

# Security Forces to Launch Operations in Ghazni

*- Afghan forces are being poised to start clearing operations in some areas of southern Ghazni province against militants, an official said on Tuesday.*



GHAZNI - Maj. Gen. Asadullah Sherzad, 303 Spin Ghar zone police commander, told Pajhwok Afghan News they would conduct operations against

Taliban in some areas of Ghazni, but said they might not be able to keep cleared areas longer due to lack of facilities. Earlier, residents of Ghazni have

repeatedly urged operations in unstable areas and establishment of check-posts.

Sherzad said a special plan had been devised Nawa district and the plan would be implemented at a right time to recapture the district. Nawa district has been under Taliban control for the past 13 years.

Besides Taliban, the Haqqani network militants and others were also fighting against government forces in Ghazni, Sherzad said. He called on residents to cooperate with security forces in insuring security.

A member of the provincial council, Abdul Jameh Jameh, called the provincial police leadership as weak and changes should be made. "The security situation deteriorated under the current police chief."

However, the zone commander said the provincial police chief had recently been appointed and the provincial council should help him in insuring security. Earlier, Taliban insurgents carried out a car bombing as part of a coordinated attack on Andar district, killing 25 police and wounding 20 others. Some 100 militants also suffered casualties in the attack. (Pajhwok)

## 70 Kg of Opium Seized on Mazar-Shiberghan Highway



SHIBERGHAN - At least 70 kilograms of opium have been seized from a vehicle on the Mazar-Shiberghan highway in northwestern Jawzjan province, an official said.

Brig. Gen. Faqir Mohammad Jawzjani, the police chief, said a vehicle guided by a motorbike was seen by police on patrol on the highway on Monday.

"The vehicle full of drugs and the motorcyclist attempted to flee after being signaled to stop by police. Police opened fire at the smugglers, who left behind the car and managed to escape.

"These drugs were doubtlessly being smuggled. If the opium had reached its destination, the money would have gone to insurgents for intensifying war in this area."

He promised an enormous amount of drugs recovered during intelligence-based operations and stored in depots would be destroyed soon in front of the officials concerned. (Pajhwok)

## Afghan Force Raid on ISIS Hideouts Leave 3 Dead

JALALABAD - The Afghan national defense and security forces conducted raids on the hideouts of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group loyalists in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan.

According to the local officials in Nangarhar, at least three militants of the terror group were killed during the raids.

The provincial government media office in a statement said raids were conducted by the Afghan commando ... (More on P4)... (20)

## Afghanistan to Play Maiden Test at Sharjah Stadium in Feb



KABUL - Afghanistan are all poised play their first-ever Test match against Zimbabwe in February at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium, a news report said.

The same venue will also host the ODI series between Afghanistan Ireland later in the year. Both sides were confirmed as the 11th and 12th Full Members of the International Cricket Council (ICC) in June.

According to Sports ... (More on P4)... (22)

## Kunar Starts Registering 'Afghan-Hand' Drive Cars

ASADABAD - The process of issuing documents to unregistered left-hand drive cars began in eastern Kunar province.

Right-hand traffic (RHT) is Afghanistan's official traffic flow and rule of road.

Kunar Governor Waheedullah Kalimzai spoke at a gathering held to launch the registration process in Asadabad, the provincial capital.

The governor said the process was launched in compliance with a decision of the National Security Council.

"Vehicles with their steering at the right side (left-hand traffic) should be disassembled and Afghanistan-hand cars will receive documents against customs duty."

He said by launching ... (More on P4)... (17)

## Former HIA Official Gunned Down in Paktia

GARDEZ - Unidentified gunmen shot dead a former Hezb-i-Islami Afghanistan (HIA) provincial office head along with two other members of his family in southern Paktia province on Tuesday, an official said.

The incident took place in Shashtai bazaar area of the Zazai Aryub district in the morning, said the district police chief Mamor Hassan.

He said Maulvi Hanif Shah and his two family members including a child were killed and two others were wounded in the attack.

He said no one had so far been arrested in connection with the incident, but police were investigating.

The current HIA office head in Paktai, Shafiq Shah, confirmed the ... (More on P4)... (18)

## 7 Civilians Killed, 5 Detained in Nangarhar Raid



JALALABAD - Seven people have been killed and five others detained during Afghan forces' operation in the Momand Dara district of eastern Nangarhar province, officials said on Tuesday.

Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Afghan Special Forces raided in 29th Veal area ... (More on P4)... (19)

## Under Attack for Protecting Dams: Rassoul Group



KABUL - Taliban's splinter group leader Mullah Rassoul claimed his loyalists were attacked by the main Taliban group "for protecting dams in the southwestern Afghanistan."

Local officials in western Herat province said on Sunday that at least 40 Taliban militants were killed during an overnight clash between two rival factions in Shindand district.

Another 19 gunmen on both the sides

were injured in the clash that occurred in Khofyan area of the district on Saturday night, the governor's spokesman, Jilani Farhad, had said.

The clash was between Taliban commander Mullah Samad loyal to the group's supreme leader, Mullah Haibatullah, and fighters of a splinter group led by Commander Mullah Nangyali. Nangyali is loyal to Mullah Rassoul, the splinter Taliban ... (More on P4)... (21)

### Outlook Horoscope

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



**Aries** Setting your sites on a distant destination can be an act of faith for many people. But you are so determined to reach your goal now that you spend more time collecting information and creating a strategy than is necessary. Of course, being well-prepared increases the likelihood of a favorable outcome, but your atypical behavior is puzzling to those who know you well.

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



**Taurus** Although you are driven to honor a high ethical standard, your need for practicality might tempt you to soften your stance now. Searching for the truth can be a fulltime job, especially if you decide to leave no stone unturned until you find the answers to all your questions. But sometimes, fulfilling basic needs becomes so urgent that you must let your idealism slide.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



**Gemini** Finishing a job is easier than it looks today. Nevertheless, you're still subject to your all-too-familiar attraction to variety. Fortunately, you can perform a bit of magic now by asking structured Saturn for help. Set a timer when you start a task and every time you are distracted, bring your attention back to the clock. This simple practice helps to set an efficient rhythm to your work.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



**Cancer** You can make extraordinary gains on a major project today, especially if you remain open to receiving assistance from your peers. It's not that you are dependent on others; it's just that a simple nudge or a bit of well-timed advice is more significant than you realize. Naturally, you must do your part by committing to a schedule and working hard to meet your deadlines.

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



**Leo** Scheduling your activities carefully so you can meet all your commitments is a smart strategy. But you could add so much structure to your day that you're constantly thinking about what you need to do next, rather than being present in the moment. People notice a change in your attitude today and might even think you are micro-managing everything.

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



**Virgo** There may be so much happening in your life now that it's challenging to focus on one thing at a time. Your performance at a routine task feels empty today, even if your coworkers appreciate your effort. You want your creativity to be acknowledged, not just your hard work. Unfortunately, finding your productive groove might prove to be a simpler task than maintaining it throughout the day, requiring extra concentration on your part.

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



**Libra** Your self-confidence is the only necessary ingredient to start a project, and your growing enthusiasm even motivates others to care about your cause. Naturally, you like the idea of collaboration, but you might find it particularly taxing to work with anyone else now. Sometimes, embarking on a course of action excludes outside assistance, especially if you're not sure yet.

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



**Scorpio** You are caught in an unusual dilemma of your own making today. You know you're on a positive track that's leading you to a successful conclusion of a job well done. But you can't seem to escape a handful of self-limiting beliefs that impede your progress. It is said that working smarter is more productive than working harder.

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



**Sagittarius** You're not in the mood to share your goals with anyone today. You prefer everyone to think that all your efforts are going toward more immediate concerns. Nevertheless, it's impossible to take your mind off your future now, since you know that every move you make is part of a long-term trajectory. Unfortunately, the amount of cerebral energy you use to keep your deep-rooted truth a secret is a greater burden than describing it.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



**Capricorn** Although you're willing to discuss your plans today, you might keep a few parts of your overall strategy under wraps. You want to engage in conversations that could spark new ideas, but your cautious nature won't allow you to give away any trade secrets. You are a champion at calculating the best odds and you're not interested in reducing your chances for success now.

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



**Aquarius** You have unused skills and undeveloped talents that can elevate your standing in your career. However, you're in no hurry to bring out these secret weapons yet. You believe that you only get one chance at making your impression on those who could help you professionally - and you're willing to exercise your self-restraint while you continue to sharpen the tools in your toolbox.

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



**Pisces** Oftentimes, you set a goal and figure out your plan while you're already in motion. You Fish like to zig-zag back and forth as you wiggle your way closer and closer to your loosely defined destination that gains clarity as you approach it. However, your modus operandi is radically different today as you rely on a detailed itinerary that you have already created and revised many times.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-62.

Across: 1. Piques, 6. Partiality, 10. Baseball great, 14. Forbidden, 15. Border, 16. Holy, 17. Ignominy, 18. Loyal (archaic), 19. Location, 20. Composition board, 22. Oceans, 23. "Hee \_\_\_", 24. Roasters, 26. Occurring together, 30. Blend, 32. Regenerate, 33. Beaten eggs, 37. General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, 38. Enlighten, 39. Greek letter, 40. One who indulges in eroticism, 42. A group of sheep, 43. Kings of the jungle, 44. Boil, 45. Coil of yarn, 47. Deity, 48. Travelled through water, 49. Destroy completely, 56. Assistant, 57. Radar signal, 58. Debauchees, 59. Twirled, 60. Not yours, 61. French for "After", 62. Command (archaic), 63. Roentgen ray, 64. Rental agreement

Down: 1. "Cut that out!", 2. Nil, 3. Nile bird, 4. Brag, 5. In some way, 6. Under, 7. Bright thought, 8. Food thickener, 9. Rarely, 10. Relating to a leap year, 11. Extraterrestrial, 12. Test versions, 13. Former lovers, 21. Prohibit, 25. Compete, 26. Desire, 27. Close, 28. Within, 29. Village, 30. Awry, 31. Adroit, 33. Norse god, 34. Horn sound, 35. Carve in stone, 36. Rice beer, 38. A small economical car (slang), 41. 3 in Roman numerals, 42. National, 44. Drunkard, 45. Steal, 46. Spiral-horned antelopes, 47. Itinerant, 48. Cumberbund, 50. Make unclear, 51. Former Italian currency, 52. Lasso, 53. Emanation, 54. TTTT, 55. Anagram of "Sees"

Yesterday's Solution: TENO DODGY BLAB, OBBE INJURE RULE, FOAM NEGOTIATOR, UNHOGOKS GINSENG, TAU MATTRESS, AFFIRMATION, GOINGS REVIEW TAB, HUNG POST BABB, ELK AISLE PACES, STEADFASTLY, APISIS EWE, BANDAID FALLOUT, ANALYTICAL ELSE, SERE EVICT SEEN, ELLIS MEATY SPORT

apply, array, beast, bequest, chop, compassion, cruel, dots, entreat, fairy, force, grave, harden, kneel, large, locate, lock, peach, peak, persuasion, pitfall, please, poster

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