. Qate loyalists. Manaf's men did the same thing to Qate supporters. After the incident, Qate loyalists fired mortar shells from Chghtanak area into Khudamat village. Separately, six more children including two girls were wounded by a mortar shell fired by the Taliban in Ghormach district on Tuesday afternoon.

Haji Abdul Hamid said six of his grandchildren between four to 14 years of the age were playing in the courtyard when a mortar shell hurt them all. A doctor at the Afghan-Turk Hospital said the condition of two children was critical. (Pajhwok)

Nangarhar Family Rescued from Daesh

KABUL - An Afghan family has been rescued from an area controlled by Daesh in the eastern province of Nangarhar, after an operation by Afghan security forces.

The family of 19 were trapped in their home in their village in the Pachir Agaam district of Nangarhar by Daesh fighters who threatened to kill them if they attempted to leave. The 70-year old family elder, who gave his name as Malang, said his family were stuck in their house for ten days, finally escaping with the help of Afghan security forces battling Daesh fighters in the area. "They (Daesh) came to us and told us not go anywhere. I asked them that if we don't move what else should we do, what

have I done wrong, why did you come here? They told us that we have got you and we will kill you." Two family members were wounded in cross-fire and Malang's wife is still missing. Basmel Gul, Malang's daughter-in-law said: "Daesh had taken over everywhere, we were stuck in our home for ten days, we didn't have water or food, our children only had bread to eat." The family has been given accommodation in the provincial capital, Jalalabad, and is seeking help from government, after leaving what little they had behind. Attaullah Khogyani, Nangarhar provincial spokesman said: "Our ... (More on P4)... (17)

Haqqani, Taliban Commanders Killed in Paktika Special Operation

KABUL - A key Haqqani network commander and Taliban's shadow deputy governor for Paktika were killed during a special operation by security forces, the Minister of Interior said in a statement.

The first operation was launched on Tuesday in Sardani Hindi village of Warmmi district of Paktika in which the Haqqani network commander and three other insurgents were killed, according to the statement.

This comes after 46 other insurgents including Taliban's shadow deputy governor for Paktia were killed in an airstrike in Tandji Boza village of Tarwa district of the province, the statement said.

It said that some light and heavy rounds of ammunition were also destroyed in the airstrike.

There were no casualties among civilians or military forces in the operations. (Tolnews)

Nimroz IDPs in Urgent Need of Humanitarian Aid

ZARANJ - Hundreds of displaced families from Farah, Helmand and Nimroz provinces are living in miserable condition, complaining no government institution or NGO has provided them humanitarian assistance over the past three months.

According to local officials, as many as 700 families from the neighbouring provinces have migrated to the Nimroz due to conflict and other issues. Mohammad Ghafoor, resident of Nawabad village in Farah



City, left behind all assets and migrated to Nimroz. While complaining of having no shelter or cash, he said it had been 20 days since they were displaced from their native village, but no government department or NGO had provided them with humanitarian assistance.

He asked the provincial government to address the problems of IDPs to avert a possible humanitarian catastrophe.

Gul Mohammad, another IDP from Helmand's Nawa

British Woman left Husband to Marry Afghan Migrant and Take Him to UK

KABUL - A British woman has left her husband to marry an Afghan migrant so she can legally take him to the United Kingdom, it has been reported.

The 28-year-old woman, Helen Muller, was working in Calais 'Jungle' migrant camp and reportedly started a relationship with the migrant after travelling to France to work in the camp at a medical caravan.

The mother of two was quoted in a report by Telegraph as saying that the man was volunteering as a translator while he was waiting to get into England when they started talking "for hours" every day.

Ms Muller has told BBC that she is now divorced and concentrating on getting her partner, who has not been named, to the UK, admitting she may have to marry him to make sure he can stay here.

"Everything has had to become a lot more serious a lot faster," she said. "For him to be able to legally move to the UK I would have to marry him within three months of him getting here. Everyone says I am crazy but it is the only legal way he can come here." ... (More on P4)... (18)

Insurgents do about Turn after Joining Peace Process in Jawzjan

SHEBERGHAN - A group of 11 insurgents who joined government's peace process recently changed their minds and re-joined the Taliban on Tuesday, local officials said.

The group was tasked with controlling a check post after joining the peace process. However they deserted their post to rejoin the insurgents and took all their military equipment with them, said police security official, Abdul Hafiz Khashi. "About four



months ago they joined the peace process but it is not yet clear why they re-joined the Taliban. They had the responsibility of a check post which was given by government after they joined the peace process," Khashi said. In the meantime, the peace committee of Jawzjan has criticized government over not implementing their promises for the people who are joining the peace process. ... (More on P4)... (19)

Zazai Aryub Residents Worried at Pakistani Rocket Strikes

GARDIZ - Residents of the Zazai Aryub district of southeastern Paktia province on Wednesday expressed their concern over rocket strikes from Pakistani forces into some areas of the district town.

Residents said they would face problems if Pakistani forces continued attacking the border district. They asked the authorities to take measures to ensure their safety.

Mohammad Anwar, a tribal elder from the volatile



district, told Pajhwok Afghan News different areas were hit with rockets by Pakistani forces based in Panachinar tribal region. He said the rockets landed in Zadrans, Sultan Jaba and Mandir areas. There has been no report of casualties so far. People would not be safe if such attacks were not prevented, he added. Mohammad Yousof, ... (More on P4)... (20)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Although the central plot of your story may be unfolding as expected, you still need to take the time to reassess your plans for the next few months. You can no longer avoid an inconvenient truth that keeps you from moving forward. There's a point at which whatever you were trying to escape finds you anyhow. Stop running and see what you can discover once the noise settles down.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You might think you can cleverly skip over the most intense parts of a conversation with your close friend or lover. However, reality has other plans for you today. The cosmos requires you to attend to the deeper issues that are simmering close to the surface before pursuing more pleasurable experiences. Eventually, you will realize that there's a lesson for you to learn, but you still need to dig for the truth now.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It's no fun when someone you respect fails to support your actions. You might misread the signals and believe that he or she is on your side only to uncover a significant source of negativity. Although you may think that the best way to overcome this resistance is to dance around it, it's better to confront the problem directly. But rather than wasting energy defending yourself today, just reevaluate your plans, make the necessary corrections and try again.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Maintaining your daily rhythm is more critical now if something isn't going just right. It's not the time to experiment with alternative methods or turn your world upside down with a radical solution to a lingering problem. Fall back on your regular routine whether you are chasing wild geese, running into obstacles or just feeling a bit under the weather.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You have an important message to deliver today and won't let anyone stand in your way. Your creativity may seem stifled as the reflective Moon conjuncts austere Saturn in your 5th House of Self-Expression. You might be short on presentation magic, but your performance can still be awesome if your information is in order.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You might hold your feelings a little closer to your chest today. Your insecurities are peaking at a critical point; your anxiety can actually prevent you from being as effective as you imagine. But self-restraint also works in your favor because emotional expression pulls you away from your regular duties. As long as you're busy defending your passions, you're not working productively on the job.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Your morning will likely be totally different than your afternoon. Expansive energy encourages you to initiate lots of activity early in the day, but the Moon's hookup with sobering Saturn restrains your 3rd House of Communication, closing down conversations and impeding your overall productivity. Don't wait for a better time to deliver your message; the sooner you clear the air, the better everyone will feel.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You can be your own harshest critic, especially if you fall short of your plans to finish a specific project this morning. You may have too many things you want to accomplish, only to see the list grow longer rather than shorter throughout the day. In either case, you're not happy with your own performance today.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Your current moodiness gets on everyone's nerves today as you swing from hot to cold and right to left. But you actually believe that nothing is different and others are making a big deal out of a minor issue. Sooner or later you realize it's in your best interest to change some variables on your trajectory. Revealing your vulnerability can help, but it also could backfire if you say too much now. Share your fears with an appropriate audience.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Your current malaise is not apparent to those closest to you. In fact, the heavy Saturn-Moon conjunction falls in your 12th House of Invisibility, masking your emotions from the world. But you still may not know how to keep the negative energy from bottling up beneath the surface. Sometimes direct action is required; however, taking things out is the simplest solution to this irritating dilemma.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You may think that your friends aren't living up to their end of the deal now while they might believe everything is copacetic. Unfortunately, interrogating others won't help you learn anything useful; it's probably better to just back away from social interactions until tomorrow if you're not feeling welcome today. Most of the time, an honest discussion bridges an emotional gulf.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Showing your enthusiasm at work isn't easy if you're not feeling aligned with your daily grind. You've been ruminating on the purpose of life lately, and may be concerned that your current job isn't supporting your overall life goals. But don't make any changes impulsively. It's wiser to stick it out for now while you continue to consider all your options. The results won't be favorable if you initiate action too soon.

Across

1. Antiaircraft gun, 5. H₂O, 10. Ale, 14. Shoestring, 15. Throw with effort, 16. 66 in Roman numerals, 17. Ignorant, 19. Frosts, 20. Craze, 21. Extraterrestrial, 22. Licorice-like flavor, 23. Fissionable, 25. Classifies, 27. One or more, 28. Converting into ions, 31. Make into law, 34. In shape, 35. Petroleum, 36. Choose, 37. Twinges, 38. Blind (poker), 39. And so forth, 40. Cabs, 41. A friction match, 42. Mystical, 44. Glass container, 45. Sped, 46. Fire opal, 50. Breadth, 52. Gladden, 54. Pair, 55. Death notice, 56. A bottom fish, 58. Six-stringed instrument, 59. Regale, 60. Margarine, 61. Feudal worker, 62. Wanderer, 63. What we sleep on.

Down

1. Any light downy material, 2. Hawaiian veranda, 3. Corrosives, 4. Barbie's beau, 5. Completely, 6. Eagle's nest, 7. Docile, 8. Vespers, 9. Crimson, 10. Type of battercake, 11. Deletions, 12. Nights before, 13. Ascend, 18. Lose consciousness, 22. Desiccated, 24. Big bag, 26. 1 1 1 1, 28. Classical Greek, 29. Anagram of "Tine", 30. Delight, 31. Type of sword, 32. Pesky insects, 33. Squeeze box, 34. Mounting of animal skins, 37. Cut back, 38. Emanation, 40. Engineering school, 41. Got along, 43. Be a snitch, 44. Minibus, 46. Magnetic induction unit, 47. Attendance counter, 48. Possessed, 49. Corporate symbols, 50. Interlaced, 51. Nile bird, 53. French for "Wolf", 56. Muzzle, 57. Toss.

Yesterday's Solution

abase, absolute, ardent, assassin, bale, banal, basis, carry, count, crooked, depress, easel, flood, fruit, harass, harry, heap, injury, nope, poignant, pressure, rant, read, rear, seer, serpentine, shake, sorry, stager, stupor, toddler, toes, torments, torpid, torrid.

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