

NDS Arrests Key Haqqani Insurgent in Kabul

NDS said they have arrested a key Haqqani network insurgent who is believed to have been involved in numerous attacks and incidents over the years.



KABUL - A key Haqqani member suspected of being behind a number of suicide attacks in parts of the country, especially in Kabul city, has been arrested in Kabul, National Directorate of Security (NDS) said on Monday.

The suspect, named Mawlawi Bashir, is an important member of Haqqani and is believed to have ties with the Taliban, the NDS said. A source from NDS said Bashir also had ties with Paskistan's intelligence agency, ISI, and is suspected

of having been involved in a number of deadly attacks in the last 12 years in Afghanistan. According to the NDS, in addition to being involved in a few deadly attacks in Kabul, he was also involved in transferring suicide ... (More on P4)...(15)

Four Police Killed in Ghazni Attack on Check Post

GHAZNI - Ghazni officials said the policemen were killed in Waghiz district on Sunday night after Taliban fighters attacked a security check post. At least four policemen were killed in a Taliban attack on a security check post in central Ghazni province on Sunday night, local police confirmed on Monday. In addition, two other policemen were wounded. The attack took place in Waghiz district of the province after Taliban insurgents attacked the police check post and clashed with security forces, provincial police chief Mohammad Zaman said. "The Taliban also suffered casualties in the clash but there is no exact information," Zaman said adding that the insurgents retreated after the attack. (Tolnews)

Number of Badakhshan wild Animals, Rare Birds Rises

FAIZABAD - At least 20 different species of wild animals, including Marco Polo deer and around a hundred rare birds, inhabit National Park of northeastern Badakhshan province. Abdul Majid Majidi, Badakhshan National Park head, told Pajhwok Afghan News the project in Wakhan district was spread on 10,300 square kilometers. The sprawling park starts from the Fator village of Wakhan and covers Small and Large Pamir areas. "We are definitely worried about the hunting of wild animals, natural resources. Wildlife has seriously been damaged in Badakhshan during the last three decades of war. But we hope this practice will stop." About the hunting of Marco Polo deer, he said local people were not involved but there were rumours that the border guards ... (More on P4)...(16)

Takhar Police Seize Weapons from Sergeant Home

TALOQAN - Police in northeastern Takhar province have confiscated several weapons and bullets from the house of a police sergeant, an official said on Monday. Police spokesman Maj. Abdul Khalil Aseer told Pajhwok Afghan News police raided the house of Sergeant Baryalai after he clashed with and wounded another sergeant Mohammad Asif. The two clashed on Sunday night inside the house of Baryalai, who is in-charge of police arms depot. When police raided the house of Baryalai, they found 23 Kalashnikovs, two rockets, a machinegun, 16 pistols, four rifles, two pick up vehicles, one motorcycle, hundreds of rocket launchers and other ammunition. "He was illegally keeping the weapons in his house," Aseer said, adding Baryalai had been arrested. (Pajhwok)

25 Taliban Killed in Fresh Helmand Offensives



LASHKARGAH - Twenty-five Taliban have been killed and scores injured during clashes in the Garamsar and Washir districts of southern Helmand province, officials said on Monday. Governor spokesman Abdul Salam Afghan told Pajhwok Afghan News security forces launched clearing operation in Garamsar district on Sunday in which 13 Taliban had been killed. During the operation security forces captured the Khari locality, recovered walkie-talkie and 20 landmines, he said. The spokesman added situation in Nad Ali returned to normalcy and more check-posts would be established. District Chief Gul Mohammad Hashami said no check-posts had been established in areas cleared from insurgents, adding that militants had been purged some other areas as well. Governor spokesman Umar Zwak said clearing operation had been launched in Washir district. Militants had been purged from some areas of the district. Maj. Mohammad Raza Raza, spokesman for the 4th brigade of Maiwand Military Corps, said fresh offensive had been launched in the Helmand's Washir and Nimroz Dilaram districts. He claimed 12 Taliban had been killed and 10 other injured during offensive. (Pajhwok)

Ex-Wardak Police Chief Among 5 Jailed Over Corruption



KABUL - A primary court of the Anti-Corruption and Serious Crimes Unit on Monday sentenced five former police officers, including a provincial police chief, to three years in jail each in absentia. The court handed down the verdict after hearing arguments from both the sides. The convicts included former police chief for central Maidan Wardak province Khalil Andarabi. The convicts had been accused of misuse of authority and embezzling 24 million afghanis allocated for logistics and food for police headquarters. They included Mohammad Hussain, former deputy administrative officer of the police headquarters, Qudartullah, head former of logistic and food, Rahimullah, former ... (More on P4)...(18)



27 Militants Killed in Zabul, Kandahar Offensives

QALAT/KANDAHAR - At least 27 militants have been killed and scores others wounded during operations in southern Zabul and Kandahar provinces, officials said Monday. Zabul governor's spokesman, Gul Islam Seyal, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Afghan forces conducted an operation in Naw Bahar district of the province on Sunday night. He said 13 militants were killed, eight de-

tained and some others injured during the offensive. Afghan forces suffered no casualties during the operation in which many weapons and large amount of ammunition seized from insurgents, Seyal said. On the other hand, Ghorak district of Kandahar province was cleared from militants during an operation launched several days ago. Col. Sultan ... (More on P4)...(17)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Aries You could go out on a limb today by sharing your feelings before you have a context in which to process them. Your emotional response to someone's behavior can be immediate, but it's unwise to jump to conclusions prior to turning your logic loose on the situation.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Taurus People seem to say all the right words today, as if they were composing love sonnets on the spot. But everything that glitters is not gold, nor are all beautiful declarations truthful. It's not that anyone is intentionally trying to mislead you; in fact, it's probably your own imagination running wild.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Gemini Unfortunately, you won't find the straightest path to success by logically analyzing all the variables and eliminating the least effective routes. You will progress further and faster today if you bypass rational thought and trust your intuition. Quicksilver Mercury's superconductive trine to surreal Neptune offers a direct connection to your destination, magically bending the fabric of space and time.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Cancer Your wishes seem to be within your grasp today; the only limits are the limits you place upon yourself. Your perceptions are incisive now, but you could easily draw the wrong conclusions if you think you know the answer prior to asking the question. Taking a shortcut won't work to your advantage unless you fully prepare by putting all the details in order before you start.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Leo You may be uncomfortable with someone's noncommittal attitude today. You are so excited about your mission that you don't understand why anyone would drag their feet when presented with your plan. Unfortunately, you won't win others over so easily now. You need to return to basics by revealing your logic because your emotional appeal alone won't likely close the deal.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Virgo The only person who can pull the wool over your eyes today is you. Although clever Mercury harmonizes with illusory Neptune in your 7th House of Partners, reality is not what it appears to be now. It seems as if you are looking out into the world around you, but you're actually staring into a metaphysical mirror. Remember, you can transform your relationships in a heartbeat by shifting your frame of reference.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Libra The harder you try to zone in on reality today, the more elusive it becomes. However, all you want to create is a manageable balance between the world as it is and the world as you imagine it to be. Ideally, you should be able to drift back and forth between the world of substance and the realms of dreams because they are simply reflections of one another.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Scorpio Your perceptions are accurate and your reasoning is shrewd. Nevertheless, you may tumble down a rabbit hole of doubt if you mix up facts and fantasies today. There's nothing wrong with meandering along a stream of consciousness if you know when to step back onto dry land. Fortunately, your daydreams widen your vistas of possible futures.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Sagittarius Your dreams are lit up today, leaving you with vivid impressions of your fantasies. But you're unlikely to share these messages from your subconscious because there's something oddly intimate about them. It's as if opening a doorway to your inner world could make you feel so vulnerable that you might want to run and hide. Nevertheless, the potential for growth is significant enough to convince you to take a risk.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

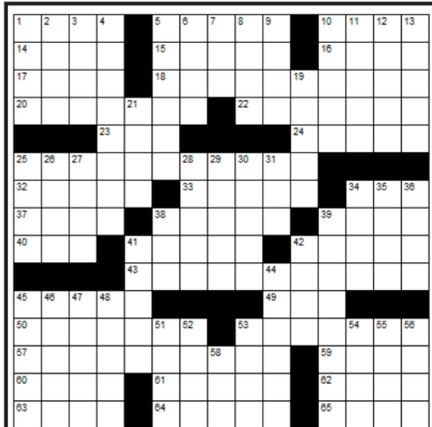
Capricorn Your friends may look to you for inspiration today and you won't let them down. It's as if you're operating with a direct communication channel open to your future, empowering you to see the outcome of current behaviors before they manifest. But don't try to uncover the source of your knowledge now.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Aquarius You are quite persuasive today, especially when trying to convince others that your plan to achieve extraordinary goals is within your scope of ability. However, you grow even more motivated to explain your cause when you encounter someone who can't seem to grasp your message. Speaking with absolute certainty can be a remedy for being seen as possibly unreliable.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Pisces You need to know that your hopeful dreams can positively influence your life today. You may be fantasizing about business travel, strategizing about a new direction to take at work, or just feeling inspired by someone who opens your mind. In any case, there are ways of engaging with associates and potential clients that go beyond traditional methods.



Across
1. Care for, 5. Of doubtful quality (British), 10. Tell all, 14. Double-reed woodwind, 15. Accustom, 16. Govern, 17. Froth, 18. Mediator, 20. Detaches, 22. A Chinese herb, 23. Letter after sigma, 24. Donkeys, 25. Assertion, 32. Metal money, 33. Variety show, 34. Bar bill, 37. Suspended, 38. Propose, 39. Hindu Mr., 40. Antlered animal, 41. Passageway, 42. Strides, 43. Unwaveringly, 45. Orbital point, 49. Female sheep, 50. An adhesive bandage, 53. Radioactive dust, 57. Deductive, 59. If not, 60. Arid, 61. Kick out, 62. Observed, 63. L L L L, 64. Substantial, 65. Classify,
Down
1. Curdled soybean milk, 2. Black, in poetry, 3. Ark builder, 4. Reducing in rank, 5. Genuine (Australian slang), 6. 1 1 1 1, 7. Excavated, 8. Hot rum drink, 9. Abominable Snowman, 10. An alloy of copper and zinc, 11. Chordophones, 12. Without company, 13. Masses of floating ice, 19. Absurd, 21. Paddles, 25. Dull pain, 26. Offensively malodorous, 27. Informer, 28. Got up, 29. Electrical pioneer, 30. Overgrown with ivy, 31. Not in, 34. Diplomacy, 35. Cain's brother, 36. Not idle, 38. A sizeable hole, 39. Groundless 41. Test, as ore, 42. Part of a racket, 44. Loyalty, 45. Lower, 46. Discussion group, 47. Entangle, 48. Runs in neutral, 51. Bit of gossip, 52. Plunge, 53. Proven information, 54. Margarine, 55. End ____, 56. Canvas dwelling, 58. Spy agency,

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