

11 Militants Eliminated in Ghazni Airstrikes

HAZNI CITY - At least 11 Taliban insurgents have been killed and four others wounded during an attack in southern Ghazni province, an official said Saturday.

Ghazni Police Chief, Brig. Gen. Aminullah Amarkhel, told a press conference that the militants were killed in Afghan forces' airstrikes before they target security posts in Deh Yak district on Friday night.

Jan Mohammad, a resident of the area, said "I heard airplanes circling on our area, then a heavy explosion occurred, but I don't know what happened."

However, a Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid said that no any



Taliban member was killed in Deh Yak district on Friday night.

"I contacted the Taliban in the area, they assured me that no any of their member was killed in an explosion that happened in Deh Yak," he said.

According to another report, 160 kilograms of drugs recovered in Qarabagh district of Ghazni province.

Police chief, Aminullah Amarkhel said that the drugs contained 112 kilograms heroin and 48 kilograms seized from two smugglers who opened fire on police to escape. Both the smugglers were killed in retaliatory firing. No any smuggler would be allowed to traffic drugs through Ghazni to other provinces, he said. (Pajhwok)

In Europe, Afghan Refugees Anticipate Deportation

INNSBRUCK, Austria - Mirwais, an Afghan asylum seeker has been in the country for four years. He is now one of many there, living in fear of being deported.

"If the authorities deport me, my life is over ... The centre of my life is here," said the 32-year-old Kabul native, who speaks German well and has been working as an interpreter

in Austria. One of Austria's anti-migration ads in Afghanistan, which warns 'Human smugglers lie' and 'Refugee laws in Austria will get tougher yet'. [Twitter]

He is worried about a recent European Union deal with Afghanistan, which could see an unlimited number of Afghan refugees being deported ... (More on P4)...(16)

Bamyan Traffic Accident Leaves 6 Dead, 9 Injured

BAMYAN CITY - At least six people were killed and nine others injured in a traffic accident in Waras district of central Bamyan province, an official said on Saturday.

Abdul Rahman Ahmadi, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the inci-

dent took place when a Flying Coach car veered off the road in Surkh Joi Pass of the district.

Six people including a child were killed and nine others injured in the accident, he said.

He added the people on-board were heading to ... (More on P4)...(17)

8 Injured in Blast Targeting Laghman PC Member

MEHTARLAM - Eight people were wounded on Saturday when a magnetic bomb attached to a public representative's vehicle went off in the capital of eastern Laghman province.

The explosion ripped through the car of Abdul Aziz, a provincial council member at around 11:30am in Mehtarlam city, the governor's spokesman, Sarhadi Zwak, said.

He said the public representative was not in his car when the blast took place, injuring eight civilians who had been shifted to the civil hospital. The injured were said to be in stable condition.

Habib Rahman, an eyewitness, said the explosion took place in the middle of the city injuring civilians.

Governor Abdul Jabar Naeemi condemned the incident and ordered intelligence and security organs to investigate it.

No group has claimed responsibility for the incident so far. (Pajhwok)

District Police Chief among 17 Killed in Jawzjan Clashes

SHEBRGHAN - The police chief for Mangjak district was among 17 people have been killed during a clash and a roadside bombing in northwestern Jawzjan province, an official said Saturday.

Provincial police spokesman, Mohamad Reza Ghafari, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Taliban militants attacked Afghan forces in Kokuldash village of Faizabad district last midnight. He said 11 Taliban militants were killed and 10 others wounded during counterattack.

Allah Quli, the police chief for Mangjak district was also killed and two of uprising members injured in the clash, he said. The fighting is still underway in Kokuldash area.

However, a Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid claimed capturing five security posts in the area.

He said the Mangjak district police chief along with six security forces was killed and a ranger pick-up was destroyed in the clash.

Mujahid confirmed the death of



only two Taliban militants and the injury of two others.

In a separate incident in the same village, three people were ... (More on P4)...(15)

8 Militants Killed in Kunduz Province

KUNDUZ - Government forces raided Taliban hideouts in the northern Kunduz province overnight, killing eight militants and injured three others, an army spokesman in the province, Abdul Khalil said Saturday.

According to the official,

unit of Special Forces stormed Taliban hideout in Kaltatai area outside provincial capital the Kunduz city early Saturday killing eight armed insurgents on the spot and three more militants sustained injuries. There were ... (More on P4)...(18)

16 Taliban Killed in Farah Airstrikes: Governor

FARAH - At least 16 Taliban militants were killed and three others wounded as a result of airstrikes in western Farah province, local officials said on Saturday.

The Governor's spokesman, Mohammad Nasir Mehri, told Pajhwok Afghan News Afghan and foreign forces jointly bombed militants on Friday's night in Ganhkan area of the provincial capital, killing 16 insurgents.

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localities of the provincial capital, Farah City, are still under Taliban control.

Taliban have not yet commented about the air-

Soldier Arrested for Forcing Student to Get Naked

KABUL - A soldier of the Afghan army has been arrested in connection to the alleged humiliation of a school student in east of Afghanistan.

Officials in the Ministry of Defense (MoD) said the alleged soldier has been arrested and is in custody for further investigation.

The student in Paktika school was allegedly forced to get naked and was shot by the security personnel who took his nude photographs inside the classroom. The local

officials have claimed that the incident took place in a school located in Zurmat district involving a security service member of the special forces. The provincial education director Loqman Hakimi told VOA's Afghanistan service that the schools in Zurmat district were closed following the brutal act against the student. Hakimi further added that a school child was injured due to tortures and another student sustained injuries due to a ... (More on P4)...(19)

Drone Kills 5 Anti-Daesh Militiamen in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Five uprising members were killed in a NATO drone strike in Pachiragham district of eastern Nangarhar province on Saturday, an official said.

Attallah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, confirmed the strike to Pajhwok Afghan News in Koz-Pachir village before noon but he had no information about the identities of those killed.

But a security official, who wished to go unnamed,



said the drone strike hit check post of uprising forces and killed five people, including the post commander. NATO and US forces spokesman in

Kabul Brig. Gen. Charles H. Cleveland confirmed US forces conducted one counter-terrorism strike in Pachiragham district. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



It seems as if time is running out, prompting you to make a last-minute effort to reveal your thoughts now. Unfortunately, your message might expose your inner turmoil as you worry about how much to bring out into the open. Instead of wasting energy in logical analysis, just speak from your heart today. Even if your words create confusion

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Someone might drive you up the wall today because you want closure on a relationship issue and your friend or partner remains indecisive. You could try everything in your bag of tricks to elicit a real commitment, but gentle prodding, logical debate and even your emotional appeal seem to fail. It's as if others discovered that their evasive tactics actually weaken your authority now.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Waking up on the wrong side of the bed today could be enough to start your day on the wrong foot. You want to tell others how you feel but you're not interested in stirring up any trouble. Nevertheless, you can only keep quiet for so long. Naturally, your message is important but so is your delivery. It will be easier to put all your cards on the table once the first one is played. But don't wait for someone else to speak up.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You might feel like a Crab out of water today because your emotions don't seem to fit anywhere you try to put them. However, difficult aspects require you to downplay your needs until the Moon leaves your sign and blasts into lively Leo. Luckily, cosmic help is on the way this afternoon, once the Moon shifts into your 2nd House of Self-Esteem.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



The longer you hold onto your tension, the harder it is to let it go. Nevertheless, the Moon's move into your extroverted sign today creates a cosmic opportunity to get something off your chest. Keep in mind that your passionate revelation might be more than your friends and family can handle now.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You wish you could go into hiding today, even if your social calendar draws you out to mix and mingle. Thoughts of solitude lure you away from the maddening crowds and into the confines of your own mind. Ironically, going inward enables you to simultaneously travel outward, all the way to distant galaxies. You may be intrigued with the process of contemplation yet nervous about losing your footing.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



You're reaching the end of one chapter and must tie up any loose ends that you don't want to carry into the next. Nevertheless, you may be torn between taking care of your own needs now and nurturing those you love. Resolving this conflict might seem impossible until you experience a critical moment today when everything suddenly becomes clear. Don't hesitate once you see the light.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You are standing at the edge of a precipice with your future opening before you. You intuitively know that yesterday's fantasies will become tomorrow's reality, amplifying your anticipation along with your fears of failure. But this is no time for your faith to waver because your current thoughts are the most powerful influence on whatever happens next.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Exceeding everyone's expectations can be exhausting at times, but you inadvertently play a significant part in creating your larger-than-life presence. Although you may be ready for some downtime now, it's difficult to convince others that you're serious about slipping out of the spotlight to rejuvenate your soul. You might be temporarily lured back into the fray today, but it's not your responsibility to assume the role of social director.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



People seem overly clingy today, prompting you to distance yourself from them. It's not that you're insensitive to their needs; rather you're afraid of being pulled into someone's personal drama that's so deep you can't climb out. Establishing your boundaries feels like a necessary step in helping anyone else now but it can also create an unnecessary gulf between you and those you love.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Quietly go about your business on your own today, instead of spending too much time worrying about what others think. Participating in a group activity is often exhilarating because so much can be accomplished when people work together for a common cause. Nevertheless, you're more effective now running errands and crossing items off your to-do list without coordinating your efforts with anyone else.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar.20)



You know what your happiness depends on, but believe you shouldn't have to tell anyone today. Those who love you should know what you need without you saying a word. Unfortunately, harboring romantic illusions based on self-imposed silence doesn't lead to satisfaction. There's no reason to set yourself up for failure by refusing to communicate. Take Oprah Winfrey's words to heart: "You get in life what you have the courage to ask for."

Across

1. Dismay, 6. Wings, 10. Terror, 14. Worth, 15. Disable, 16. Backside, 17. Habituate, 18. Combustible pile, 19. Awestruck, 20. In spite of everything, 22. Blend, 23. A set of garments, 24. Foolishness, 26. Incline, 30. Frequently, in poetry, 31. Soak, 32. Away from the wind, 33. Bearing, 35. Toss, 39. Detective (slang), 41. Polish remover, 43. Clobbered, 44. Bristle, 46. Type of sword, 47. Fury, 49. Religious sister, 50. Writing table, 51. Polytetrafluoroethylene, 54. Sketched, 56. Govern, 57. Unity, 63. Weightlifters pump this, 64. Hawaiian strings, 65. Cowboy sport, 66. Pear variety, 67. At one time (archaic), 68. Located near the poles, 69. Being, 70. Back talk, 71. Cubic meter.

Down

1. Affirm, 2. Piece of glass, 3. Stopper, 4. Emanation, 5. Lascivious looks, 6. Magnifies, 7. Kit for a baby, 8. Haughtiness, 9. Vomiting, 10. Presbyopic, 11. Muse of love poetry, 12. Savory jelly, 13. Attempt again, 21. Cathedral, 25. Shower with love, 26. Tatters, 27. Astringent, 28. Quick note, 29. Plague, 34. Nudists, 36. Lasso, 37. 1 1 1 1, 38. Seven days, 40. Protagonist, 42. Flogged, 45. Infinite, 48. Results, 51. Clan, 52. European currency, 53. Clean between teeth, 55. Distorts, 58. Gumbo, 59. Part of a plant, 60. Doing nothing, 61. Rip, 62. Bygone era.

Yesterday's Solution

abrupt, arena, attest, bench, clown, common, compassion, crown, daisy, disguise, dismay, drive, endless, estate, focus, fuzzy, hardly, lurid, lute, major, nard, near, panic, portray, rainfall, rapt, rate, ream, rides, runt, shower, slogan, stretch, swat, swear.

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NCIKRPORTRAYU
EAHAMAJORUGAZ
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