

Terrorist Attack on Security Posts Rebuffed in Nangarhar, 16 Militants Killed

JALALABAD - Security forces have rebuffed a coordinated attack on a number of security posts in Hasak Mina District of eastern Nangarhar province. Colonel Hazrat Hussain Mashriqiwal, spokesman of Nangarhar police says in a statement that seven attackers were killed an unknown number of them wounded in the clash that erupted following the attack on Friday. Col. Mashriqiwal further states in the statement that the dead bodies of the killed



militants were left behind on the battle ground. According to the statement, nine militants were killed and 30 others wounded in military operation in Achin District. Although, the press release does not identify terrorists killed yesterday in Haska Mina and Achin but both of these districts are home to IS-Khorasan group which also goes by its Arabic name 'Daesh'. 28 IS-Khorasan militants were killed in airstrikes and mortar fire in Achin District on Wednesday. (KP)

12 Militants Killed in Helmand Operation



KABUL - A dozen of Taliban militants have been killed during a military operation in southern province of Helmand, the country's Defense Ministry said on Saturday. "Up to 12 armed insurgents were killed during a cleanup operation conducted by Afghan National Security Forces in Nad Ali and Marja districts of Helmand province over the past 24 hours," the ministry said in a statement. The security forces also found weapons and ammunition in addition to defusing 30 rounds of roadside bombs and landmines in Helmand during the same period, the statement added. Helmand, notorious for poppy growing, is also a known Taliban stronghold. Afghan security forces have pressed on clearing the militants in restive provinces as Taliban militants have been attempting to take territory and consolidate their positions ahead of winter in the mountainous Central Asian country. The Taliban militant group has yet to make comments. (Xinhua)

Jaipur Foot to be Manufactured in Afghanistan Too

JAIPUR, India - The famous Jaipur Foot, a rubber-based prosthetic leg for people with below-knee amputations, will soon be manufactured at Kabul in Afghanistan too. Afghanistan's deputy minister for labour, martyrs, social affairs and disabled Jamila Afghan inaugurated the Jaipur Foot artificial limb centre in Kabul at the National Institute of Disabled (NID), a release by BhagwanMahaveerViklangSahayataSamiti (BMVSS), the maker of the artificial limb said. "Jamila Afghan said the opening of the artificial limb centre at Kabul with the assistance of BMVSS will help a large number of the Afghan amputees who would be able to walk with dignity now," it stated. The low-cost, high-quality Jaipur Foot, which is used in 28 countries in the world, has so far rehabilitated 15 lakh disabled persons in India and abroad, D R Mehta, the founder and Chief patron of Jaipur Foot maker BhagwanMahaveerViklangSahayataSamiti said.

He also signed an MoU with the Afghanistan government on technical and humanitarian collaboration under which, the BMVSS would provide 1,000 artificial limbs in the first year and later on would supply 3,000 foot pieces every year, the release stated. It would also provide the NID various material required for making the artificial limb and also train doctors and technicians free of cost. BMVSS has so far conducted five artificial limb fitments centres in Afghanistan benefiting 4,000 amputees with the last camp in June last year where 817 persons were provided with artificial limbs. (PTI)

Aid Workers Shy Away from Afghanistan as Violence Surges

KABUL - Afghanistan was once a magnet for foreign aid workers but surging violence has left NGOs struggling to recruit staff and restricted their ability to deliver crucial aid to the country's vulnerable. Plagued by decades of war and natural disasters such as last month's earthquake, which killed more than 120 people in the country and left thousands homeless, up until around 2009 Afghanistan was considered a risky but rewarding post for humanitarian workers. But with a resurgent Taliban leaving Afghan forces floundering and forcing Nato allies to extend their



presence in the country, increasing attacks are leaving would-be volunteers jittery. Posts now remain "empty for a long time" compared to a decade ago, said Elise, of France's Acted NGO in Kabul, who declined to provide a last name. Candidates need to be reassured "nobody is blowing themselves up every day in front of our door". Afghanistan is considered the most dangerous country on Earth for aid workers, according to the Humanitarian Outcomes research group, which reported 54 major

Food Suppliers Paid to Feed Diggers in Afghanistan Fined Millions for Cheating the US

KABUL - A multinational food company that received tens of millions of Australian taxpayers' money to supply diggers in Afghanistan was running a lucrative fraud drastically hiking up the cost of basic items shipped into the war zone.

Supreme Foodservice and related entities, which had the multi-million dollar contracts to supply Australia and other Interna-



tional Security Assistance Force nations in Afghanistan from the mid 2000s until 2013, has admitted to the fraud in relation to dealings it had with the United States military. The admission has raised concerns that Australia

Pakistan Air Strikes 'Kill 15 Militants'

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan airforce jets on Saturday bombarded militant hideouts in a restive northwestern tribal area bordering Afghanistan killing at least 15 suspected insurgents, security officials said.

The air strikes were carried out in various areas of the Tirah valley in the lawless Khyber tribal district, where Taliban militants and local Islamist groups are active.

"At least 15 militants were killed and several injured while three hideouts were destroyed in precise aerial strikes in various areas of the Tirah valley in Khyber," a local security official told AFP in Peshawar.

The strikes were part of a major offensive to clear Taliban and Al-Qaeda strongholds that began last year in North Waziristan, one of seven Pakistani tribal districts bordering Afghanistan.

The Pakistani airforce routinely targets Taliban militants strongholds in its restive northwestern tribal belt on the Afghan border but independent verification of the events is not possible because the targeted areas cannot be accessed by journalists.

The military began an offensive in Khyber in October 2014, carrying out air strikes and using artillery, mortars and ground troops.

Overall levels of militancy-linked violence have dropped dramatically this year, with 2015 on course for the fewest deaths among civilian and security forces since 2007 -- the year the Pakistani Taliban umbrella group was formed. (AFP)

US to Sentence Russian Suspect for Planning 2009 Afghan Attack



IrekHamidullin, captured by US forces in 2009 in Afghanistan over suspicions he was a Taliban member, will be sentenced on December 3. MOSCOW - Russian national IrekHamidullin, captured by US forces in Afghanistan in 2009 over suspicions he was a Taliban member and was planning an attack on US troops, will be sentenced on December 3, local media reported. The US Department of Justice (DOJ) said in a

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Although you may have the best of intentions today, it's tough to finish all your chores because interruptions continue to catch you off guard. However, there are only so many hours in the day and you can't waste time on trivial pursuits. Grab every opportunity that allows you to cross off another item on your to-do list. Ultimately,

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

It takes a lot to pull you off task once you gather your momentum, so you should be able to complete nearly any project you start today. There's no need to be overly concerned about working quickly now; just establish your own pace and stick to it. If you do the job correctly from the beginning, you will arrive at your destination on time.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Although you take your rest and relaxation quite seriously today, you may not be very quiet with your opinions. You could be feeling like your regular talkative self, even if you're more preoccupied with substantial issues now than you are with clever conversation. There's a good chance that someone expects you to be the source of entertainment at a party, but it is your prerogative to acknowledge that life is not always fun and games.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your schedule may be so unforgiving today that you can't easily alter your previously made plans. In fact, you can exhaust yourself by resisting the prevailing currents. Instead, stick to your agenda now and honor your existing commitments the best you can. Don't harbor any resentment, even if you wish you could do something entirely different.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your generosity of spirit motivates you to make promises that are difficult to keep. However, you don't mind falling short of your initial goals if you have a good reason to accomplish less. You might even turn down your intensity for a while today because you believe a little self-restraint will empower you to shine your light longer. If others lean on you now,

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You are committed to a certain standard of excellence today, yet you can be extremely productive without appearing to work hard today. Paradoxically, it may seem like you're having more fun than you really are now, since you're busy hiding your insecurities. However, you secretly worry that your finished product won't be good enough. Thankfully, you are a more critical judge than most of your peers.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Treating others kindly makes your heart happy, especially now that the Moon is hanging out in your socially-oriented sign. But the Moon's alignment with hardworking Saturn can stir up issues of resentment this evening because you wish that someone else would take care of you for a change. Although you might hit an emotional rough patch, your top priority is to keep the peace.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You aren't satisfied playing the role of an invisible helper today and could even have a minor meltdown in front of everyone. Although the Moon's presence in your 12th House of Secrets emphasizes your behind-the-scenes role, you also require a chunk of time to explore your own emotional needs. Don't delay taking care of yourself now, even if you're worried about appearing selfish.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You have a variety of tasks to handle today and strategic planning can help you accomplish what's on your agenda. Normally, you might have a tough time turning down an invitation to a social function, but you're able to act with considerable restraint now. It's not that you want to miss out on the fun; it's just a matter of priorities and you have more serious thoughts on your mind.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

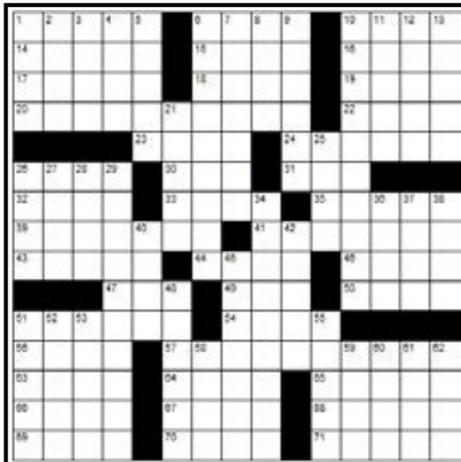
You want everyone to see you in a good light today and you might go out of your way to impress those closest to you. But the Moon's passage through your 10th House of Public Status can rain on your parade by squelching your creativity. Don't bother wasting time trying to force spontaneity now; initiating one carefully considered action is much smarter than behaving recklessly.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You are caught between needing an exciting night on the town and isolating yourself from the world by hiding out at home. However, neither extreme is possible if there are commitments already on your calendar. Your friends might not even sense your dissatisfaction now because you are masterful at camouflaging your feelings behind a veneer of busyness.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your responsibilities grow in complexity today and it's no longer sufficient to simply fulfill your promises. Relationship dynamics have changed as your awareness has grown. You must integrate your recent spiritual lessons into your everyday life now. It's not enough to write about your experiences like kids report on their summer vacations when going back to school.



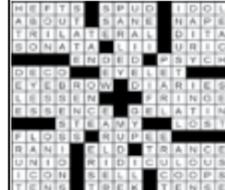
Across

- English county, 6. Gashes, 10. Prod, 14. Floral leaf, 15. Module, 16. Kid, 17. Stadium, 18. Unusual, 19. Harvest, 20. Designation, 22. Backside, 23. Perished, 24. Carpentry tool, 26. Humid, 30. South southeast, 31. Embrace, 32. Wing-like, 33. Adriatic resort, 35. Toss, 39. Anticipate, 41. Trace, 43. Bring in, 44. Clairvoyant, 46. Type of sword, 47. Abet, 49. Arrive (abbrev.), 50. Require, 51. Insincere, 54. Cease, 56. Timbuktu country, 57. A type of biologist, 63. Savvy about, 64. Affirm, 65. Forbidden, 66. Place, 67. Not less, 68. Manicurist's board, 69. Sailors, 70. Possesses, 71. Genders.

Down

- Extent, 2. Protagonist, 3. Bit of gossip, 4. Hindu princess, 5. African antelope, 6. Land tenures of widowers, 7. Unassisted, 8. Novice, 9. Unpleasant odor, 10. Unbend, 11. Wharves, 12. An edict of the Russian tsar, 13. Fend off, 21. Passageway, 25. Shacks, 26. To cast aside (archaic), 27. vera, 28. Shopping place, 29. Perilous, 34. Preliminaries, 36. Fully developed, 37. Curved molding, 38. Noxious plant, 40. Leveling wedge, 42. Mistake, 45. Not western, 48. Generator, 51. Young salmon, 52. Craze, 53. Change, 55. Anagram of "Paste", 58. Affirm, 59. Disabled, 60. Wild goat, 61. Achy, 62. Playthings.

Yesterday's Solution



adult, beet, break, chimes, class, coast, crazy, cure, deliberate, difficulty, dive, enter, false, faster, first, hire, horns, industry, invest, mesa, nothing, novel, pass, patience, regular, sass, science, secure, stare, trust, universes, vassal, visitor, worry, wrong, years.

