

# 32 Rebels Killed in Jawzjan Clashes

SHEBERGHAN - At least 32 Taliban militants including three notorious commanders have been killed and 68 others wounded during an operation in northwestern Jawzjan province, an official said on Sunday.

Mohamad Reza Ghafari, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that security forces supported by air forces inflicted heavy casualties to the militants during an operation in Kokuldash village of Faizabad district Saturday night.

He said 32 Taliban insurgents including three notorious commanders were killed and 68 others wounded during the operation.

"The Taliban commanders including Mulavi Essa, Qari Sahib nazar and Mullah Sakhi and a Pakistani military officer were among the dead," he said.



Ghafari said that an uprising member was also killed and another injured in the offensive.

Allah Biran, a resident of Kokuldash village, said that more than 800 families have been displaced from their area as result of clashes between the Afghan forces in the Taliban over the past one week.

He said that a number of livestock belonged to local residents were killed by bullets fired from the warier sides. Some of the families who left their houses are currently returning to their homes, he said. However, a Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid claimed capturing five security posts and killing 11 uprising members in Kokuldash village from Afghan forces. He confirmed the death of only four Taliban militants and the injury of seven others. (Pajhwok)

# 14 Taliban Insurgents Killed and Wounded in Kunar Clash

ASADABAD - At least 14 Taliban insurgents were killed and wounded in clashes with security forces on Saturday in eastern Kunar province, officials said.

The provincial governor's spokesman Abdul Ghani Mosamim confirmed the report and said that the clash occurred Saturday morning around 07:00 am local time when dozens of Taliban insurgents attacked a police check point in Noorgul district of Kunar province.

However, two policemen were killed and two others were wounded in the clash, Mosamim added.

Meanwhile provincial police chief Juma Gul Hamat said that the Nangarhar-Kunar highway was closed for four hours due to the clash.

No civilian casualties were reported. (Tolonews)

# Driver Wounded in Bomb Attack on ANA Pick-Up

KABUL - A magnetic bomb attack on an Afghan National Army (ANA) pick-up left one person injured in the 15th police district of the capital Kabul on Sunday, an official said.

The crime branch chief for the 101st Kabul Asmayee Police Zone, Col. Faridoon Obaidi, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the incident took place near Milli Township area at around 7:30am.

He said only the driver of the army vehicle was injured in the explosion. No group so far claimed responsibility for the attack. (Pajhwok)

# Afghan Forces Seize Truck Laden with 1,000 Kg of Explosives

KABUL - The counter-terrorism forces of the Afghan police confiscated a truck carrying at least 1,000 kg of explosives in eastern Kunar province.

The Ministry of Interior (MoI) said three suspects including two Pakistani nationals were also arrested in connection to the transportation of the explosives.

MoI further added that the explosives were of Ammonium Nitrate type which are mainly used to manufacture Improvised Explosive Device (IED).

According to MoI, the transportation of the explosives in a bus carrying Pakistani registration plate shows that the terrorist groups on the other side of the Durand Line are attempting to stage attacks in Afghanistan. The anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban insurgents have not commented regarding the report so far. This comes as the Afghan officials have long been criticizing Pakistan for remaining... (More on P4)... (17)

# Schools Reopen in Paktia's Zurmat after Shooting

GARDEZ - All schools reopened on Saturday in Zurmat district of southeastern Paktia province after a three-day closure in protest over the wounding of a student by a special forces personnel.

The student of Bator High School was undressed and shot injured along with another child by the soldier three days ago, with angry residents and civil society activists shutting down all schools in the district in protest.

Paktia education director, Luq-

man Hakim, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the president had tasked a delegation with investigating the incident.

He said the delegation had arrived in the province and met families of the wounded children and assured them of awarding punishment to the soldier.

He said all closed schools in Zurmat district were currently open for students.

A tribal elder, Haji Mohammad Zahir Oryakhail, said such incidents left bad impact on stu-

dents' education and impeded progress.

He said it was still unknown what provoked the Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier, but tribal elders in Zurmat wanted him to be dragged to the court.

He said Zurmat was an insecure district and if security forces committed such abuses, it would widen the gap between the government and the people.

The Ministry of Defence on Friday announced detaining the soldier and vowed to give him legitimate punishment. (Pajhwok)

# Mullah Arrested for Selling Kidnapped Girls

KABUL - The Ministry of Interior (MoI) said on Sunday they have arrested a Mullah in Kabul who is suspected of helping another Mullah in the kidnapping of two young girls.

The two girls were kidnapped two weeks, but security forces managed to rescue them.

Meanwhile, the families of the kidnapped girls have called on government to arrest and prosecute the kidnappers.

Mullah Gulbuddin, the suspected kidnapper who was... (More on P4)... (18)

# 35 Graduating Midwives to Serve in Paktia Districts

GARDEZ - Thirty-five midwives on Sunday graduated from a two-year training in southeastern Paktia province, an official said, hoping the graduates would help decrease maternal deaths in districts.

The 35 midwives hailing from different areas received theoretical and practical lessons during the two-year course, Public Health Director Shir Mohammad Naqashbandi told the graduation ceremony here.

He said the midwives were trained with financial support from the Afghanistan Center for



Training and Development (ACTD) in coordination with the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH). He... (More on P4)... (19)

# 'My Drug Use Habit Turned into Heart-Rending Pain'

SHIBERGHAN - Sabza Gul, an 18 years old girl, in northern Jawzjan province has been using narcotics for the past two years. She says she enjoyed drugs in the beginning but later the addiction turned into a heart-rending pain.

"I was unintentionally lured toward addiction but now I am very happy that I am under treatment and can get rid of addiction and return to a normal life", she said. However, she did not provide information how she got

addicted.

Halima, 50, another woman addicted to drugs, said: "I was previously using opium and then heroin followed by Shisha tobacco for two years."

When asked where from she was getting the narcotics, she said: "drugs are being sold everywhere in the city; even our neighbors are selling them."

She said she would spend 300 afghanis on a daily basis buying drugs, but now under treatment over the... (More on P4)... (20)

# 24 Militants Killed, 11 Wounded in Farah Airstrikes

FARAH - At least 24 insurgents have been killed and 11 others wounded as Afghan forces recaptured Ganahgan area of the capital of western Farah province, local officials said on Sunday.

The Governor's spokesman, Mohammad Nasir Mehri, told Pajhwok Afghan News Afghan that security forces targeted militants with airstrikes on Saturday night in Ganahkan and Raj localities of the provincial capital, kill-



ing 24 rebels and injuring 11 others.

He said both the areas were cleared from militants.

Abdul Karim, a resident of Ganahkan area, confirmed the attacks and deployment of Afghan forces in the areas. Some families from the two areas... (More on P4)... (21)

## Outlook Horoscope

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

The extroverted side of your personality takes over today while the Moon is traveling through animated Leo. But the Sun's shift into secretive Scorpio and your 8th House of Intimacy reminds you to temper your spontaneity with empathy for others. Teaming up with the right people will add power and passion into your life.

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

Although you strive for objectivity in communication, you can't deny your strong feelings about someone. You're able to see both sides of an issue, but the Sun's visit to possessive Scorpio and your 7th House of Others signals a deepening passion for partnerships that is anything but rational. Unfortunately, this inconsistency is not ideal for making decisions.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

The temptation to micromanage your affairs is compelling today because you want others to see you in the best light when it comes to fulfilling your promises. Fortunately, you are busy focusing on the details now that the Sun is moving through penetrating Scorpio and your 6th House of Self-Improvement. There isn't much room in your life for fun and games now, so take care of what's on your plate and stick to your daily routine.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Barriers to obtaining what you desire start to crumble, encouraging you to be more direct when expressing your needs. Happily, the Sun's radiance enlivens your 5th House of Self-Expression while it's moving through magnetic Scorpio. Although you are more open to deeper emotional and physical interactions today, attempting to please everyone is a mistake.

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

Lending your emotional support to a friend or relative today can have a positive influence on a difficult situation. You are exceptionally empathic while the receptive Moon is traveling through your sign. Additionally, the Sun's shift into passionate Scorpio and your 4th House of Emotional Security shines the spotlight on personal responsibilities.

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

Your imagination may be favored over common sense today as conversations wander aimlessly into Fantasyland. You're attuned to the slightest ripples of negativity while the Moon hangs out in your 12th House of Spiritual Mystery. Your heightened sensitivity invites emotional intimacy while also encouraging you to overreact to casual comments. The extreme Scorpio Sun takes your thinking to another level as it plunges into your 3rd House of Communication.

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

There is little room for self-doubt in your life now, so put your unwavering faith into making your dreams come true. Money-making opportunities are on the rise while the Sun is warming Scorpio's emotional waters and illuminating your 2nd House of Finances. Thankfully, a weight has been lifted from your shoulders, but rather than celebrating, employ your newfound sense of freedom to build the future you want.

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

The Force is with you now as the blindfold is removed from your eyes and your destination is in plain sight. Confusion fades, whether the news is good or not, allowing you to choose which path to take next. The brilliant radiance of the Sun is shining in your sign, motivating you to act with greater confidence.

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

You want to establish your personal space today as you retreat from group activities to reconnect with your faith and idealism. You're highly inspired to continue working for positive change in your life and in the world. Although a community of friends and colleagues urge you to pursue your dreams, something has changed now that the Sun in mysterious Scorpio has begun its month-long stay in your 12th House of Secrets.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

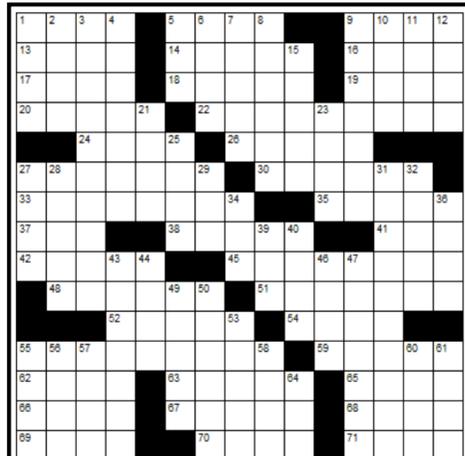
Collaborating with others today makes it feasible to transform entire organizations, resurrect a discarded project or produce events that strengthen your community. The Sun's entry into relentless Scorpio and your 11th House of Social Networking feeds your ambition as you tap into the resources all around you. Nevertheless, a competitive Mercury-Saturn alignment may create friction as you struggle for control.

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

Endless analysis gives way to clear decisions, prompting you to walk your talk without further concern about an overall strategy. In fact, it's your integrity and not your plan that is your primary strength now. The Sun's shift into powerful Scorpio and your 10th House of Career is a sign that it's time to think less about your personal needs and more about your professional life.

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

You may be inflexible when it comes to matters of principle now, especially if others are pressuring you to change. The unyielding Scorpio Sun is plowing through your 9th House of Higher Truth, adding conviction to your beliefs and passion to your presentations. Fortunately, an obsessive need to know can motivate you to explore religion, philosophy or politics through study and travel.



### Across

- Boo-hoos, 2. Death notice, 3. Index finger, 4. Wood-eating insect, 5. Consumer Price Index, 6. Forearm bone, 7. Submerged ridge of rocks, 8. Portable computer, 9. Realm, 10. False god, 11. Misprint, 12. Killed, 15. Grave marker, 21. Shredded cabbage, 23. Trailer trucks, 25. French for "State", 27. Austrian peaks, 28. Thin, 29. Center of a storm, 31. Ornamental, 32. Not silently, 34. A single-reed woodwind, 36. Throw, 39. Make lace, 40. Kiss, 43. Not western, 44. Litter's littlest, 46. Blockhead, 47. A grouping of elements, 49. Compartments, 50. Habile, 53. Vestibule, 55. Goulash, 56. Disabled, 57. Dogfish, 58. Search, 60. Always, 61. Fix, 64. South southeast.

### Down

- Not hard, 5. Ringlet, 9. Sets of articles, 13. Double-reed woodwind, 14. Supplications, 16. Bucolic, 17. Ethiopian monetary unit, 18. Bumbling, 19. No, 20. Stalks, 22. The pleasure of remembering, 24. Dossier, 26. Not fluid, 27. Stir, 30. Chinese temple, 33. Alleys, 35. Refine metal, 37. Type of dog, 38. Nipples, 41. Loving murmur, 42. Contemptuous look, 45. Yellowish, 48. Wound, 51. In the direction of, 52. Malicious, 54. Arizona river, 55. Streetwalkers, 59. Clan emblem, 62. Docile, 63. Jottings, 65. Transfer possession, 66. Arab chieftain, 67. Fathers, 68. Not odd, 69. Withdraw gradually, 70. Kid, 71. Egghead.

### Yesterday's Solution

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