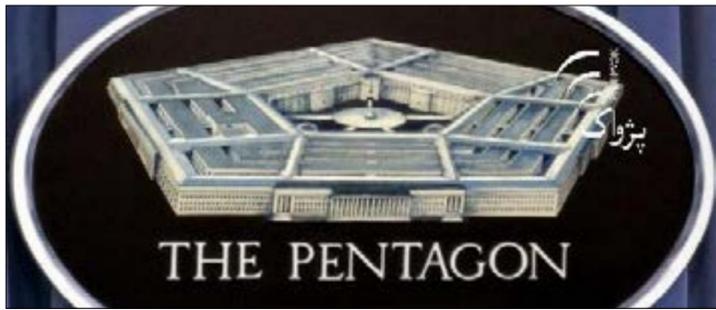


# Fallen US Soldiers Named; Bagram Attack Denounced

KABUL - The Pentagon has named the two US soldiers killed in Saturday's suicide bombing at America's largest military base in central Afghanistan. Two US troops and as many contractors were killed and 16 others wounded in the attack on the Bagram Airfield in Parwan province. A Polish soldier also sustained slight injuries in the explosion. On Monday, the Pentagon identified the fallen soldiers as Stockton

native John W. Perry and Tyler R. Lubelt of Tamaroa, Illinois. "We strongly condemn the suicide attack on coalition personnel at Bagram Airfield this weekend that killed two US service members and two contractors, and injured 16 other service members and one Polish soldier participating in the NATO mission," State Department spokeswoman Elizabeth Trudeau said. "Our deepest sympathies go to the family and



friends affected by this tragic loss. So we mourn their sacrifice, we reaffirm

our commitment to protect the homeland, and help our Afghan partners secure

their country and their future," Trudeau said. (Pajhwok)

# Female Teacher Dares to Teach Children in Former Taliban Stronghold

KANDAHAR - "My sole aim of teaching children in the village school is to help the poor children to get education and become literate, especially for girls who were traditionally kept away from school," Aisha, 36, who teaches in a local school in former Taliban stronghold the southern Kandahar province, told Xinhua recently. Living in a remote village of Spin Boldak district, a border town linking Kandahar province to Quetta city of Pa-

kistan, the courageous Aisha overcoming all traditional barriers goes to the dilapidated school every morning to teach the children of the most unprivileged families in the far-flung village. Working outside home for females in Kandahar, the spiritual capital of former Taliban regime where people deeply believe in traditions, is regarded as taboo and a breach of family honor, but Aisha, the mother of eight, dared to start teaching children in her

village school four years ago. "My school has only one classroom with 32 students including girls who go to school six days a week," said the brave lady, whispering "due to tribal culture most of the students have no interest in getting education and therefore, I take them from their homes to school." The ongoing conflicts, domestic violence and tribal traditions and cultural barriers in parts ... (More on P4)...(17)

## Two Taliban Major Commanders among 9 Insurgents Killed in Saripul

SARIPUL - A total of nine Taliban militants including two main commanders have been killed and 15 others injured in the northern Saripul province on Tuesday, provincial governor Mohammad Zahir Wahdat said. "Taliban militants launched coordinated attacks on the southern part of provincial capital Saripul city early today morning but fled away after suffering casualties and leaving nine dead bodies including two key commanders Gul Hamid and Mabariz behind,"



Wahdat told reporters here. Fifteen more militants have been injured and sporadic fighting between security forces and Taliban fighters is going on in some villages in the outskirts of provincial capital the Saripul city 360 km

north of Kabul, the official added. He also confirmed that six security personnel have been killed or injured in the fighting. Taliban militants who are active in parts of Saripul province, have not commented. (Xinhua)

## Kidnapped Child Rescued in Farah, 3 Suspects Held

FARAH CITY - Intelligence operatives on Tuesday rescued a little child from the clutches of his kidnapers in western Farah province, an official said. A video of the kidnapped child has previously gone viral on social media. The video clip shows hands of the child are tied behind his back and his clothes except his underwear have been taken off. "I love you mother, I am afraid, I am dying, please rescue me," the crying child said in the video. Farah deputy police chief,



Col. Mohammad Ghaus Malyar, identified the six years old child as Naveed who had been kidnapped in Farah city in the middle of Taliban attacks on the provincial capital. Naveed was playing with other children when un-

known armed men suddenly took him to a car and kidnapped him, Malyar said. However, the child was rescued and three persons involved in his abduction were arrested by ... (More on P4)...(16)

## ISIS in Afghanistan Claims Trump's Victory to Help Attract More Fighters

KABUL - The loyalists of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group in Afghanistan have claimed that the victory of Donald Trump in the US Presidential election will help the group attract more fighters in the country. The loyalists of the terrorist group joined the Taliban insur-

gents to react towards the victory of the Republican candidate in the elections. "This guy is a complete maniac. His utter hate towards Muslims will make our job much easier because we can recruit thousands," Abu Omar Khorasani, a top IS commander in Afghanistan, ... (More on P4)...(18)

## Prayer Leader Killed by Unknown Armed Men in Nimroz

ZARANGE - A prayer leader was shot dead by unidentified armed men in southwestern Nimroz province on Tuesday, an official said. Provincial deputy police chief, Col. Mohammad Salih Masoud, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Mulavi Salah-u-Din Muhid a teacher of the Bahralulom Madrasa

was gunned down by the armed men in the fifth police district today afternoon. He said the slain person was an Islamic scholar and had no connection with government. The attackers managed to escape, but police launched an investigation to nab the killers, he said. (Pajhwok)

## Woman Among 3 Killed in Faryab Incidents

MAIMANA - Three people, including a woman, have been killed in separate incidents of violence in northwestern Faryab province, police said on Tuesday. An illegal armed group member and his friend were killed by unknown assailants in Dara Sakh area of Garzwan district, the district police chief, Col. Abdul Samad, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said the double murder resulted from a personal dispute and police had detained three relatives of the deceased. Meanwhile, a 19-years-old woman, Rahima, was shot dead in Senjedak area of Kohistan district. Faryab police ... (More on P4)...(19)

## Airstrike Kills 3 Taliban in Nangarhar's Ghanikhel

JALALABAD - A commander was among at least three Taliban militants killed in an airstrike in Ghanikhel district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Tuesday. The airstrike was carried out by the Afghan Air Force special unit "02" in 27 Weala locality of the district late on Monday night, Attuallah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said civilians and security forces suffered no casualties during the operation and the ground forces confiscated some weapons belonging to the dead militants. He said three suspected gunmen were also detained during the operation. The Taliban in a statement claimed the fighters killed ... (More on P4)...(20)

## Afghan Money Exchangers Concerned over India's Currency Move

KABUL - The Shazada Market money exchangers union in Kabul have raised serious concerns over the invalidation of 500 and 1,000 Indian rupee notes and said that according to their information an estimated 60 million rupees is in circulation in Afghanistan. Last week, India suddenly banned more than 80 percent of its rupee notes and introduced new 500 and 2,000 rupee notes. However, the Shazada Market Union has blasted



government for not taking action on their behalf. "We urge government to take action like other countries and not let the Indian rupees with Afghans become invalid," said Haji Zarak, a member of the

union. But six days after the banning of the rupees, Afghanistan's Central Bank has not come up with a possible solution. The Central Bank said it is ... (More on P4)...(21)

## One School Child Killed, 2 Wounded in Nangarhar Blast

JALALABAD - One child was killed while two others were wounded in a landmine explosion in the Rodat district of eastern Nangarhar province on Tuesday, an official said. Attuallah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman,

told Pajhwok Afghan News the landmine - planted by insurgents in Chinar village - inflicted casualties on school students. He said the ages of the dead and wounded children were between ... (More on P4)...(22)

## Outlook Horoscope

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

It's all too easy to drift off course today, favoring fantasy over reason. Although the antsy Gemini Moon intrigues you with a variety of options as you create your schedule for the day, your best ideas may be blocked by circumstances out of your control. However, if you encounter resistance, don't continue to force the issue.

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

Your thoughts are smoothly transformed into deeds today, making this a great time to initiate action. Don't wait for a better moment to start a new project, since warrior Mars is ready to fight on your behalf. All forms of communication are emphasized now, but be extra careful when discussing finances. Although the flighty Gemini Moon can distract you from your real work.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You are inspired to put your best ideas into motion now, especially if your current goals are motivating you to do something you've never done before. It's one thing to have a creative vision about your future, yet it's particularly exciting when you can execute a plan so easily. But even if you have no specific destination in mind, it may be time to fully explore new avenues of adventure in the most spontaneous ways possible.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

There may be a flurry of activity in your life today, even if it's hidden from view. The chatty Gemini Moon is visiting your 12th House of Secrets, tempting you to share your innermost fantasies with someone you admire. But you make everything appear less complicated than it is now if you're playing a shell game with reality.

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

You're able to take command with such style and grace today that you make work seem like child's play. In fact, your life can feel like a celebration, filled with playful conversations and social invitations. But you may be secretly suffering in silence now if you're struggling to meet your deadlines.

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

Although you might be quite impatient today, your perseverance will pay off as long as you don't lose sight of your ultimate destination. The Gemini Moon typically diffuses your energy, but a supportive Mercury-Mars sextile gives you enough endurance to complete whatever you start. Nevertheless, you may be confounded by too many choices. Concentrate your efforts on the most vital tasks even if you must temporarily ignore other obligations.

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

Expressing your fantasies through artistic creations or romantic love can take up a significant chunk of your time now. You may even wonder how to make your dreams come true while the curious Gemini Moon floats through your 9th House of Adventure. Nevertheless, your capacity to imagine is currently greater than your ability to integrate fantasy with reality.

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

Connections with new people are only alluring if they are interesting enough to hold your attention after the first round of casual communication. You're not interested in superficial conversations that demonstrate someone's cleverness while the Moon hangs out in your 8th House of Deep Sharing.

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

Your emotional flexibility and nonjudgmental attitude attract intriguing people who motivate you personally and professionally. There's no denying the fact that relationships take center stage while the Moon camps out in your 7th House of Partnerships. Fortunately, harmonious aspects to the lighthearted Gemini Moon ensure meaningful communication if you're willing to engage your heart fully.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You're lost in the contradiction between work and play, uncharacteristically unable to tell one from the other now. Your tendency is to contract and act responsibly when required, but the flirtatious Gemini Moon in your 6th House of Employment encourages more frivolous activities. Indulging in your fantasies is not a wasteful pastime, especially if it motivates you to try something you've never experienced.

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

Although you're able to accomplish more than you expect today, you may have more opportunities for pleasure than time to enjoy them. The carefree Gemini Moon's presence in your 5th House of Romance arouses playful feelings. The innocence of your heart could even bring moments of foolishness, but it's better to be naïve and awkward now than to protect yourself by closing down to avoid mistakes.

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

Exploring previously suppressed emotions can help you rediscover your true purpose and give you the strength you need to reach your goals. The inquisitive Gemini Moon's presence in your 4th House of Roots entices you to dig even deeper into the origins of your current thoughts and feelings. Although you may become a data scavenger as you gather information now.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-55.

Across: 1. Stairs, 6. Frozen, 10. Couch, 14. A kind of macaw, 15. An enclosure, 16. Atop, 17. A French dance, 18. Colored part of an eye, 19. A box or chest, 20. Spectator, 22. Swear, 23. Soak, 24. Colonic, 26. Dangerous, 30. Challenges, 32. Pussycat, 33. Land tenures of widowers, 37. French for "State", 38. Caps, 39. Ancient marketplaces, 40. Sang for somebody, 42. Cars, 43. Jottings, 44. Splatter, 45. Field of rice, 47. Downturn, 48. Aquatic plant, 49. Careful, 56. Legume, 57. Frosts, 58. Foreshadow, 59. Nonclerical, 60. East Indian tree, 61. Cubbyholes (British), 62. Feudal worker, 63. Absorbs, 64. Excrete. Down: 1. Wise one, 2. Found in a cafeteria, 3. Overhang, 4. Ship's front, 5. Hit the spot, 6. Cake frosting, 7. Concern, 8. Auspices, 9. Sweet treats, 10. Prospering, 11. Codeine source, 12. Civet-like mammal, 13. Picnic insects, 21. Foot digit, 25. Born as, 26. Hawaiian strings, 27. Anagram of "Tine", 28. Celebrity, 29. Number of people present, 30. Fools, 31. Dry, 33. Formally surrender, 34. Greek letter, 35. God of love, 36. Cumberbund, 38. Grasshoppers, 41. A gesture of assent, 42. Pacify, 44. Bro or sis, 45. Supplications, 46. Twice, 47. Flat circular plates, 48. Competent, 50. Reflected sound, 51. Jump, 52. A step on a ladder, 53. Chills and fever, 54. Yanks, 55. At one time (archaic).

Yesterday's Solution: A grid of letters with some filled in.

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BEACHQUAVERXS  
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