

# Forces Advancing to Taliban Hideouts in Helmand

KABUL - The anti-insurgent operation in southern Helmand province is successfully continuing as the forces are pushing the militants back from Lashkargah, the provincial capital. Embedded with the security forces, TOLONews correspondent Tamim Hamid reported the battle once again broke out Tuesday in Lashkargah.

However the security officials said the militants were repelled from the area in a counter-attack by the security forces.

"Taliban use civilian homes as shields," an Army commander told TOLONews.

He said land mines placed by the



militants were in some cases hindering their operation. The Taliban insurgents have now moved from city to the villages, he continued. (Tolonews)

## WU Supports Pakistan & Afghanistan Earthquake Relief Efforts

KABUL/ISLAMABAD - The Western Union (WU) Foundation on Tuesday announced support for families and communities most affected by the recent earthquake that hit Afghanistan, Pakistan, Tajikistan and India on October 26.

"The Western Union Foundation is committing a relief package of up to US\$50,000 in grants in cooperation with Western Union employees, Agents and business partners. To provide swift relief for the affected communities, the Foundation will start with an immediate support grant of US\$25,000 to International Medical Corps (IMC). The International Medical Corps is now deploying mobile medical units in... (More on P4)... (10)

## Taliban's Shadow Governor Detained

KABUL - Afghanistan National Directorate Security (NDS) arrested Taliban's shadow governor for Laghman, Aminullah Kuchi along with his two guards in Nangarhar province on Tuesday.

A statement issued by NDS states that Aminullah Kuchi was arrested in Samarkhail area of Behsod district of Nangarhar province.

"Kuchi came to Nangarhar from Peshawar nearly one month ago to launch terrorist attacks" the statement added.

According to NDS, Aminullah Kunchi as a Taliban's so-called governor has been organizing terrorist activities in Khost, Mazar-e Sharif and Laghman in the past ten years. (ATN)

## Tajik-Afghan Cooperation on the Panj Basin Widens with UNECE Support

DUSHANBE - The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Weekly # 642 (October 26-30, 2015) reports that Tajik and Afghan officials met in Dushanbe on October 22 and 23 to discuss their bilateral water cooperation in the Panj River Basin.

The meeting reportedly marked the fifth anniversary of the Afghan-Tajik bilateral water cooperation agreement, and a fruitful continuation of negotiations on a sepa-



rate agreement on environmental cooperation, which is now expected to be signed in 2016.

The meeting concluded an intensive year of collaborative efforts for the two countries, which saw the first exchanges of hydrological data and joint environment and hydrology expeditions.

Challenges discussed during the meeting included adaptation to... (More on P4)... (11)

## Bulgarian Troops to be Sendoff to Afghanistan at Solemn Ceremony

SOFIA - Bulgaria's 30th military contingent will be officially sent off to take part in a NATO mission in Afghanistan at a solemn ceremony in the Bulgarian town of Yambol. The military unit is comprised of 90 officers, with Commander Colonel Plamen Petrov. The ceremony will be attended by Bulgarian Minister of Defence Nikolay



Nenchev, Deputy Konstantin Popov, and Minister of Defence other officials. (FOCUS News Agency)

## Suraya Dalil Submits Credentials to UN Geneva Office

KABUL - Suraya Dalil, the new Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations Office at Geneva, presented her credentials on Monday to Michael Møller, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva.

She has served as the Afghan health minister from March 2012 to December 2014 during former President Hamid Karzai's government. Dalil, who is a medical doctor, has worked with UNICEF, mostly in Afghanistan but also in Nairobi, covering Somalia, from 1994 to 2009.

She has also worked with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) from June 1993 to April 1994 and Medicines Sans Frontiers (MSF) from December 1992 to June 1993, in Afghanistan.

Dalil studied medical at the Medical University of Kabul, and obtained her Masters Degree from Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, United States. (Tolonews)

## Taliban Stone Woman to Death for Eloping

KABUL - A young Afghan woman has been stoned to death by the Taliban in Afghanistan's western zone, officials confirmed on Tuesday.

Footages of the stoning surfacing in social media shows the woman in a hole in the ground as scores of violent men casually hurl stones at her.

Forced to marry against her will, the woman named Rokhshana was stoned after she was caught eloping with another man in Ghor province, provincial Police Chief Gen. Mustafa said.

"Taliban ordered stoning of the girl after she was caught eloping with a man on the mountains," he said. "Police has started investigations and will arrest the perpetrators soon."

The incident happened a week ago in a village, 40 kilometers from Firozkoh, the provincial capital.

Rokhshana, 19, can be heard screaming in the disturbing clip.

The governor Seema Joyenda has also confirmed the stoning and said Rokhshana was "stoned to death by Taliban, local religious leaders and irresponsible armed warlords."

According to Joyenda, one of Afghanistan's only two female governors, Rokhshana's family had "married her to someone against her will and she was eloping with a man her age."

She strongly condemned the stoning and called on the central government to... (More on P4)... (12)

## Pakistan Fears of Political Isolation; Stressing on Negotiations with Taliban



ISLAMABAD - Afghan analysts on Tuesday said that that recent concerns of Russia, China and even Iran over presence of Taliban in Afghanistan threaten Pakistan to not lose the game. Not long after the ongoing insurgency in Afghanistan, Pakistani authorities in an unprecedented way are demanding the Afghan officials to set behind negotiation ta-

ble with Taliban. Pakistan's National Security Adviser, Sartaj Aziz has recently announced that Pakistan is not ready to support Afghan Peace Talks in the current conditions.

"Currently it is not suitable that Pakistan has any role in Afghan Peace process," Sartaj Aziz, Pakistan's security adviser said. However, Pakistani... (More on P4)... (13)

## Residents Complain Over Oil Price Hike

KABUL - According to reports, Afghan households are unhappy about soaring oil prices in the country.

Oil prices are still rising in the capital Kabul despite government repeated commitments about making efforts to decrease oil prices.

Prices of oil and gas have been going up since the recent months in the capital and various other provinces.

Meanwhile, spokesman of the Ministry of Commerce says that the increase of fuel prices, particularly oil is glaring up.

"Supplying is in a normal way, the prices will return to its normal status up to the next two weeks," Musafar Quandi, spokesman of commerce ministry said.

Parliament's economic commission also said that although the former minister of commerce has been summoned and dismissed but the oil market is still monopolized by the mafia. ... (More on P4)... (14)

## US Welcomes Azerbaijan's Commitment for NATO Peacekeeping Operations in Afghanistan

BAKU - US ambassador to Azerbaijan Robert Secuta welcomes Azerbaijan's continued commitment for NATO Resolute Support operation in Afghanistan, the US embassy in Baku tweeted Nov. 3.

The United States highly values Azerbaijan's continued important role in peacekeeping operations alongside NATO forces, the statement said.

A group of 25 Azerbaijani peacekeepers operating as part of NATO's 'Resolute Support' non-combat mission went to Afghanistan in October. The Azerbaijani Armed Forces' peacekeeping mission in Afghanistan began November 20, 2002.

The mission involves 94 servicemen of the Azerbaijani Armed Forces, two military doctors, and two engineers. (TNA)

## Outlook Horoscope

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

All eyes are on you today because you can imagine the most amazing possibilities where everyone else only sees problems. Others flock to your positivity since they believe in your solutions and admire your confidence. Nevertheless, you can end up disappointing those you want to impress if your plans ignore the hard cold facts. Separating your dreams from reality will require a high level of concentration.

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

Your coworkers are more interested in playing around than being serious today and you don't want to waste precious time participating in their games. Although you have a lot of obligations on your plate now, thankfully, you possess enough common sense to save your strength for when you will need it. Nevertheless.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Don't panic about meeting everyone's expectations today, since you won't be able to reign in the energy of the lively Leo Moon as she drops by to make a scene in your 3rd House of Communication. Taking responsibility for your actions is one thing, but there are only so many variables one person can control. Although your day turns out to be on the spicy side, don't get too wild and crazy or you'll regret your behavior pretty quickly.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You could easily spend more money today than you expect, especially if you're hosting a celebration of some sort. Naturally, you hope to make a good impression with the perfect setting and delicious refreshments, but others may be less concerned about the details than you are now. Extravagance can bring its own punishment if it leaves you short on cash or creates too much stress.

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

You want to build a strategy for success around the practice of only stating the absolute truth. However, the Moon's presence in your expressive sign encourages you to share your motivational message even if there isn't an appreciative audience. It's admirable if you want to inspire others to seek enlightenment, but keep in mind that your idea of Nirvana is not the same for everyone else.

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

Your organizational skills may be needed to bail someone out and you are happy to ride to the rescue today. You typically don't mind working behind the scenes and you prefer total anonymity now with the Moon playing hide-and-seek in your 12th House of Secrets. You just want the quiet satisfaction of knowing that your sacrifice helped to save the day for your colleague.

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

You're longing to show off to the world today, and social gatherings can become your temporary stage of choice. Although you want to be applauded for your efforts, it's still prudent to hold some energy in reserve. People may not know the whole story yet and it's advisable to keep it that way for a while longer. Avoid the temptation to bring everything out into the open now, for there's no hurry to set the record straight.

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

It's a no-brainer to do what is expected when the rules and the limits are well-defined. However, there are so many fuzzy boundaries today that everything could get sloppy before you know it. Don't wait until you have fallen over the edge to figure out where it is. Observe social protocols, for they can prevent you from landing in trouble.

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

You can't seem to find the voice of your own logic today, or maybe you just choose to ignore it. You have a rather straightforward decision to make: pursue a pleasurable experience or work hard while delaying the fun for another day. Naturally, no one is surprised if you are the first one at a party and the last one to leave. Self-indulgence most likely will win out, so you might as well kick up your heels while you can.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You have your heart set on something special and you won't let anyone deter you from your current destination. Perhaps you've been dreaming of a night out on the town or a weekend getaway, only to run into logistical problems today. Unfortunately, you might not be able to power your way through the changing circumstances. Be proactive and scale back your plans so reality doesn't need to do it for you.

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

You may feel lucky to have such a loyal partner or playmate in your life, yet for some reason today it's tricky to hold up your end of the deal. Instead of being attached to someone at the hip, you long for more personal freedom to move creatively on your own. However, if you can show a little self-restraint in your choices now, you might be able to find a way to balance your opposing needs.

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

You might start the day with the intention to be serious-minded about your business, but you soon realize that having fun amplifies your creative expression. However, you may have to stand up to a naysayer who tries to restrict your freedom today. Obviously, you plan on honoring your promises but it's not your job to drop everything and put on a performance just to placate someone else.

**Across**

1. Trades, 6. Puts down, 10. Hairdo, 14. Lengthways, 15. Baking appliance, 16. Component of urine, 17. Bog hemp, 18. Quash, 19. Fit snugly into, 20. Showman, 22. Strikes, 23. A sizeable hole, 24. Picture, 26. Orchards, 30. Transparent, 32. Work hard, 33. Scaremongers, 37. Sweeping story, 38. Skedaddles, 39. Ardor, 40. Set up, 42. Latin name for our planet, 43. Tiny balls strung together, 44. Fervent, 45. A thin porridge, 47. Actress Lupino, 48. Sense, 49. Overplaying, 56. Ancient Peruvian, 57. It comes from cows, 58. Forbidden, 59. Terror, 60. Being, 61. Any compound of oxygen, 62. Catch a glimpse of, 63. Accomplishment, 64. Ascends.

**Down**

1. Indian dress, 2. Test, 3. Not stiff, 4. Den, 5. Roomette, 6. A green fabric mixture, 7. Affirm, 8. Abominable Snowman, 9. Spies, 10. Sanctioned, 11. Apple or orange, 12. Odd-numbered page, 13. Trees of the genus Quercus, 21. Female sib, 25. An unskilled actor, 26. Delight, 27. Whacks, 28. Death notice, 29. Lexicon, 30. Elegance, 31. Strip of wood, 33. Corrosive, 34. Arid, 35. Mountain pool, 36. Thin strip, 38. Raced on skis, 41. Spelling contest, 42. Farm vehicle, 44. American Dental Association, 45. Segments of DNA, 46. Summary, 47. Annoyed, 48. A small high-pitched flute, 50. Workbench attachment, 51. If not, 52. Cab, 53. Nile bird, 54. Connecting point, 55. "Comes and

**Yesterday's Solution**

attractions, bother, closets, corruption, crease, create, creed, cried, cruise, crutch, dace, dangle, dare, devote, drunk, enjoy, gallop, glade, heaven, launch, market, patch, peach, prude, qualify, reader, robin, sightseeing, slippery, stream, sure, taut, think, trot, vice.

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