

NATO, Afghan Forces Limited Contacts as Part of Protection Measures

KABUL - NATO has limited face to face communication with Afghan security forces after the Kandahar and Herat incidents. On October 18, Kandahar Police Chief Gen. Abdul Raziq and the provincial National Directorate Security (NDS) head were killed and some other high-level government officials and US general were wounded when security guard of governor Zalmi Wesa opened firing on them at the end of a meeting. NATO and US Forces Commander Gen. Scott Miller escaped unhurt in the attack. In Herat, a NATO soldier was killed in an insider attack also known as green-on-blue in the Shindand district. The victim was from the Czech Republic, a statement from the Czech military said, though the NATO-led mission did not name



the casualty. Resolute Support Spokesperson Colonel Knut Peters said: "NATO has adjusted force protection measures to the current situation. This is a standard practice after green-on-blue attacks and applies mainly to face-to-face contacts. ... (More on P4)...(9)



Afghanistan Produces 1.7 Billion Liters of Milk a Year

KABUL - Officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) said that at least 1.7 billion liters of milk is produced in the country every year and that they need seven years to become self-reliance in this sector by investing \$300 million. According to MAIL statistics, Afghanistan imports more than 40 percent of its needs for dairy. The MAIL's Comprehensive Agriculture and Rural Development-Facility (CARD-F) program - which encompasses dairy sector as well - started nine years ago. Increase in milk production and providing milk processing facilities to farmers is part of this program, MAIL officials said. Officials from the program said milk production is on the rise and that Afghanistan produces up to 60 percent of its needs for dairy products. "We have implemented almost 50 agricultural projects in 14 provinces of the country," said Ahmad Shekib Sakhizada, CEO of CARD-F.

Some owners of dairy processing firms in Kabul said the interest of people for local dairy products has changed the sector into a high-income industry in the country. "We purchase milk from farmers in Logar and Maidan Wardak provinces on a daily basis because the quality of milk in these provinces are better compared with other areas," said Nek Mohammad Noorani, an employee of Kabul Dairy Products. (Tolo news)

Those Involved in Civilian Casualties to Face Justice: Stanikzai

JALALABAD - National Directorate of Security (NDS) chief Masoum Stanikzai on Thursday said military officials involved in civilian casualties would be brought to justice. The spymaster expressed these views during a press conference in Jalalabad, the capital of eastern Nangarhar province, about civilian deaths in a raid by 02 Unit Afghan Special Forces. Stanikzai said the aim of his trip to Nangarhar was to investigate civilian casualties by the Special Forces particularly the deaths in Rodat district. He said the recent incident was unfortunate and those found in-



involved would be taken to task and some were currently being investigated. To a question if the 02 Unit forces take orders from foreign mentors, Stanikzai said: "I don't think someone needs command from Washington for an operation, they like other ... (More on P4)...(10)

Displaced Imam Sahib Residents in Need of Assistance

KUNDUZ CITY - Recent clashes and incidents of violence in the Imam Sahib district of northern Kunduz province forced over 1,000 families to be displaced, an official said on Thursday. District Chief Mahboob Saedi told Pajhwok Afghan News the government has not yet provided assistance to the displaced families but the survey was being conducted. "Due to clashes, around 1,000 families from five villages have been displaced from their houses and no aid was provided to them by

the local and central government," he said. Khalid Hakemi, the Provincial Council member, said two civilians had been killed and five others injured as a result of recent clashes in Imam Sahib district. "In Aqi Bai, Abfaroshan, Baghmal Kocha and other villages around 1,000 families have been displaced and around 100 homes were destroyed due to the bombardment," Hakimi said. Amruddin Walli, another Provincial Council member, said people in the Imam Sahib ... (More on P4)...(11)

Over Half a Million Refugees Return Home from Iran, Pakistan this Year

KABUL - More than 650,000 Afghan refugees have repatriated from Iran and Pakistan this year, the International Organisation of Migration (IOM) said on Friday. From Pakistan 27,375 and from Iran 630,283 refugees have returned to Afghanistan since the beginning of 2018, the IOM said in a statement. It added, last week 16,426 Afghans have returned

from Iran out of them 7,130 were deported. According to the IOM necessary assistance had been provided to two percent repatriated individuals from Iran and 59 percent repatriated individuals from Pakistan. About the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), the IOM said 225,250 people had been displaced from the western zone of the country due to the drought situation. (Pajhwok)



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You and someone close could disagree on an issue that both of you feel strongly about. Stubborn pride on both your parts could keep you from working things out. Let it go, Aries. It isn't worth ruining your relationship. Someone you know might be headed for divorce or moving away, and the news could be a shock to you.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Problems with machines could have your nerves on edge. This may be one day when everything seems to break. Some problems you might be able to fix yourself, Taurus, but at least one may involve something that has to be replaced. This might be the one you need the most right now.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



- Today you might attend a party or group event with some friends, and become separated from them. Don't panic, Gemini. You will probably run into them later. You might meet some new friends and hear some news that could interest you. This is a day when cell phones and other handheld devices are likely to come in handy. You will want to record or pass on a lot of information.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



A number of surprise visitors could result in an impromptu party of some sort. This could be fun for you, Cancer, but it could also be a bit irritating. It might interfere with something you had planned. There's nothing you can do without sounding like Scrooge. Go with the flow, enjoy yourself, and then try to salvage your own plans as best as you can.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



This isn't the day to take a trip by air, Leo. Everything that can go wrong with such a trip will - delays, lost luggage, obnoxious seatmates. If you have one planned for today, change it to tomorrow. This also isn't a good day to take a class, since your attention span could be unusually short. What can you do? Relax, read, surf the Internet.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



One of your ambitions in life is to be financially independent, and lately you might have made great strides toward attaining that goal. Today, through no fault of your own, you may receive information that indicates there may have been a setback. However, all is not as it seems. Don't go into a panic until you know all the facts, Virgo. You're probably still right on track.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



- A surprising revelation from a friend or acquaintance might wake you up to the fact that you don't really know this person as well as you thought you did. Information could set you off on a search for knowledge that keeps you occupied for hours. A child or young person could come to you and ask for help. This promises to be a busy but interesting day.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Your mind is likely to be going a thousand miles an hour today, Scorpio. Thoughts and ideas are pouring into your head like rain from the sky. Some of them might be confusing and others contradictory. You might be tempted to puzzle over them until you give yourself a headache. Write them down and look at them in a day or two. Your ideas are more likely to make sense to you then.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



An old friend you haven't seen for a long time may suddenly resurface, perhaps at a party or group event that you attend. This could take you by surprise, Sagittarius, but you won't be any less happy to see him or her again. Surprising news may come to you through email or phone, and this might set you off in a totally different direction from the one you started in this morning.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan.19)



A sudden, unexpected problem at home could be rather upsetting. This probably relates to plumbing, electricity, or some other kind of home equipment. You will have to handle it, Capricorn, which means you will be housebound for most of the day waiting for a repairman when you'd rather be out. A friend might hear of your predicament and come over to keep you company.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

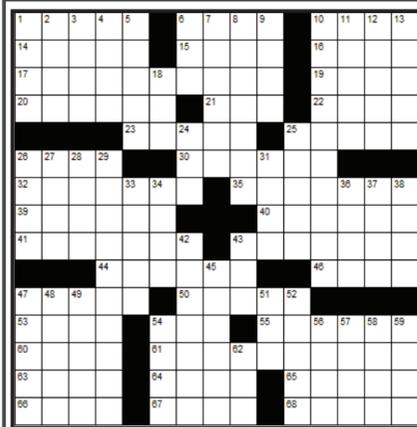


Upsetting news that you receive from far away, perhaps by phone or email, could send you into an emotional tailspin. There's an aura of uncertainty about what you hear - it may not make sense. Before you pass along the news or panic, Aquarius, make sure you know all the facts. You're likely to find that it's been blown all out of proportion. In view of this, you deserve an evening out.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Computer glitches or bank errors might send erroneous information to you about your finances. Perhaps the bank says you have less money than you do or a bill is higher than you thought it should be. If you can, make sure it gets settled today. You won't want to spend your day under this cloud. You probably want to indulge in total frivolity. Go ahead, Pisces, you deserve it!



Across

1. 3-banded armadillo, 6. Surety, 10. Boats, 14. Sources of ore, 15. With competence, 16. Deliver a tirade, 17. Possible, 19. Bright thought, 20. Hairstyle, 21. Autonomic nervous system, 22. Layer, 23. Draw forth, 25. Wild Asian dog, 26. Tears, 30. Scheme, 32. Variant of an element, 35. Chooses, 39. Sheepskin, 40. Clothing, 41. Poster color, 43. Betrayer, 44. Propel with force, 46. Formally surrender, 47. A strict vegetarian, 50. Wood nymph, 53. Cut down, 54. Before, poetically, 55. Wine and dine, 60. Misled, 61. Fast terrestrial bird, 63. If not, 64. Anagram of "Tine", 65. Provide food for, 66. Clairvoyant, 67. Biblical garden, 68. Decorative jugs,

Down

1. Nursemaid, 2. Falafel bread, 3. Against, 4. Back, 5. Comment to the audience, 6. Bleat, 7. Abbot's office, 8. Sickness, 9. Caustics, 10. Mathematics, 11. Audio communications, 12. Drop to one's knees, 13. Look at with fixed eyes, 18. A gesture of assent, 24. Utilize, 25. Triangular formation, 26. Break in friendly relations, 27. Small island, 28. Verse, 29. Folding portable ladder, 31. Rip, 33. Large body of water, 34. South American country, 36. Give as an example, 37. Stepped, 38. Arid, 42. Robot, 43. Your (archaic), 45. Bring into existence, 47. Valleys, 48. Banish, 49. Ganders, 51. Arrive (abbrev.), 52. Two, 54. Sea eagle, 56. Chew, 57. Kitty (poker), 58. Lascivious look, 59. Makes a mistake, 62. Lair

Yesterday's Solution

GREY DOLLS CHIP
HULL GOES ROSE
EBULLIENCE ANEW
ALY UNSETTLED
TEEMING DODDLY
GENS UNHEEDED
BLOCS ARIAS EMU
LUNG SLITIC SWIN
ONE DOLING PASTA
GARRIAGE BOG
SCUBA TAUPESRA
ALSO VICTORIOUS
CULT INNER DIME
KEYS EGEST ALLPS

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coach cover, crime
cure, frame,
guide, heap, hokum
inane, independent,
meanwhile, mice
model, negative
nibble piece

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