

# Security Force, Taliban Clash near Chora District Centre

TARINKOT - Twenty security personnel have been missing as fierce clash ongoing between security forces and the Taliban 50 metres from the Chora district centre in central Uruzgan province, an official said on Sunday.

Aminullah Khaleqi, the administrative chief of Chora district, told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash erupted in the Niyazo locality of Chora Saturday night resulting in the fall of security forces base and missing of 20 police and army personnel.

He said heavy clash between security forces and rebels was underway just 50 metres from the district centre. Khaleqi claimed no reinforcement reached to the site of clash from the centre to Uruzgan.

Hayatullah Fazli, member of the Provincial Council expressed grave concern over the deteriorated security situation and warned the district may fall to the ...*(More on P4)...(14)*



## US National Convicted of Terrorist Attack at US Base in Afghanistan



WASHINGTON - American citizen Muhanad Mahmoud Al-Farekh, who received training in terrorist activities in border areas of Pakistan and was an Al Qaeda member, has been convicted with charges of terrorism attack at a US military base in Afghanistan, the Department of Justice said Friday. "Muhanad Mahmoud Al-Farekh is an al Qaeda terrorist who conspired to kill Americans overseas. The trial evidence showed that he was involved in a variety of terrorist activity, including a VBIED attack on a U.S. military installation in Afghanistan in 2009," Acting Assistant Attorney General Boente said after a New York court convicted him with terrorism charges.

Al-Farekh now face life imprisonment. "Today, an American al-Qaeda member was brought to justice in a U.S. courtroom," said Acting United States Attorney Rohde.

"The jury's verdict on all nine counts of the indictment established Farekh's responsibility for a violent attack on members of our armed forces, his efforts to murder Americans and his commitment to one of the world's most infamous terrorist organizations. The defendant now faces the prospect of life imprisonment for the commission of these serious federal crimes," he said.

"The defendant in ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

## Bashir Taraki a Legend in Local Taekwondo



KABUL - Over the years, Afghanistan's well known taekwondo national coach has helped develop the sport to the extent where his athletes win on global platforms.

Bashir Taraki is a legend within Taekwondo circles in Afghanistan and has over the years not only won countless titles but in recent times has trained many champions.

Taraki first started Taekwondo under the guidance of Monir Ahmad, one of the founders of the sport in Afghanistan, in 1990.

Between 1990 and 1997 Taraki went from strength to strength and notched up many titles and in 1999 he represented his country at an international championships in India ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

## Ongoing Clashes Displace Dozens of Families in Parwan

KABUL - Local officials say Seyagerd district in Parwan province is a key area and that it should be cleared of militants in the near future.

Ongoing clashes in Seyagerd district in Parwan province, in the north of the capital city Kabul, have displaced dozens of families who leave their houses in search of safety.

The battle erupted when a group of Taliban fighters launched coordinated attacks on security outposts in Fondoghistan valley, Khashki and Hajatgah villages in Seyagerd on Friday morning.

Parwan officials said parts of the areas have fallen to the militants.

At least 10 security force members were killed or wounded and more than 10 civilians were injured in the ongoing clashes, said Mushtaq, a Local Police commander in the district.

Mushtaq, who commands 150 soldiers, said the Ghorband valley in Seyagerd district is a key area for the security forces.

"If this valley collapses, then the district will be threatened from several points. Taliban (militants) are active in the left part of Khashki valley from where they always fight with the security forces that results in road closure," said Mushtaq.

"We were ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

## Faryab Women Vendors Seek Proper Place, Market for Their Products

MAIMANA - Some sales women associated with handicraft industry in north western Faryab province accused government for not addressing their problems and exploring market for their products.

The lack of proper place in the market and import of goods badly affected the local market of handicraft. As many as 200 women have established stalls on pedestrians to sell their products in

Maimana, the provincial capital. Bibi Shah, 60, says she has started selling handicraft products when she was nine years old hoping she would be able to accommodate her family from its profit. "Over 200 women including widow have established stalls on the roadsides in Maimana. They have been suffering from the heat of sun in summer and cold weather in winter," she said.

"Since morning ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

## Farah, Bamyan Incidents Leave 32 Militants Dead

BAMYAN/ FARAH - Thirty-two Taliban insurgents and one policeman have been killed during separate clashes and airstrikes in western Farah and central Bamyan provinces, officials said on Saturday.

Twenty-seven militants were killed after Afghan National Army troops ambushed them in Kansak area of Bala Buluk district of Farah province on Friday, Governor Dr. Mohammad Arif Shah Jahan told Pajhwok Afghan News.

He said 12 vehicles and a pick-up belonging to militants were completely destroyed in the operation backed by air support.

Several bodies of the insurgents were lying at the clash site and some of them were transferred to Farah City, the gov-



ernor said. However, Taliban spokesman Qari Yousaf Ahmadi said their seven fighters were killed and four vehicles destroyed in the ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

## Afghan Female MMA Fighter Has Big Dreams to Follow



KABUL - Zahra Rezaee, member of Muay Thai National Team, says she will represent Afghanistan at an international event next month.

Zahra Rezaee, 18, who joined the National Muay Thai Team four years ago says she found the sport as a perfect martial art to follow her big dreams.

Rezaee represented Afghanistan at an international event for the first time last year where she got the title of 'brave girl of the world' and a silver medal from the World Muay Thai Federation. She had two wins at this competition.

"I was interested in martial arts from my childhood and when I entered the world of Muay Thai, I found it a perfect martial art," Rezaee said. "I worked hard and the support of my family was ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

## Outlook Horoscope

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



**Aries** Your creative approach to your work today quickly distinguishes your contributions from everyone else's. Your efforts might not be appreciated at first because you're busy blazing your own trail.

However, results speak louder than anyone else's protests. Although you strive to be the leader of the pack, you have nothing to prove.

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



**Taurus** You might believe that your associates will come to your rescue today. Although you wish to demonstrate your ability to achieve your goals on your own, the Moon's shift into altruistic Pisces and your 11th House of Groups tempts you with visions of successful collaborations.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



**Gemini** Your notions of success inspire you to visualize your ideal future. But the Moon's entry into your 10th House of Profession shifts your focus away from unrealistic fantasies as you make plans to advance in your career. However, it's still challenging to get a firm grip on reality when your imagination makes everything seem possible today.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



**Cancer** You may be overly sensitive to someone's subtle attempts at controlling your actions today. You expect others to behave with the highest ethics, but their actions leave you wondering. Unfortunately, it's hard to tell if people are really interfering with your plans or if a sudden brush with unsubstantiated paranoia is getting the best of you.

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



**Leo** There are many reasons to maintain a positive attitude today, but it's all too easy to worry about trivial matters instead. In fact, an unimportant piece of information could quickly turn into an obsession that sidetracks your focus. If it seems like you're concentrating on too many details, shift your attention from the trees to the entire forest.

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



**Virgo** You are the first one to acknowledge the importance of having fun today, but not in place of meeting your obligations. You are quite comfortable with your priorities and expect everyone else to deliver on their promises as well. However, no one seems to measure up to your high standards. It's as if the distant drummer they are dancing to is in another world, inviting them to evade responsibility.

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



**Libra** Following through with your intentions is crucial today, but your colorful daydreams keep pulling you off course. The Moon slips into spacey Pisces, further encouraging you to entertain your fantasies even while you're on the job. The edge between fact and fancy is where the magic lives.

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



**Scorpio** Self-expression comes easily today, but your words may have a completely different effect than you intended. It's not that your message is unclear; in fact, your blunt style leaves little to the imagination. It's just that you could misjudge how others will react. Examining your motives for sharing helps you understand how you are perceived and how your actions could be interpreted.

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



**Sagittarius** You're torn today between striving to reach ambitious career goals and wanting to let the world pass you by while you sit back and relax. You are set on achieving excellence in your profession but your heart would prefer to recharge its batteries while the sensitive Pisces Moon influences your 4th House of Emotional Security. Rest up while you can since the downtime will not last long.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



**Capricorn** You're on a mission and intend to complete it in a timely manner. However, you seem to intermittently lose focus today and can't figure out why. It's as if you keep receiving phone calls from a parallel universe now, yet no one is there each time you answer. You feel as if you're missing something important and can't take the next step until all the necessary facts are in order.

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

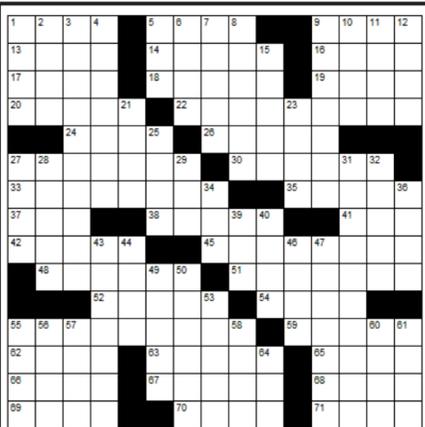


**Aquarius** You might not be as certain about your core values today, leading you to question your overall direction in life. Thankfully, your objectivity saves the day, enabling you to examine profound existential concerns without being overwhelmed. Nevertheless, you could lose your enlightened emotional detachment in a flash if you let your desires overrule your logic.

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



**Pisces** Your innate sensitivity allows you to respond with compassion, even in situations that might scare off those who are less trusting. Unfortunately, your empathy is a double-edged sword that could work against you if you don't establish clear boundaries today. It's one thing to feel someone else's pain; it's another thing to mistake it as your own.



**Across**

1. FFFF, 5. Nursemaid, 9. Kick, 13. Encircle, 14. Plunges, 16. Dwarf buffalo, 17. Midway between white and black, 18. Sound of contempt, 19. Shower, 20. Aroma, 22. Prehistoric animals, 24. Partiality, 26. 10 cent coins, 27. An ardent early supporter, 30. Poise, 33. Apparel, 35. Pizazz, 37. Cap, 38. Russian emperors, 41. Slime, 42. Submit, 45. Perquisites, 48. Least wet, 51. Venture to say, 52. Distend, 54. An international trade agreement, 55. Debilitates, 59. Waste matter, 62. Impoverished, 63. Gladden, 65. Angel's headwear, 66. Ancient Peruvian, 67. Thorny flowers, 68. French for "State", 69. Cover with plaster, 70. Cried, 71. DDDDD,,

**Down**

1. Hens make them, 2. Strong and sure, 3. Pillager, 4. Hairdresser, 5. Commercial, 6. Subconscious, 7. Steer clear of, 8. Rupture in smooth muscle tissue, 9. Sunshade, 10. Two-toed sloth, 11. French for "Black", 12. Bronzes, 15. Put one's foot down, 21. Strip of wood, 23. Consciousness, 25. Narrow opening, 27. Sore, 28. Tartan, 29. N N N N, 31. Judge, 32. Flora and fauna, 34. Chitchat, 36. Optimistic, 39. Crimson, 40. Catch, 43. Progressive, 44. Expunge, 46. Historical periods, 47. Retrieved, 49. Not drunk, 50. Animal oil, 53. Make fun of, 55. Sweeping story, 56. Not a single one, 57. Central points, 58. Stair, 60. Wings, 61. Kettles, 64. Eastern Standard Time,

**Yesterday's Solution**

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