

# 12 Taliban Rebels Killed in Kunduz Operation



KUNDUZ CITY - Commando forces killed a dozen Taliban and wounded six others during an ongoing operation in Gortepa district of northern Kunduz province, a statement said on Sunday. But the Taliban rejected the claim made in a statement issued by the 20th Pamir Division. The statement said commando forces conducted operations in Hakem Abad and Haji Nawab areas in

the past two days. Besides killing 12 Taliban, the forces confiscated two vehicles, one Humvee tank, one pickup vehicle and weapons and explosives in the offensive. Lotfullah, a resident of Gortepa district, said heavy clashes between Taliban militants and security forces were underway over the past two

days. He said both the sides might have suffered casualties because they used heavy weapons against each other. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid confirmed the clash in Gortepa district and claimed the fighters escaped unhurt but some civilians suffered casualties in the ongoing firefight. (Pajhwok)

## 35-Km Water Supply Pipe Inaugurated in Jawzjan



SHIBERGHAN - A 35-kilometer irrigation water supply pipeline project was inaugurated in Shibergshan, the capital of northern Jawzjan province, on Sunday. Eng. Mohamad Ayub Newand, Afghan Gas Group Pipelines Protection in-charge, said the scheme put into services today would irrigate agriculture farms inside the provincial capital. "Gas supply pipes have also been used in this project. Six deep wells were dug in Jagdlek area from where the water ... (More on P4)...(10)

## 3 Children Killed in Logar Mortar Shell Explosion

PUL-I-ALAM - Three children were killed when a mortar shell they were playing with exploded in the Charkh district of central Logar province, an official said on Sunday. Director of Education Shapoor Arab told Pajhwok Afghan News that the explosion took place in the Khawaja Ismail village of the district on Saturday. He said three students -- aged between 12 and 14 -- of Sheikh Omar School were killed. The children were identified as Mohammad Naeem, Mohibullah and Naqibullah. Syed Ahmad, a resident of the area, said two of the children were brothers. The third victim was their cousin. "When they were on their way home, they found the shell. They were playing with the well as it went off, and the children were killed." (Pajhwok)

## Pakistan Has Blocked Transit Routes: Afghan Pine Nut Traders



KHOST CITY - Pine nut traders in southern Khost province complain Pakistan has blocked transit routes trade and truckloads of their fruits are going rotten. Afghan pine nut traders in Khost claimed the Pakistani military had banned roads for unknown reasons. Shahzada Zadran, head of Pine Nut Traders Union, told Pajhwok Afghan News Pakistan had blocked the Angor Ada border once again. They have to pay a higher ... (More on P4)...(13)

### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

<b>Procurement Entity</b>	NPA on behalf of Ministry of Energy and Water (MEW), Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.
<b>Funded By</b>	Government of Afghanistan
<b>Item Description / Ref No.</b>	Consultancy Services for: Feasibility study for extension of Nahri Seraj irrigation system and assessment of water resources availability and water balance throughout the basin, NPA/MEW/96/CS-1809/QCBS
<b>Deadline for EOI Submission</b>	<b>November 15, 2017 by 15:30 Hours</b> (Local Time).
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## Afghan Taliban Deny Former Hostage's Claims of Murder, Rape



PESHAWAR - A Taliban spokesman denied on Sunday accusations by a Canadian man that one of his children had been murdered and his wife raped while they were being held captive by militants who kidnapped them in Afghanistan in 2012. Joshua Boyle and his American wife, Caitlan Coleman, were held ... (More on P4)...(11)

## Taliban Member, Car-Lifter Held in Samangan

AIBAK - A Taliban member and an alleged car-lifter have been arrested by police in northern Samangan province, an official said on Sunday. The suspected Taliban affiliate, Shafiuallah, was detained from a house in Aibak, the provincial capital, on Sunday, said Samangan police spokesman Abdul Monir Rahim. He said told Pajhwok ... (More on P4)...(12)

## Outlook Horoscope

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

**Aries** Your responsibilities are clearly defined today and you can't wait to get to work. Ironically, it doesn't even matter whether you enjoy your job; you are simply excited about establishing priorities and completing tasks one at a time. You possess an uncanny level of concentration now that is boosted by a pragmatic Sun-Saturn sextile.

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

**Taurus** You are a master at work as you meticulously transform your plan into reality today. Your steady approach is amplified by ambitious Saturn's connection with the Sun in your 6th House of Employment. People know they can rely on your word; if you say you'll do something, there's no question you will come through with the goods.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

**Gemini** You want nothing more than to please your boss now and are willing to work extra hard to demonstrate your diligence. The radiant Sun in people-pleasing Libra harmonizes with demanding Saturn, requiring you to go the extra mile in order to shine your brightest. But don't get lazy and fall back on your charm as a substitute for blood, sweat and tears.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

**Cancer** You are torn between hard work and no work today. The pleasure-seeking Libra Sun tempts you to put up your feet and kick back, even if there are plenty of chores calling your name now. But the Sun's non-negotiable alignment with dutiful Saturn in your 6th House of Logistics reminds you that it's disrespectful not to show up when others expect you to hold up your end of the deal.

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

**Leo** You can make your super-packed schedule work smoothly today by sticking to it with no exceptions. But everything is so tightly booked that it could quickly fall apart as soon as you add any extraneous activities. However, practicing self-discipline enables you to accomplish an amazing amount of work. Ultimately, your success depends upon creating a realistic agenda.

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

**Virgo** You take your work quite seriously today because you don't want to be distracted by irrelevant matters. You're clear about your values and committed to acting in accordance with them. However, the fussy Virgo Moon encourages you to be so focused on the minutiae that you may lose sight of the big picture. Thankfully, common sense prevails because realistic Saturn requires you to be practical over anything else.

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

**Libra** Your reputation for accommodating others often precedes you, but you can be a force to be reckoned with when necessary. You are wielding an iron fist in a velvet glove today as heavyweight Saturn adds a sense of authority to the diplomatic Libra Sun. Anyone who mistakenly thinks you are a pushover will quickly discover that they are dealing with a master strategist.

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

**Scorpio** You are trying to budget your time extremely carefully today, since you need to make observable progress on a project to satisfy your boss. Unfortunately, the picture others see doesn't tell the whole story while the Sun is shining in your 12th House of Secrets. Paradoxically, the harder you try to please someone else now, the greater the potential for failure.

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

**Sagittarius** You might believe there is only one true path to success yet you cannot tell whether or not you are on it. The exacting Virgo Moon urges you to analyze all the choices before picking the best one. Meanwhile, the open-ended Libra Sun supports nearly any rational decision you make today as it sextiles shrewd Saturn in your 1st House of Self. However, once you choose your direction, you must swiftly set out on your journey. Act now or forever hold your peace.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

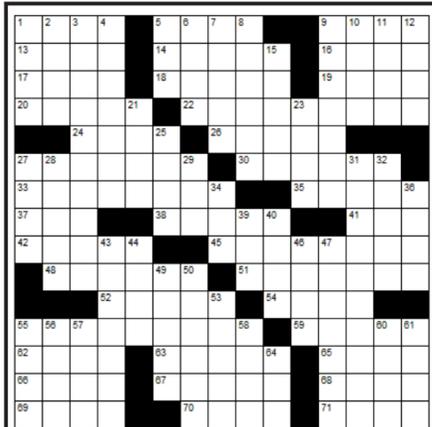
**Capricorn** Your objectives are so specific now that it's easy to gauge your progress. There's no doubt that you're on track, but you may wish you were closer to fulfilling your ambitions. Don't get hung up about the timing of your success; just keep on marching forward with a determined confidence today.

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

**Aquarius** You gain strength from interacting with your peers today, especially if you are willing to let them help you. Fortunately, the people-oriented Libra Sun cooperates with stabilizing Saturn in your 11th House of Groups, creating a strong interdependence between you and your teammates. Unfortunately, it's not always easy to get along with others.

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

**Pisces** Your altruistic ideals and high standards can limit your choices at work now. Opportunities may open up that are in conflict with your personal code of ethics, requiring you to get in touch with your moral compass. But don't fret if you have to decline due to a conflict with your life's purpose; serving the wrong master will only create heartache in the long run. There's no reason to deviate from your prime directive even if another goal seems more lucrative.



**Across**

- Wacky, 5. Stem, 9. Construct, 13. Pearly-shelled mussel, 14. Implore, 16. Hotels, 17. The bulk, 18. Absurd, 19. Cease, 20. Thai currency units, 22. Venom, 24. Defrost, 26. Razz, 27. Celebrated, 30. Sneaks, 33. Famous genius, 35. Smidgen, 37. Henpeck, 38. Stories, 41. Caviar, 42. Nightmare, 45. Folksy, 48. Mysterious, 51. Employees, 52. Amount of hair, 54. Pace, 55. Deceiver, 59. Partially melted snow, 62. Rabbit, 63. Scrapes gently, 65. Body of water, 66. Charity, 67. Seethes, 68. Decorative case, 69. Playthings, 70. Being, 71. Rip

**Down**

- Lacking intellectual acuity, 2. Dwarf buffalo, 3. Fish seller, 4. Walks unsteadily, 5. Consumer Price Index, 6. Forearm bone, 7. Inclined, 8. Lunatic, 9. Error, 10. Against, 11. Clove hitch or figure eight, 12. Catch a glimpse of, 15. Take exception to, 21. Narrow opening, 23. 1111, 25. Swarm, 27. Transmit, 28. Crown, 29. Do it yourself, 31. Preserve, 32. Scrub, 34. Greatest possible, 36. Knows, 39. In what way, 40. Dirty air, 43. She plays roles, 44. A crumbling earthy deposit, 46. Historical periods, 47. Frying pan, 49. Approaches, 50. What's left behind, 53. Purposes, 55. Gossip, 56. Angel's headwear, 57. Ground forces, 58. Recent events, 60. Gull-like bird, 61. Inheritor, 64. South southeast

**Yesterday's Solution**

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