

95 Insurgents Killed in Countrywide Operations: MoD

As many as 95 insurgents have been killed in security operations in different parts of the country over the past 24 hours, the government claimed on Friday.



KABUL - The Ministry of Defence (MoD) said the militants were killed during offensives in Nangarhar, Ghazni, Paktia, Logar, Uruzgan, Zabul, Balkh, Jawzjan, Faryab, Kunduz, Baghlan and Helmand provinces. A statement from the min-

istry said eight armed opposition members were wounded in the operations, which also led to the arrest of 11 suspects. The Afghan Air Force (AAF) conducted 110 sorties in support of the Afghan National Army and targeted insurgents in nine places,

the statement added. Although the ministry said nothing about casualties among the forces, the militants claimed killing a number of security personnel in different parts of the country. (Pajhwok)

Residents Worried as Clashes Continue Outside Lashkargah City



KAUBL - Residents of Lashkargah City, the center of Helmand province in the south of Afghanistan, said they are worried about their safety as clashes have intensified between government forces and Taliban militants in the outskirts of the city in the past two days.

The military operations in Nad Ali and the outskirts of Lashkargah City were launched on Wednesday.

"There is war every night. We are worried about our safety. The conflict has affected people's lives," said Abdul Razaq, a resident of Lashkargah.

"Last night, there were heavy clashes and bombing. People cannot sleep during nights and we are in trouble," Qudratullah, another resident said.

The residents called on security forces to maintain the cleared areas.

"They (security forces) launch military operations and then leave the cleared areas without establishing outposts there. I urge the high-ranking officials to end the war in our region," Sayed Ali, a ... (More on P4)...(20)

University Students Hold Design Expo in Kabul



KABUL - Designs and achievements by university students and products of some companies were displayed in the First National Kabul Polytechnic University Expo in Kabul on Thursday.

The students said they hope they will find an entrepreneurship opportunities through the event, which was also attended by government officials and investors. "We can use this model to build a power dam, produce electricity and irrigate agricultural lands," said Nasrullah Niazi, a university student. "The students who are graduated should be provided with job opportunity," said Abida, another student. "There are phases that should be considered. The students can start working with us in primary phases of projects and then they can work with us in implementation of the projects," the energy and water minister Ali Ahmad Osmani said. The chancellor of Kabul Polytechnic University, Mohammad Saeed Kakar, said they ... (More on P4)...(21)

90 Legal Cases of Women Decided in Kapisa This Year

MAHMOOD RAQI - The Women's Affairs Department of central Kapisa province has been able to resolve more legal cases involving women this year compared to the previous year.

Kapisa women's affairs director Shaista Safi told Pajhwok Afghan News on Thursday they cooperated with the justice and judicial organs in resolving 90 cases of women this year.

She said the cases were about domestic violence, denial of inheritance, women's financial support and other similar cases.

She said with the help of the provincial Labor and Social Affairs Department, a number of educated women were absorbed in government departments this year.

Female civil society activist, ... (More on P4)...(7)

Work on Crucial Khost Bridge Begins

KHOST CITY - Work on vital bridge in southeastern Khost province kicked off on Thursday, the bridge will help connect three districts with the provincial capital.

Governor Hukam Khan Habibi after laying the foundation stone of the bridge said the project would be constructed at the cost of 18.2 million Afghanis which will be provided by the government's development budget.

The bridge when constructed will be 20 meters long, eight meters wide with 150 meters retaining walls on the both sides, he said.

"The bridge will help resolve the transport problems of residents of three districts specially during floods and rainy season," the governor said. Jannir Zazai, a Provincial ... (More on P4)...(18)

Fresh Fruit Export Falls as Pakistan Rises Tariffs



KABUL - Officials from the Fresh Fruits Exports Union said the export of fresh fruit to Pakistan has "decreased by almost 80 percent" after the Pakistani government raised tariffs on Afghan goods. Head of the union, Akhtar Mohammad, told TOLOnews that the export fresh fruit to Pakistan will stop if the tariffs on the ... (More on P4)...(19)

Airport Commander Detained for Currency Smuggling



KANDAHAR CITY - The Kandahar airport commander has been detained on the charge of currency smuggling, an official said on Friday.

Col. Obaidullah Barakzai was arrested while trying to transfer 5.5 million riyals (about \$1,466,588) to the United Arab Emirates, the police spokesman said.

Zia Durrani told Pajhwok Afghan News it was not yet clear whether the money belonged to Col. Barakzai or he was smuggling it for someone else.

An investigation into the incident was ongoing and the outcome would be shared with media representatives, the police spokesman added.

A credible source, meanwhile, revealed the commander had already smuggled a box full of foreign currency to the UAE. He was arrested by border police while trying to send abroad another box. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries Hanging out with your friends is less of a social activity today than a chance to reflect on your dreams and the steps you need to follow to make them come true. The Moon's visit to your 11th House of Long-Term Goals shifts the emphasis from the here and now to a vague point far off into the future.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus Revealing your innermost feelings to someone you trust sounds harmless, but people don't seem to understand your true intentions now. They might think you're operating with a specific agenda, but your only purpose is to deepen a friendship by revealing your vulnerable side.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini You would do anything to extract yourself from the middle of an intense situation now. Although you don't think this drama belongs to you, somehow you seem to be at the center of the emotional storm today. Try not to make any sudden moves; just back away from the turmoil. If the unsettled energy follows you on your retreat, you might have more ownership of the stress than you thought.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer You're unhappy if you feel isolated from your closest friends and family. Although all the same people might be easily accessible, there seems to be an invisible wall that's separating you from those you love today. Unfortunately, your alienation and frustration will continue to grow as long as you rely only on words to bridge the gap.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo Although relationships are back on the front burner, you're not necessarily seeking to dive into emotional intimacy today. In fact, your ideal interaction is based upon sharing an idea or an activity now, rather than your feelings. You like the easy expression of emotionally detached companionship that allows you to operate free of unspoken expectations.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Virgo You could be so particular about the information you receive today that you need to verify every single fact. You take nothing at face value until it's been checked out three times over. Others might think you are acting bizarrely -- and you are. Nevertheless, you have your reasons now; you don't want to be fooled or to look like a fool. Thankfully, your careful analysis won't lead you astray. Actor Leonard Nimoy said, "Logic is the beginning of wisdom,

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra Expressing your needs is effortless today, which could create a unique set of problems. Your desires don't necessarily conform to everyone else's sense of normalcy, and discussing your divergent values can lead to an impasse. You know exactly what's negotiable and what's not. However, people see you as more ambivalent than you actually are now.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio Your no-nonsense attitude can be so intimidating that you could unintentionally scare someone away today. However, your words may not accurately convey your true feelings, leaving others to fill in the blanks with their fears or insecurities. You might be empowered when you notice the current dynamics, but trying to capitalize on your dominant position is beneath your integrity.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius You stop to talk with everyone you encounter today, but you might not say anything important. In fact, you could fill up any silence with rambling thoughts about unusual people, places and things. But your current penchant for the weirdest facts and figures is only a distraction from the main event, which you are keeping to yourself. Unfortunately, your protectionist strategy may not be useful in the long run.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn You are almost always striving to better your position at home or in the community. Normally, your need to honor social conventions drives your behavior, but today you're looking to break some rules to separate yourself from the crowd. Before you commit to a radical course of action just to garner some fast fame and fortune, consider the repercussions of your personal rebellion.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Aquarius You feel as if the cosmos has given you a free license to express any and all of your moods today, no matter where it leads. Nevertheless, the Moon's visit to your non-conformist sign can incite you to intentionally shock someone with your revelations. Unfortunately, you could complicate your life when there's really no reason to alienate your best supporters.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces Your spiritual journey lures you into the shadows today, inviting you to find the hidden beauty. But you're unwilling to follow in someone else's footsteps; you're on a path that's yours alone. Although you feel like a metaphysical adventurer, you wish you didn't have to blaze a trail now just to reach your current destination. Nevertheless, you're devoted to discovering the truth for yourself, whatever it takes.

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Down

1. Not Mama, 2. Angers, 3. Tidy, 4. Carve in stone, 5. Appears, 6. Calypso offshoot, 7. Probably, 8. Turned inside out, 9. Have the nerve, 10. Oval, 11. Crown, 12. Extent, 13. High armor, 18. Chart 24. Snake-like fish, 25. Cut, 26. Go on horseback, 27. Gorse 28. Smack, 29. Tools for star gazing, 31. Adriatic resort, 33. Wish granter, 34. Backside 36. Cut into cubes, 37. L L L L, 38. D D D D, 42. Typographical error, 43. Knave, 45. A baby's toy, 47. Sunrises, 48. Creepy, 49. Angry, 51. Barley bristle, 52. Equestrian, 54. Tropical tuber, 56. Nil, 57. Wildebeests, 58. Behold, in old Rome, 59. Accomplishment 62. Poetic dusk,

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