

32 Militants Killed in Ghazni, Kapisa Incidents



GHAZNI/MAHMUD RAQI - Local officials on Saturday at least 32 Taliban militants have been killed during clashes with Afghan forces in southern Ghazni and central Kapisa provinces.

Ghazni governor's spokesman, Mohammad Arif Noori, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Taliban militants launched a coordinated attack on security posts in Shahbaz Khan area of on the outskirts of

the capital of the province Friday night. He said 10 militants were killed and three others wounded in Afghan forces retaliatory attack. The bodies of three ...*(More on P4)...*(12)

7 Taliban Insurgents Killed in Paktika Clashes

SHARANA - Seven Taliban insurgents have been killed and as many wounded during clashes with security forces in southeastern Paktika province, an official said on Saturday. Brig. Gen. Raham Del, 203rd Thunder Military Corps commander, told Pajhwok Afghan News the militants attacked an Afghan National Army (ANA) convoy in Soraki area of Mata Khan district. Three attackers were killed and several were others wounded, but the security escaped unhurt, he said. Police spokesman Shah Mohammad Aryan said four insurgents were killed and as many wounded when Taliban attacked security check-posts in Piar Kotai area of Argon district on Friday night. Nek Mohammad, a resident of the area, said "Clashes often take place between Taliban and The Taliban have so far said nothing in this regard. (Pajhwok)

Kabul Police Arrest 3 People on Charges of Smuggling Hawks

KABUL - At least three people were arrested by the police forces in Kabul for attempting to smuggle Hawks to neighboring Pakistan, the security officials said Friday. The three smugglers were arrested during an operation conducted in a check post in Sarobi district of Kabul. The officials in Criminal Investigation Department in Kabul said the three smugglers had placed the Hawks inside a vehicle and were on their way from northern Balkh province to Nangarhar when they were arrested. The officials further added that the men had captured the Hawks from the northern Balkh province. ...*(More on P4)...*(14)

7 Dead as Taliban, Daesh Clash in Nangarhar



JALALABAD - At least seven Daesh and Taliban fighters have been killed during a clash between the rival groups in Khogyani district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Saturday. The Nangarhar governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, told Pajhwok Afghan News, the two factions clashed in the district on Friday night. He said four Daesh and three Taliban militants were killed and four others on both sides were wounded in the gun-battle. Separately, on Saturday a civilian was injured after being caught in the crossfire between Daesh and government forces in Haska Mena district of the province. The town administrative chief, Saz Wali, said the early morning clash occurred after Daesh militants stormed a check post named Khadi Ghondai in the district. He said security personnel suffered no casualties, but an area resident was severely injured and his condition was said to be critical. He didn't know about Daesh casualties. (Pajhwok)

Jalalabad: Speech-Impaired People Protest for Rights



JALALABAD - A number of speech-impaired people on Saturday staged a protest demonstration in the capital of eastern Nangarhar province, demanding their rights. The special people said 3,000 speech-impaired individuals were registered in their association from the eastern region. Gathering in front of the governor's house in Jalalabad, they warned of not moving until their rights were given. Using hand gestures, the special individuals explained their demands including work and other rights ...*(More on P4)...*(15)

Diesel, Sugar, Flour Prices Increased in Kabul



KABUL - Prices of diesel, sugar, and Kazakhstani flour have increased during the outgoing week in Kabul, market sources said on Saturday. Abdul Hadi, a worker at Wazir Abad Pump Station, told Pajhwok Afghan News the price of one litre of diesel increased from 46 Afghanis to 47 Afghanis and the price of petrol remained stable at 46afis. ...*(More on P4)...*(13)

Two Soldiers Wounded in Humvee Bombing in Helmand

KABUL - Helmand security officials said a suicide bomber driving a Humvee detonated his explosives in Nawa district early Saturday morning. According to officials the bomber tried to gain entry into an Afghan joint security forces coordination center in the district but before reaching his target he was spotted by security forces. He then detonated his explosives. Two army soldiers were wounded in the blast, officials said. No further details were provided. (Tolonews)

Afghanistan Beats Malaysia in Asian Beach Soccer Match



KABUL - The national beach soccer team defeated Malaysia 4-3 in the Asian Beach Soccer tournament in China. Rauf Qaderi, Hazratgul Baran, Murtaza Rezaee and Mahmoud Azad scored Afghanistan's goals during the competition. The first match of Afghanistan was against Oman where the national team was beaten by its rival 3-4. "The match against Malaysia was a tough game. Tomorrow, we will play against China, which is the host. We hope to win China," said Hazrat Gul Bazran, member of the national soccer team. Afghanistan will face China in their third match during the tournament. (Tolonews)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries You are sure that a recent choice was the right one, but your confidence might create unnecessary conflict if a friend questions your wisdom. Dismissing someone's valid concern without even considering its worth may be enough to escalate a sincere and caring inquiry into a full-blown argument.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus You wish that every moment of the day could be planned in advance today to compensate for a lack of certainty that's crept into your life. It's not like you want to be that busy; you just need to feel like there are some variables you can control. Nevertheless, micromanaging every activity won't bring you any closer to happiness.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini You might lack a clear understanding of your role in other people's lives today. You strive to have a positive influence in all your relationships, but it's nearly impossible now to discern the direct consequences of your actions. Although being of service to your friends is an admirable goal, attempts to gain their approval may turn into a wild goose chase.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer Overloading people with a pile of facts is a distraction rather than a benefit today. Naturally, everyone craves credible information that empowers them to make the smartest decisions. But you can bury the truth quickly with a truckload of superfluous data. Instead of impeding progress by pulling everyone's eyes off the main event.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo Gaining clarity about a business relationship requires your full commitment because you could be negatively judged if you're not on the same page. Although you likely know your own strengths and weaknesses in great detail, others might harbor some misconceptions about your possible contributions to a partnership.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept 22)



Virgo You are attracted to artists, musicians and dreamers today. Paradoxically, you also know that these free spirits can be your downfall if their stories are so captivating that they distract you from your worldly commitments. Logically, you think you should keep your distance from anyone who simultaneously excites and confuses you. Nevertheless, the lure of partnership is irresistible while the Moon opposes Neptune.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra Many unanswered questions are on your mind today, yet you won't likely let others know of your concerns. You prefer to put up a defensive front so no one suspects that you're experiencing doubt. But the amount of psychic energy necessary to hide your uncertainty can take its toll over time.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio A torrent of creativity may be building behind a dam that is about to burst under the pressure. However, it's difficult to see the potential when you are feeling the frustration of being blocked. Luckily, establishing an easy flow of artistic self-expression is easier than you realize. It's like priming a pump that's gone dry.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius You live under the illusion of believing you can say nearly anything that's on your mind. However, when people misinterpret your words today, you might wish you kept your thoughts to yourself. It's as if there's an invisible filter between your emotions and other people's ears while the moody Moon squares communicator Mercury in your sign.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn Making plans can be a form of enjoyment for you goal-oriented Capricorns. Nevertheless, some days are better than others for doing the foundational work that ultimately makes or breaks a project. Fortunately, a Moon-Pluto trine supplies you with a seemingly endless supply of energy and you are excited to make the most of this cosmic momentum.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Aquarius There are emotional complexities at play that you cannot quite decipher. You know you are missing part of the evidence that you need to strengthen your case, but you can't describe what you don't yet understand. Your most efficient way to gather data now is by asking direct questions to those in charge. If you are careful in your approach to avoid implying any blame today.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces You might experience a bit of role reversal today as you show up to a meeting supported by a wealth of details. Unfortunately, someone else might criticize you for being lost in an analytical detour when it's your emotions that reveal the real meaning. But you're having a hard time trusting your feelings now, especially if expressing them is going to complicate matters.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-71 indicating starting positions for clues.

Across clues: 1. Heroism, 6. Dad, 10. Superhero accessory, 14. Pretext, 15. Quiet time, 16. Somersault, 17. Speedy, 18. Region, 19. Component of urine, 20. Days gone by, 22. Immediately, 23. Fizzy drink, 24. Change, 26. Distant, 30. Louisville Slugger, 31. Calypso offshoot, 32. Bog, 33. Bit of gossip, 35. Toward the outside, 39. Device, 41. Witness, 43. Different, 44. Arid, 46. Age, 47. What we breathe, 49. Henpeck, 50. Colorful salamander, 51. Stock exchange, 54. Paper holder, 56. Certain card games or liquors, 57. Sketcher, 63. Largest continent, 64. Nestling hawk, 65. Spanish for "Friend", 66. Calf's meat, 67. At one time (archaic), 68. Quoted, 69. Large North American deer (plural), 70. Geographic illustrations, 71. Relieves.

Down clues: 1. Deviate, 2. Wings, 3. What we kiss with, 4. Death notice, 5. Carnival attractions, 6. Friends who come to play, 7. Golden, 8. Urgent request, 9. Warning devices, 10. Crab or lobster, 11. Heart artery, 12. Skirt fold, 13. Gladden, 21. Batman's sidekick, 25. Hawaiian strings, 26. Ammunition, 27. Decree, 28. Chief, 29. Practices, 34. Disciplinarians, 36. Tall woody plant, 37. Affirm, 38. Fender blemish, 40. Colored part of an eye, 42. Start, 45. Embrace, 48. Ransom, 51. Courageous, 52. European blackbird, 53. Inuit boat, 55. Tranquility, 58. Tropical American wildcat, 59. Dogfish, 60. Chickadees, 61. Curved molding, 62. Fishing poles,

Yesterday's Solution crossword puzzle with filled-in words: NAMED, ALIAS, VAST, ABOVE, MORE, DGLE, GENDIM, NATE, LAIN, ATOMIC, FIR, LICE, TYKES, GENET, ASP, MARTERY, FOOTBALL, SLOBBER, AMORAL, SPARSE, REFEREE, BEEHIVE, ENSURE, LEEK, SALT, CLAW, TROW, BON, SIENNA, RANI, AGGRESSION, TRES, LIEU, ASCOT, PAIRE, MARIE, LEEKS.

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