

Key Taliban Leader, His Son Killed in Faryab Attack



MAIMANA - An important member of the Taliban movement has been killed along with his son in the Qaisar district of northwestern Faryab province, an official said on Sunday.

District chief Rahmatullah Qaisari told Pajhwok Afghan News Maulvi Abdul Hadi, head of the Taliban military commission, and his son were killed by Abdul Ziauddin's men in Shakh area of the district.

A local source confirmed that the both member of the militant group had personal enmity. He said one of the relatives of Ziauddin had been killed by Abdul Hadi 10 days ago. *...(More on P4)...(17)*

10 Militants Killed in Ghazni Airstrike



GHAZNI CITY - At least 10 Taliban militants have been killed during an airstrike in the Andar district of southern Ghazni province, an official claimed on Sunday.

Mohammad Arif Noori, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News security forces carried out air raid in the district on Saturday night. He said 10 militants, who were the residents of Andar district, were killed. One pick-up vehicle and several weapons belonged to insurgents destroyed during the overnight airstrike.

He added about 20 villages were also cleared of militants.

Separately, the Insurgents attacked security forces check-posts in Qara Bagh, Gailan and Da Yak districts on Sunday night. *...(More on P4)...(18)*

14 Taliban Killed and Injured in Paktia Drone Strike



GARDEZ - A NATO drone strike killed seven Taliban insurgents and wounded as many in Sayed Karam district of southeastern Paktia province, an official said Sunday.

Abdullah Hasrat, the governor's spokesman told Pajhwok Afghan News the drone strike took place in Kohseen area on Saturday night.

The dead included Taliban military commission head and an important commander named Farooq aka Ibrahim. Recently, Afghan forces have increased operations against militants. At least 13 militants had been killed during different operations in Zurmat, Ahmadabad, and Zazi Aryub districts of Paktia. The Taliban have so far said nothing in this regard. *...(Pajhwok)*

US Airstrikes Pound ISIS Hideouts in Nangarhar

KABUL - The US forces based in Afghanistan carried out a series of airstrikes on ISIS hideouts in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan, leaving several militants dead.

The provincial government media office in a statement said the airstrikes were carried out on ISIS hideouts in the restive Achin district.

The statement further *...(More on P4)...(22)*

4 Die, 6 Injured in Ghazni Traffic Accidents

GHAZNI CITY - Four people were killed and six others wounded in two separate traffic accidents in southern Ghazni province on Sunday, an official said.

Mohammad Arif, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the first accident took place in Bazazi area of Ghazni city, the provincial capital, in the morning.

He said a speed Felder vehicle crushed into a fruit shop in the area, leaving two occupants of the vehicle, including a four-year-old girl, dead and two others wounded.

Separately, two persons were killed and four others sustained wounds on Sunday noon when their vehicle lost balance and overturned in Rawzai Kotal area. *...(More on P4)...(19)*

Almar District Official Killed in Roadside Bombing

MAIMANA - An official of the Almar district of northwestern Faryab province was killed and six others were wounded in two separate bomb explosions on Sunday.

The provincial police headquarters confirmed the incidents and said Rawzadin was on his way to office, when his vehicle struck a roadside bomb in Jalgaldi area at 10:30am.

Elsewhere, a bomb blast took place in Guzar Himatabad area of the 5th police district of Maimana, the provincial capital, at 11am. A security official said the blast was caused by a landmine at a weapons dump.

Dr. Sulaiman Fayyaz, an official at the Afghan Turk Hospital, said one body and six injured people had been evacuated to the hospital. *...(Pajhwok)*

Forced Marriages on the Wane in Farah, Claim Officials

MAIMANA CITY - The forced marriage level has decreased in northwestern Faryab province this year, thanks to enhanced public awareness and efforts for eradicating unfair customs, officials say.

The claim came at a meeting on 'Women's Rights and Forced Marriages' arranged by the Women's Affairs Department in cooperation with provincial government and ASLA - an institution working for strengthening government departments.

Deputy Governor Abdul Moqim Rasokh said family pressure on girls for forced marriages had dangerous consequences, such as suicide, self-immolation, elopement and refuge in 'safe homes'. "All these acts caused 'moral corruption', he added.

Rasokh said the provincial *...(More on P4)...(20)*

Dawi Gets Over Six Years in Prison for Corruption



KABUJL - The Anti-Corruption Criminal Justice Center's (ACCJ) appeal court on Sunday sentenced Abdul Ghafar Dawi, head of Dawi Oil Ltd, to oversix years in prison after he was found guilty of corruption and embezzlement relating to fuel contracts.

The court also sentenced Dawi Oil Company's deputy head Mohammad Asghar Ghiyasi to five years in prison.

According to the court's decision, Dawi and Ghiyasi also have to repay over \$21 million

USD to government.

Dawi's case not only involved himself and his deputy, but also involved former administrative head of the transport ministry Abdul Razaq Zulalai who was sentenced to two and half years in prison.

The misuse of authority, embezzlement and fraud in cooperation with government employees were charges the court reviewed in the past two days.

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Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries Prioritizing your activities is challenging today because every idea that pops into your head seems like the most amazing one you ever had. Mental Mercury's visit to your 9th House of Big Ideas provides a seemingly endless stream of inspirational visions.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus You're acutely aware of the strengths and weaknesses you bring to a job today. You know your skill set and can quickly assess what else is required in order to meet other people's expectations. Luckily, communicator Mercury is traveling through your 8th House of Shared Resources, enabling you to ask for the assistance you need to boost your productivity.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini You can roll with incoming waves of unexpected change today because you're eager to engage each moment as if it were a puzzle rather than an obstacle. You are blessed with an expanded vision of the potential that each experience brings. Your key planet Mercury is activating your 7th House of Others, empowering you to learn from your interactions with coworkers.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer People may see you as quietly going about your business today, but you have a larger agenda than just doing your work. Messenger Mercury in uplifting Sagittarius is setting up shop in your 6th House of Logistics, encouraging you to take a more global perspective on the impact of your day-to-day actions.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo You're less interested in what you do today than you are in planning for your future. However, you don't feel any pressure to come up with a specific strategy; you are content to dream about all the possibilities that stretch out before you. Still, some idea might be exciting enough that you want to initiate action immediately.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept 22)



Virgo Although your responsibilities may be varied today, you strive to stay true to your soul's purpose. However, sometimes it's tough to know what's most important in the grand scheme of things. Rather than jumping from one task to another, retreat long enough to reconnect with your inner wisdom while quicksilver Mercury settles into your 4th House of Roots.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra You have big ideas about how much you can fit into your day now. Although there are only a finite number of hours available for working, rational Mercury in your 3rd House of Immediate Environment enables you to justify an overbooked schedule. You believe anything is possible, but soon discover there are practical limits on your capabilities if you attempt to stretch reality too far.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio You may be juggling numbers today in order to purchase something special. Since your coveted acquisition isn't necessarily in your current budget, you need to make sure you can actually afford to spend the money. Fortunately, you're able to explore your options from at least a couple of different vantage points while thoughtful Mercury is hanging out in your 2nd House of Finances.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius You feel as if every single brilliant thought of yours has enough power today to reach the stars. In fact, rebellious Uranus fuels intellectual Mercury in your sign, fortifying your self-confidence. You're ready to take on the whole world to defend your current beliefs, but you might not yet realize what you're getting yourself into. Remember, there's nothing wrong with modifying your strategy along the way.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn Your head is up in the clouds today and it would help to have your feet planted on the ground. However, finding solid footing is tough when everywhere you step seems to be as diaphanous as your thoughts. Mischievous Mercury lures you into the realm of dreams and fantasies as it flares through your 12th House of Soul Consciousness.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

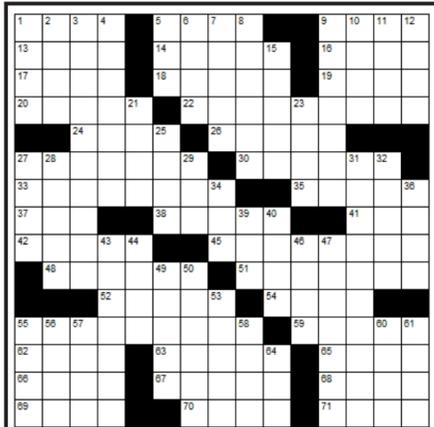


Aquarius Your friends and acquaintances may fall short of your expectations today, prompting disappointment on your part. Electric Uranus sparks chatty Mercury in your 11th House of Social Networks, increasing your inclination to connect with others. You might believe that everyone is as wired to the rest of the group as you, only to discover that you have overestimated their level of participation.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces You have high hopes for a swift climb to the top of your profession. You believe that everything is in place now, and you are just waiting to be recognized and promoted. Unfortunately, you could easily misread the signs since trickster Mercury is triggering your 10th House of Status; the road to success may be more circuitous than you think. Prepare for the long haul if you want to excel. Don't be afraid of setting new goals that are beyond your current reach.



Across

1. Adroit, 5. Fizzy drink, 9. Lummox, 13. Smell, 14. Decree, 16. Vagabond, 17. No more than, 18. Hospitality to strangers (Ancient Greece), 19. Anagram of "Sire", 20. Foe, 22. Deposits, 24. A young horse, 26. Finger or toe, 27. Letter carrier, 30. 2nd largest country, 33. Doubter, 35. Motif, 37. Zig-zag, 38. African virus, 41. Woman, 42. Manicurist's board, 45. Craftiness, 48. Ring around the nipple, 51. Huge, 52. Clumps, 54. Disgorge, 55. Without someone's knowledge, 59. An elongated leather strip, 62. Groan, 63. The color of grass, 65. Hindu princess, 66. Pear variety, 67. Cubic meter, 68. "Smallest" particle, 69. Comply with, 70. Smudge, 71. Jump,

Down

1. A hemispherical roof, 2. Biblical garden, 3. Index finger, 4. Vibrating effect, 5. Gender, 6. Poems, 7. Ate, 8. Sour, 9. Long-legged spotted cat, 10. Forsaken, 11. Death notice, 12. Sleep in a convenient place, 15. Subarctic coniferous forests, 21. Sweet potatoes, 23. Pepper, 25. Tardy, 27. Labyrinth, 28. Small terrestrial lizard, 29. Pen part, 31. Pervert, 32. Accumulate, 34. Bovine, 36. If not, 39. 52 in Roman numerals, 40. Charity, 43. Rule of a substitute king, 44. Part of an egg, 46. Rapsallions, 47. Having no personal preference, 49. Years, 50. Terminates, 53. Broom, 55. Part of an ear, 56. Newbie (slang), 57. Headquarters, 58. Roman emperor, 60. Dwarf buffalo, 61. Pandorer, 64. Mesh

Yesterday's Solution

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