

7 Injured in Kabul Suicide Bombing on Foreign Troops

KABUL - Seven civilians, including a child and woman, were injured in a suicide car bombing that targeted British troop carriers in central Kabul on Sunday morning. The incident took place at about 9:10 am local time in Juy-e-Shir area in the city center near a busy market while the convoy of troops was driving through the area, said Kabul police chief Abdul Rahman Rahimi. He said no deaths were reported but three civilians were injured. He did however con-



firm that the foreign troops are part of the NATO-led coalition forces. Security forces and medical teams were on the scene quickly and the injured were transferred to hospital. TOLONews journalist Mir-rabedJoyenda, who is reporting from the area said the streets have been cordoned off and a number of shops and businesses in the area were damaged in the blast. The Taliban have claimed responsibility for the attack. (Tolonews)

No Jail Time for Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl Army Officer Recommends

AUSTIN, TEXAS - An Army officer is recommending that Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl face a lower-level court martial and be spared the possibility of jail time for leaving his post in Afghanistan, his lawyer said Saturday.



Defense attorney Eugene Fidell said Lt. Col. Mark Visger has decided a civilian system should handle Bergdahl's case. It limits the maximum punishment reduction of rank, a bad conduct discharge and a short jail term, though that isn't being sought, Fidell said. Military prosecutors charged Bergdahl in March with desertion and misbehavior before the enemy, a charge that could carry a maximum penalty of life imprisonment. Bergdahl was captured by the Taliban after leaving his post on June 30, 2009, and held until last year, when he was exchanged for five Taliban commanders. His commanding officers say a 45-day search for Bergdahl put soldiers in danger. Visger presided over last month's Article 32 hearing in Texas that reviewed evidence against Bergdahl. Visger submitted a report with ...*(More on P4)...*(16)

13 Civilians Wounded in Traffic Accident



KABUL - Including five women and two children, 13 civilians have sustained injuries in a traffic accident in the jurisdiction of Maidan Wardak province on Kabul-Ghazni highway. A statement released by the media office of Maidan Wardak province states that the incident took place in Shirazi Baba area of Sayed Abad District this morning.

A 'Townace' coming from Kabul had a head on collision with a 'corolla' vehicle going from Ghazni, the statement adds. Victims of the accident were shifted to the civil hospital in MaidanShar, capital of Maidan Wardak, for treatment. Four of them were later sent to Kabul for being in critical condition. Unprofessional driving and bad road conditions usually turn into traffic accidents in Afghanistan leaving hundreds of people killed and wounded every year. (KP)

Family's Life Forever Altered after Kunduz Clash

KABUL - After two weeks of clashes, security forces have succeeded in pushing back insurgents and clearing large parts of the city making it possible for residents to return, but it is these very residents who have ultimately paid the price. TOLONews reporter, Sharif Amiry visited one family who were hit hard by the brutality of the insurgents that seized the city two weeks ago. Amiry says the family left the safety of their home last week to welcome security forces only to come under attack by insurgents. Two mem-



bers of the family were killed and a third was injured. The survivor told Amiry that his brother and his nephew were both killed in the shooting. He was wounded. "My brother was martyred. My nephew and I went out to retrieve his body when we came under fire by the insurgents. My nephew ...*(More on P4)...*(14)

Analysts Criticize Kunduz Operations

KABUL - Criticizing the government over the slow progress of ongoing military operations to clear Kunduz city and surrounds of insurgents, a number of analysts said on Sunday there is the need for proper war management in this regard. Security officials also raised the same issue, saying that the Taliban could be defeated and pushed back in one day if there was proper coordination among senior officials.

"Those who are managing military units are not familiar with the war. They are afraid. The management has gaps in it. If we [police] have these facilities [provided to army and special forces] we would succeed quickly," a policeman told TOLONews. The Ministry of Defense (MoD) meanwhile rejects these claims and say there is proper management of troops in pushing back the Taliban. "Our troops are going forward carefully because they do not want to harm the civilians there. From the President [Ashraf Ghani] to the Chief of Army Staff, all are trying to prevent civilian casualties," the deputy spokesman for MoD, DawlatWaziri, told TOLONews. However, a number of displaced families from Kunduz have called on the security forces to speed up their operations and pave the way for them to return home as soon as possible.

"They [government's top officials] should not play games with the blood, property and lives of people. They ...*(More on P4)...*(15)

Six Foreigners Among 15 Suspects Detained

JALALABAD - Security forces have detained 15 suspects during separate security operations in eastern Nangarhar province, an official reported on Saturday. A statement released by the Colonel Hazrat Hussain Mashriqiwal states that six suspects were arrested from the jurisdiction of Nazyan District, five from Kot and two others from Haska

Mina District. Including six foreigners, all of the arrested suspects are under further investigation. Nazyan, Kot and Haska Mina are among the districts of Nangarhar which are witnessing severe insecurity from past few months. Both Taliban and Daesh militant groups are operating in these areas. Another report from

Nangarhar province suggests that two loud explosions were heard in its capital Jalalabad city last night. One explosion took place in front of Kiliid Radio and another in front of Safa Radio which luckily did not have casualties. No group has immediately claimed responsibility for the explosions. (KP)

Terrorism Continues to Haunt Afghans Despite 14-Years: Analysts

KABUL - Fourteen years have passed since the costly U.S.-led war on terror began that involved invading the Taliban regime on charges of harboring al-Qaida leader Osama Bin Laden in Afghanistan and eventually led to the hardliner outfit being ousted. The U.S. military campaign from the air and ground began on October 7, 2001 and saw the Taliban regime dismissed within a month from areas across Afghanistan, leaving thousands of Taliban and al-Qaida militants killed, injured or captured in the process. However, the Taliban and like-minded outfits have made a violent comeback and the wave of terror will continue to haunt Afghans for years to come, Afghan political watchers believe. "After 14 years of the

U.S.-led war on terror, terrorists are still active in Afghanistan and kill innocent people almost every day, therefore we can say that the war on terror has failed to root out terrorism," Sayed Masoud, a political analyst and Kabul University professor, told Xinhua. Nevertheless, he was of the view, that the U.S.-led war on terror and international community's engagement in Afghanistan over the past 14 years has facilitated the war-ravaged country's rebuilding of its army, parliament and government. To win the war on terror and ensure lasting peace and stability in Afghanistan, the U.S.-led NATO forces had deployed more than 140,000 troops in post-Taliban Afghanistan. However, the NA ...*(More on P4)...*(17)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

A friend or coworker appears to have all the answers today, even if you aren't asking any questions. Although it's wonderful to receive help when you need it, too much meddling is bothersome, especially if others act like they know more about your life than you do. Nevertheless, blowing your cool won't improve the situation. Instead, acknowledge everyone's good intentions.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You're psyched about taking the next step on a big project, but first you must complete unfinished business before moving ahead with your plans. You can sense you're on the edge of something significant today, but you're not sure where to begin. Ironically, there are so many alternatives now that you need to eliminate the distractions before you can figure out how to reach your destination.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your friends encourage you to stretch beyond your limitations today, provoking uncharacteristic caution on your part. You know how far you can go and don't appreciate people who push you too far. Your impulse is to dig in your heels now; however, you don't want to miss out on such an exciting opportunity just to prove a point. Listen carefully to what's being offered and make your choice based on your own intuition and not anyone else's.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

An unexpected tug-of-war between social and personal responsibilities may tax your ability to remain flexible. You can see amazing possibilities popping up like flowers in a garden, even if they aren't quite what you anticipated. But mustering up enthusiasm is difficult when you have so many obligations in the present moment that you barely have time to think about tomorrow.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You may shock your friends with risky behavior today that could seem a bit extreme from anyone else's perspective. But people might not realize that your current restlessness did not just appear overnight. You have been contemplating a drastic move to stir the energy up for quite a while. Fortunately, this is your chance to sparkle and shine with or without an appreciative audience; after all.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Sometimes you are so exacting in your thinking that you convince yourself all other perspectives are less valid than yours. Thankfully, you have a cosmic chance to break out of a rut now and experiment with a whole new approach. You may discover your values are changing and it's time to let go of outmoded beliefs that do nothing but hold you back. However, logic will only carry you so far; you need to follow your intuition.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Accepting the limitations placed on you by your partner or a loved one can prove to be a real challenge today. Luckily, something special happens that opens the door of possibilities to what you once wanted but have since let go. Naturally, this surprise can be exciting, confusing and upsetting -- all at the very same time. Take a few deep breaths while you consider your choices today.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You're walking on eggshells at home now because too many things are left unsaid. Meanwhile, you have a long list of chores to finish, but haven't yet determined the smartest way to navigate through the messy dynamics. Nevertheless, you may feel as if you're being forced to make a decision before you're ready. The time for ambivalence is over.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You have recently spent more than your fair share of time examining all the possibilities and analyzing every angle of your life. Although your grand scheme may remain unchanged, your plan to create your ideal future continues to undergo radical transformation. It's difficult to discern know whether or not these wonderful opportunities are real, which, in turn, makes it nearly impossible to fix on any one strategy now.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

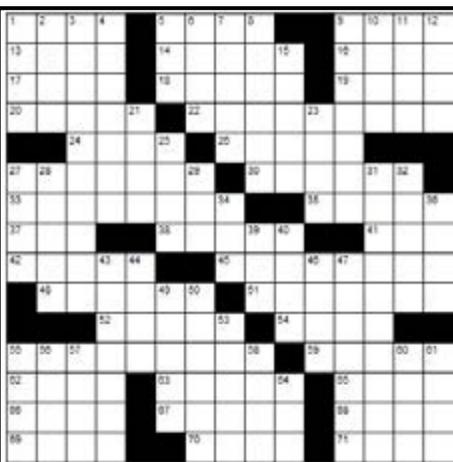
You may have very specific tasks on your plate but they don't seem as significant now as your creative aspirations. Fortunately, you clearly understand the difference between your current responsibilities and your colorful dreams. Nevertheless, it's your less productive side that feeds your soul, and without inspiration your life begins to lose meaning. Don't favor your professional ambitions over your artistic leanings today.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You don't have a clue how your life got so hectic, but if things are running amok today, you're driven to do something about it. However, impulsive radical action isn't the answer now, since there are potential consequences that could make your daily routine even crazier. There's nothing wrong with wanting results right away, but success is more likely if you implement change in small and manageable increments.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You may be annoyed by a surprising money matter today that can't be resolved quickly because you don't have all the information at your fingertips. Finding resolution might be as easy as locating a misplaced bill, calling the bank or balancing your checkbook. But it's a risky idea to cut corners and take action until you know all of the facts. Someone else could supply you with everything you need now, so don't be afraid to ask for assistance.



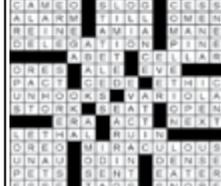
Across

1. At one time (archaic), 5. Found on most heads, 9. Perishes, 13. No, 14. Assistants, 16. Beige, 17. A swinging barrier, 18. Outline, 19. Anagram of "Note", 20. Examines hastily, 22. Abbreviated, 24. A jaunty rhythm, 26. Heavenly hunter, 27. Nouveauriche, 30. Slogan, 33. Ribbonlike flatworm, 35. Ganders, 37. In the past, 38. Fastening, 41. "Eureka!", 42. Cycle per second, 45. Parishes, 48. A lightweight cord, 51. Lanai, 52. Accustom, 54. Diving bird, 55. Outspoken conceit, 59. Secretor, 62. Out of control, 63. Toboggans, 65. Double-reed woodwind, 66. Connects two points, 67. Blots, 68. Adhesive, 69. Where the sun rises, 70. Anagram of "Ties", 71. Cravings.

Down

1. Terminates, 2. A chess piece, 3. Party pooper, 4. Wood-eating insect, 5. Possessed, 6. Haughtiness, 7. Potato state, 8. Anagram of «Former», 9. The easing of tensions, 10. Computer symbol, 11. Sea eagle, 12. Sought damages, 15. Stripes, 21. Shredded cabbage, 23. Chinese mafia, 25. Gait faster than a walk, 27. Salt Lake state, 28. Attendants of knights, 29. Attempt, 31. Sensible, 32. Pale with fright, 34. Central, 36. Not difficult, 39. Pen part, 40. Objective, 43. Bangle, 44. Pizazz, 46. Blockage, 47. Environmental science, 49. Cancels, 50. Assembles, 53. Grain disease, 55. Sheltered spot, 56. Dogfish, 57. Charged particles, 58. Abominable Snowman, 60. Person, place or thing, 61. DDDD.

Yesterday's Solution



abate, amuse, anchor, bachelor, battle, blonde, booth, briar, burn, center, chad, clock, commission, cone, corner, crass, dagger, decide, favor, floor, fudge, gross, hobo, honey, lode, lonely, oils, operation, payer, porous, prevention, quality, roach, rough

