

Ex-Pak Senator Links FATA's Wounds to Pakistan's Support to Taliban



KABUL - A prominent former Pakistani senator Afrasiab Khattak has linked the wounds of Federally Administered Tribal Agency (FATA) to support to the Taliban group by certain security circles in Pa-

kistan. Published in local Nation media outlet, Khattak has mentioned regarding the recent military operations launched in South Waziristan area as he expressed

his concerns regarding the thousands of families displaced since the operations were launched earlier this month. The article titled 'FATA's wounds' mainly focuses on the ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Discussions on Kabul Services and Poultry Farming

KABUL - A number of women farmers in Bagrami district of Kabul say they have been able to set up their farms with the help of the Ministry of Agriculture. Nargis Mosavi, host of Bazaar programme, discusses the issues Kabul residents face in terms of service delivery as well as the growing number of women turning to poultry farming. Mosavi also chats to the spokesman for the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries about Sunday's murder of a Kabul money exchanger. In the studio with her are: Mutaba Hoshmand adviser to the Kabul Municipality who discusses service delivery in Kabul. Mushtaq Mohammadi the head of the Poultry Project at the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock. Sayam Pasarlai spokesman for the ACCI who speaks about the murder of a Kabul money exchanger. *(Tolonews)*

2 Women, as Many Children Mysteriously Killed in Farah

FARAH CITY - Two women and as many children have been found dead under mysterious circumstances in western Farah province, an official said on Monday. Police spokesman Iqbal Bahir told Pajhwok Afghan News security forces found the bodies during a patrol in the Dasht-i-Shorab area of Mahajirabad village on Sunday. He said the women had been shot in heads while the children were beheaded. The bodies were handed over to the victims' relatives. No one had been arrested in connection with the killings, the police officials said, adding an investigation was underway. According to Bahir, the victims were inhabitants of the Kansang village of Bala Baluk district. *(Pajhwok)*

75 Militants Killed in Herat Fresh Offensive



HERAT CITY - Seventy-five insurgents have been killed and 25 others wounded during an operation in the Shindand district of western Herat province, an official claimed on Monday. Jilani Farhad, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the security forces conducted the operation codenamed "Azam Kahlid 21" in Sarayak, Mir Haidar, Deh Ali Bek, Deh Naw, Deh Pahlawan and Azizabad areas. He said the 10-day offensive was carried out by Public Order Police, Afghan National Police, Border Police, Afghan National Army, Special Forces and NDS personnel. A dozen insurgents involved in disruptive activities were detained. Farhad added: "The operation was aimed to eliminate the militant hideouts under the leadership of Mullah Najeebullah, Taliban's shadow district chief, and some other areas also came under air attacks. Several commanders, including Mullah Samad, were killed." *(Pajhwok)*

Taliban Blocks Maimana-Jawzjan Highway for Traffic



MAIMANA - Taliban blocked the Maimana-Jawzjan highway for traffic on Monday, leaving many people on both sides of the road, passengers said. The driver of a passenger vehicle, wishing to go unnamed, told Pajhwok Afghan News dozens of automobiles were stranded in the Qushlaq area of Khwaja Sabzposh district. "Women and children pleaded with the Taliban to let them pass the area, but the insurgents didn't listen to their requests," the driver said. *(Pajhwok)*

18 Daesh Eliminated in Nangarhar Airstrike, Clash

JALALABAD - At least 18 Daesh or Islamic State militants have been killed in an airstrike and a clash in eastern Nangarhar province, officials said on Monday.

Another 18 gunmen loyal to the group were wounded in the separate air and ground offensives during the past 24-hours, Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said 14 Daesh rebels were killed, including a key figure Saqib, and their weapons and ammunition destroyed in the airstrike in Abdulkhelo area of Achin district.

In Chaparhar district, four IS militants were killed and two others were wounded in a clash with security forces in Garazo area ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Alcohol Bootlegging Alleged at EU Mission in Kabul



KABUL - The EU is assessing whether alcohol intended for its mission in Kabul was instead sold on the black market. The alcohol was allegedly smuggled out of the compound and sold illegally, the Guardian reported. The European Anti-Fraud Office (Olaf) is assessing the allegations but has yet to launch a formal investigation. Consumption of alcohol by Afghans is prohibited in the Islamic republic but bootlegging is not uncommon. Diplomatic missions are allowed to import alcohol for their foreign staff. An EU spokesperson said: "The EU delegation in Kabul became aware of these allegations at the end of August and immediately informed Olaf. "The European External Action Service and the European Commission take any allegations of wrongdoing extremely seriously." *(BBC)*

2 Police Wounded in Helmand Suicide Bombing

LASHKARGAH - Two policemen were slightly wounded in a suicide bomb attack in Marja district of southern Helmand province, an official said on Monday. Police spokesman Abdul Salam Afghan said the explosion took place in front of police headquarters at around 10pm Sunday night. Two police personnel superficial injuries, he added. There has been so far no claim of responsibility for the blast. *(Pajhwok)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries No task is out of question today. You'll figure out a way to make it happen if you believe you can do it. Your organizational skills are finely sharpened, and you can't wait to put them to good use. Others might criticize you for your pie-in-the-sky thinking, but you have run all the variables through your analytical process and you know exactly what you are doing. The same people who doubt your

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus It may be up to you to be the peacemaker in a relationship today. Your key planet Venus in your 7th House of Partners is empowered by unrelenting Pluto, motivating you to be steadfast in your opposition to fear. There's not much you need to say or do if you simply show up with an open heart.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini You're not inclined to express your desires today unless you can see a tangible benefit from your emotional disclosure. Sometimes sharing your feelings is the first step to a lively discussion that brings you closer to someone else. However, you might try to avoid such a conversation at first because it pulls you into unexplored territory.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer Your need for security is given a cosmic boost today as the Moon slips into your 7th House of Relationships. It feels natural now to rely on a close friend or lover since he or she adds an extra layer of stability to your world. Nevertheless, you're not sure how quickly you want to acknowledge the depth of your current feelings.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo You want to help others, but you're afraid of losing your focus if you do. Nevertheless, you are compelled to be of assistance if you can as the dutiful Capricorn Moon highlights your 6th House of Work and Service. Naturally, you can't just blow off your job-related responsibilities, but neither can you abandon a friend in need.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept 22)



Virgo You have a rather rigid outlook on love now and your assumptions about it could make happiness more difficult to find. Unlike many others, you're sensible even when you're romantically enchanted by a lover's spell. Nevertheless, once you meet the one who rattles your heart, there's no question about your next move. You can logically justify your behavior, even when you act completely out of character.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra Although there may be chores to do out in the world, you're also concerned about managing family matters. Wherever you are, you are taking your responsibilities very seriously today, leaving you with little energy left over for relaxation. Nevertheless, your key planet Venus tempts you to forget about your obligations for a while by promising exquisite experiences.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio You need your schedule etched in stone today. In the midst of a rapidly evolving world, the traditional Capricorn Moon's visit to your 3rd House of Distractions insists that the timing of your day be left as it is. Nevertheless, whatever you choose to do now will be approached with a high level of passion.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius Although you can't stop talking today, you might not actually have a lot to say. The extroverted Moon joins loquacious Mercury in your 1st House of Self, encouraging you to share your opinions whether or not you are asked. In fact, your off switch may not be functional until Luna hooks up with sobering Saturn later in the day. In the meantime, you continue to ramble as you spin your stories, expecting your audience to hang on every syllable.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn You are more than willing to work extra hard today if you can measure your progress in tangible results. The Capricorn Moon reminds you of the cause-and-effect relationship between your ambitious efforts and the sweetness of being rewarded for a job well done. However, your friends might distract you with social invitations now.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

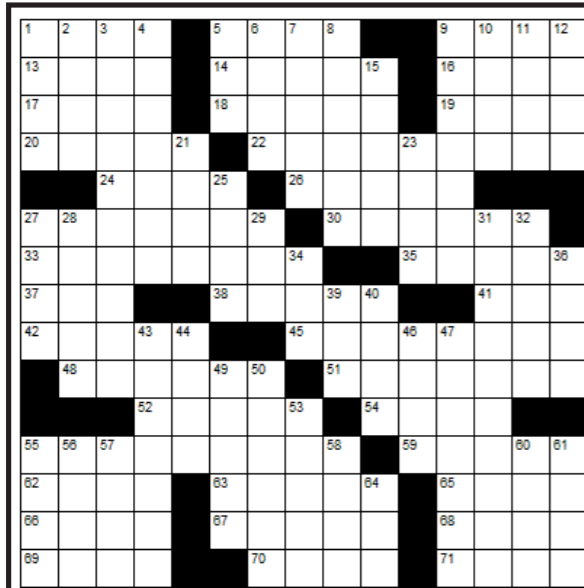


Aquarius You can't reveal your plans today because you know they aren't ready to undergo the scrutiny they will receive once you go public with them. Instead, you're likely to wear a happy face so everyone thinks nothing is afoot. You don't want anyone to notice that you're secretly working toward striking out on your own.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces You may rely on your friends and associates to come to your aid today because you know they have your back. Thankfully, they won't let you down now. In fact, you may be part of such a strongly knit workgroup that each of you stands a better chance of achieving success because of all the mutual respect and support. Nevertheless, don't assume you can get by with doing less than your fair share.



Across

1. Balcony section, 5. Whine with snuffling, 9. Grooming tool, 13. So be it, 14. Classical Greek, 16. Affirm, 17. Six-stringed instrument, 18. Soft, 19. French for "Head", 20. Collection of maps, 22. Wandered, 24. Killer whale, 26. Less damp, 27. Dawdler, 30. Named (archaic), 33. Positioned, 35. Dimwit, 37. Record (abbrev.), 38. Piques, 41. African antelope, 42. French for "Storehouse", 45. One less than twenty, 48. Jubilation, 51. A type of sugar molecule, 52. Asphalted, 54. Fiber source, 55. Overly fatigued, 59. Not cool, 62. Yachting cap, 63. Shoestrings, 65. Achy, 66. Stink, 67. Leaf opening, 68. Varieties, 69. District, 70. Gave the once-over, 71. Exam, ,

Down

1. Magma, 2. Leave out, 3. Relating to geology, 4. Make larger, 5. Offer, 6. Weaving machine, 7. Not married, 8. Double star, 9. Supplied a banquet, 10. Not under, 11. Distribute, , 12. Engendered, 15. Faultfinder, 21. Glance over, 23. Sandwich shop, 25. The products of human , reativity, 27. Wisdom, 28. Mountain crest, 29. Lair, 31. Cubbyhole, 32. Notes, 34. Cacophony 36. Melody, 39. It is (poetic), 40. Give the cold shoulder, 43. A mild powdered seasoning, 44. French for "State", 46. Beige, 47. A surveying instrument, 49. Iniquities, 50. Lower the capability 53. Lure, 55. Gumbo, 56. Swerve, 57. Type of sword, 58. A Greek territorial unit, 60. Bothers 61. Annoyance, 64. Unhappy,

Yesterday's Solution

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