

6 Daesh, Taliban Insurgents Join Peace Process



SHIBERGHAN/MAIMANA - Four Daesh rebels and two Taliban have joined reconciliation process in northern Jawzjan province, while police northwestern Faryab province handed over 58 different kinds of weapon to Disbandment of Illegal Armed Groups (DIAG) in northern Jawzjan province, officials said on Wednesday.

Governor Lutfullah Azizi said despite the fact that

clashes were underway in parts of the province some insurgents understood the bad philosophy behind the ongoing conflict and decided to renounce violence and join the reconciliation process.

"The reconciliation process encourages us for peace and provides the sense that our people have been tired of fighting and don't want the killing of one another anymore," he said. Abdul Hakem, former

member of Daesh who joined peace process with his three colleagues, said he was involved in insurgency in Jawzjan under the authority of Qari Hikmatullah, the Daesh provincial commander. He added they conducted most activities in Qosh Tepa district.

Peace Committee Director Maulvi Mohammad Akram said as many as 842 insurgents have renounced violence and... (More on P4)... (13)

5 Policemen Held in Connection with Gardez Bombings



GARDEZ - Five policemen have been arrested over their alleged role in Tuesday's deadly attack on police headquarters and training centre in southeastern Paktia province, an official said on Wednesday.

Asadullah Sherzad, commander of the 303rd Spinghar Police Zone, told Pajhwok Afghan News at the site of bombing five policemen had been arrested allegedly for having links to the assailants.

"The attackers were allowed at the first check-point, raising questions and suspicion," he said, adding 11 attackers clad in military uniforms carried out the attack. Explosives-laden vehicles, three military pickups and one Humvee were used in the terror assaults, the commander said.

At least 41 people, including the police chief for Paktia, were killed and 235 others wounded in the coordinated attack on the police installations in Gardez on Tuesday.

The militants launched the coordinated attacks on the provincial police headquarters and a police training centre, following by car bombings at 9:30am. Another heavy explosion was heard in the area at around 12:30pm. Chief Executive Officer Abdullah traveled to Gardez, visited the sites and inquired after the injured. The interior minister, National Directorate of Security (NDS) head and other officials accompanied the CEO. (Pajhwok)

9 Rebels Killed in Herat Clash



HERAT CITY - Nine militants have been killed and six others injured during a clash in the Shindand district of western Herat province, an official said on Wednesday.

Governor spokesman Jilani Farhad told Pajhwok Afghan News militants stormed the district centre aimed at the capture of Shindand district.

He said the assailants engaged with security forces in a clash leave nine of them dead and six injured. "Most of the insurgents came from Farah for the help in the attack. Among the dead were rebels from Farah and Herat's Shindand," he added.

According to Farhad Mullah Abdul Bari, the Taliban notorious commander, was among the injured. The clash happened in the Chashma Qala area of Shindand, he said. The Taliban have not yet spoken about the incident. (Pajhwok)

Heavy Storm Leaves 1 Dead, 4 Injured in Jawzjan

SHIBERGHAN - At least one person was killed and four others wounded in traffic accidents triggered by a strong storm in the capital of northern Jawzjan province, officials said on Wednesday.

Mohammad Reza Ghafoori, the governor's spokesman said, the storm lashed Shibergan city from the northwest, starting yesterday evening till midnight.

"The storm was so severe drivers were unable to see the road, which caused three traffic accidents in separate areas of the city, resulting in the death of one person and injuries to four others."

Ghafoori also said the injured people had been evacuated to hospital and were under treatment. The governor's spokesman confirmed some people had suffered financial... (More on P4)... (14)

Six Taliban Insurgents Killed in Kunduz Airstrikes

KUNDUZ - Local military officials have claimed that six Taliban insurgents were killed in airstrikes in northern Kunduz province on Tuesday night.

At least six Taliban insurgents were killed in an Afghan security forces airstrike operation in northern Kunduz province on Tuesday night, officials at 209 Shaheen Military Corps said on Wednesday.

In addition, six other Taliban insurgents were wounded.

The incident happened in Imam Sahib district of the province. The Afghan Air Force targeted insurgent safe havens, a spokesman for 209 Shaheen Military Corps, Nasratullah Jamshidi said.

"Three safe havens of the insurgents and their weapons storage facility were destroyed in the airstrikes," Jamshidi said. (Tolonews)

Civilian Killed in Kabul Grenade Attack

KABUL - One civilian was killed and three policemen were wounded in a grenade attack on a police check post in Kabul city on Tuesday night.

One civilian was killed and three policemen were wounded in a grenade attack on a police check post in Kabul city on Tuesday night, police officials confirmed.

The incident happened in Pul-e-Bagh Omumi area of Kabul city after unknown attackers threw three grenades at the police check post, according to officials.

Officials said that the wounded policemen are in stable condition. However, no group including the Taliban has claimed responsibility for the attack. (Tolonews)

Kapisa Famers Receive Improved Quality Wheat Seed



MAHMUD RAQI - Improved quality wheat seed weighing 19 tons was distributed to farmers against subsidized rate in Tagab district of central Kapisa province, an official said on Wednesday.

Provincial agriculture, irrigation and livestock director Abdul Wahab Nasemi told Pajhwok Afghan News people of Kapisa had recently started growing wheat and that was why Tagab farmers were assisted with the seed.

He said farmers who were introduced by district officials and tribal elders received the seed -- a sack against 730 afs compared to 1,800 afs in the market. Nasemi hoped the seed would produce good harvest and play a role in economic uplift of farmers. A peasant in Sinizayo area of Tagab district, Mohammad Ashraf, said local residents had switched to cultivating wheat and seeds provided to them would help boost harvests. However, he said the seed

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries You want to be in a relationship just as much as you long for your autonomy. The Libra New Moon emphasizes your 7th House of Partnerships, encouraging you to balance your needs with someone else's. However, its opposition to independent Uranus in your 1st House of Self brings the primary focus back to you.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus You are eager to do your share of the work, but only if everyone else does the same. The gracious Libra New Moon occurs in your 6th House of Employment, enabling you to play nicely with your coworkers unless you conclude someone is trying to pull the wool over your eyes. You may appear complacent today.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini Your romantic attractions take center stage today, prompting you to share your feelings with someone special. This person -- whether a new acquaintance or your long-time partner -- may be surprised by your sweet overtures. Either way, you're waxing poetic as the Libra New Moon inspires your 5th House of Self-Expression. However, using all the creative tricks in your bag won't guarantee the outcome you imagine.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer You hope to gain some peace of mind about the unsettled atmosphere at work. You may be inclined to withdraw from the madness and seek refuge in the comfort of your home. Reminiscing as you reflect on memories is an obvious way to get perspective on the present moment. Fortunately, the Libra New Moon refreshes your 4th House of Security, blessing you with a sense of familiarity.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo Reminiscing isn't an escape from the present, but rather a way to bring the past back to life as you create the future. Any memories that enter your awareness now are signposts that help you navigate through the backroads of your imagination. Reflecting on your inner life enables you to describe your outer world. You are on a quest to transform your dreams into reality.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Virgo Although your relationship with the material world might be unwaveringly stable, your financial situation can change at the drop of a hat now. The Libra New Moon falls in your 2nd House of Resources, reminding you that a balanced budget is a beautiful thing. However, you can't help but confuse your net worth with your self-worth today, making it tough to address money matters objectively.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra You might appear cool, calm and collected, but you can't prevent your thoughts from running around in circles now. Clear thinking often leads to sound decisions, but obsessively playing the same recordings again and again won't help you find your way out of an endless cycle. Luckily, the Libra New Moon motivates you to put your best foot forward.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio You appear to be forthcoming today, but might be keeping the most interesting pieces of information to yourself. The Libra New Moon is operating undercover in your 12th House of Secrets, enabling you to bury your emotions in full view of those around you. However, the deeper you hide your passions, the more dramatic the scene when the lightning strikes and everything is exposed.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius Your personal interactions with others are invigorating today, and you seek them out for the good vibrations they emanate. The people-oriented Libra New Moon creates a buzz in your 11th House of Social Networking, enticing you to engage in conversations with friends about a wide range of subjects. Unfortunately, your words can be unintentionally shocking to your audience, possibly upsetting someone more than you expect.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn You may be obsessed with making yourself known today. The Libra New Moon lands in your 10th House of Authority, inciting you to capitalize on your knowledge and experience. However, an emotional bombshell temporarily destabilizes your home life and disrupts your concentration. Although you must respond to the domestic crisis, don't take your eyes off your long-term destination.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Aquarius You are enjoying the panoramic view as you check out the multitude of options spread out before you. You can see all the beautiful possibilities because there are no obstructions anywhere in sight. The Libra New Moon points to your 9th House of Distant Horizons, shifting your awareness from the present moment into the distant future.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces You're quite flexible most of the time when it comes to getting your needs met. Although the Libra New Moon shadows your 8th House of Deep Sharing now, your values may clash with someone else's even if you thought you were on the same page. Oddly, you might not understand what's missing, but you want to know where you stand before making a long-term decision.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-62 indicating starting points for clues.

Across clues: 1. Delight, 5. Sleights, 10. Poems, 14. Not pre-recorded, 15. Loses color, 16. Center, 17. Liberate, 19. If not, 20. Offer, 21. Stadium, 22. Small slits, 23. Continuing forever, 25. Manner of speaking, 27. Snake-like fish, 28. Inhaling through the nose, 31. Territories, 34. Metal money, 35. Letter after sigma, 36. Musical group, 37. Doglike nocturnal mammal, 38. Guns an engine, 39. N N N N, 40. Remove errors from, 41. Adjust again, 42. Loiterer, 44. Regret, 45. Knight's "suit", 46. Financial aid, 50. Binge, 52. Unsophisticated, 54. Drollness, 55. Operatic solo, 56. Nonsense, 58. A large amount, 59. Not inner, 60. Chocolate cookie, 61. Jittery, 62. Redress, 63. Family lines.

Down clues: 1. Parish land, 2. Circumscribe, 3. Avoid, 4. Poetic dusk, 5. Helix, 6. Continuation of the coat collar, 7. Distinctive flair, 8. Confining, 9. South southeast, 10. Leopardlike cat, 11. Eastern Italian Alps, 12. At one time (archaic), 13. Views, 18. Flogs with a stick, 22. Knights, 24. Absorb written material, 26. Spanish lady, 28. French for "Sister", 29. Central area of a church, 30. Burst of wind, 31. Cain's brother, 32. Hindu princess, 33. Trapping, 34. Internet user (obscure slang), 37. Protagonist, 38. Coral barrier, 40. Greek territorial unit, 41. King, 43. Oily, 44. Idolize, 46. Broaden, 47. Cognizant, 48. Ascended, 49. Community spirit, 50. Satisfy, 51. Goad, 53. Countertenor, 56. Type of snake, 57. Mar's best friend,

Yesterday's Solution crossword puzzle with filled-in words: SWAMP, FOWL, TOPS, LAMIA, ALEE, EBRO, ORIEL, GIES, NOTR, EMANATIONS, DENT, VIA, EGEST, GROVES, SGNAR, ROWER, REBELLION, OVER, AIDED, ONTO, WEDNESDAY, LICIT, CLASPEN, MENACE, CAGOTT, HAT, LULU, RECEPTACLE, ORAL, AWOL, UNLED, BEMA, TEMP, COOED, ODDOR, ERAIS, ENTRY.

adore, alright, around, beyond, class, clean, connection, decade, desire, energy, government, group, independent, inside, invest magnolia, mend, motive, none, obscene, pigeon, pond, reality

Vertical crossword puzzle with filled-in words: IESUACATSSFR, CONFLICTDUOES, CASTLEYNLGCVW, GRITYSRAREAUOE, RMDLETPPTRSLE, AONLSBAFCNBTT, TRAILBSAIIESA, EYLSSEHLSYVUN, DISDAINSRRRO, LTIKDIOEATETS, IZEEGPSILENCE, UVAHMUSICONLR, BLTIMPARTPADA