

# 20 Taliban Killed in Zabul Airstrikes, Clash



QALAT - Twenty Taliban have been killed in two separate airstrikes and a clash in southern Zabul province, an official said on Saturday. Fourteen Taliban were killed in overnight airstrike in the Bata Khelo area of Nawbahar district on Friday

evening, Gen. Sidiqullah Saber, commander of the 205th Maiwand Military Corps second Brigade said. In a separate overnight drone strike at least four Taliban were killed. The drone strike target the Taliban in the Nawrak area on the outskirts of Qalat, the provincial

capital Saberi said. Two more insurgents were killed and three other injured in a clash in the Arghandab district. The clash erupted when militants attacked security forces post. Militants have not yet commented about the incident. (Pajhwok)

## Jawzjan Pharmacist Commits Suicide after Losing Job

SHIBERGHAN - A pharmacist at the Afghan-Turk Hospital in northern Jawzjan province has allegedly hanged himself to death, an official said Saturday. Col. Abdul Malik Mamnoon, crime branch police chief, said the pharmacist, Hassan, 45, was a resident of Shiberghan city, the provincial capital. "The married man hanged himself at his own residence. He has been shifted to hospital for forensic test." It was not clear what prompted the extreme step, he added. Wali Mohsin, the dead pharmacist's son, said: "My father was perturbed yesterday but he told nothing to us. He was a normal man and there was nothing as such to force him into resorting to such act." An official at the Public Health Department, on the condition of anonymity ... (More on P4)... (17)

## A Look at Kabul in Line with World Cities Day

KABUL - October 31st is the World Cities Day which aims to mobilize efforts in overcoming challenges in cities. As we are approaching World Cities Day which is October 31, the question that arises in everyone's minds is that although numerous projects have been implemented in Kabul and other cities in the past decade in the country, is Kabul in line with global cities standards? The question mostly focusses on environmental and traffic issues which are a big challenge in cities. In this report, TOLNews journalist Tamim Hamid has interviewed three Afghan youths of whom one has come from a rural area for a career in Kabul and two others are planning to give a hand in overcoming the existing challenges in Kabul city. ... (More on P4)... (18)

## Two Students Arrested after Firing on Police in Herat

HERAT - Two students from a religious Madrassa were arrested on Friday after shooting at police soldiers in Herat province, local officials said Saturday. According to local officials the incident took place in Spin Ade in Herat city, but no police were injured in the shooting. Aminullah Amin, a Herat security ... (More on P4)... (19)

## Olive Harvesters Survive Twin Blasts in Nangarhar



JALALABAD - Canalization department workers collecting olive harvest survived two consecutive bomb blasts in Farm Hada area of eastern Nangarhar province on Saturday. The blasts took place in the third block of olive orchards at about 12:40pm, said the governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani. He said no one suffered casualties in the blasts and another two landmines were detected and defused in the same area. A worker of the canalization department, Abdul Qayum Atrafi, told Pajhwok Afghan News four landmines had been planted in the orchards, two of them were exploded and the other two defused. He said police had reached the area and that there were no casualties in the blasts. Amid dearth of workers, the canal department started harvesting olives from its orchards a few days ago, with officials predicting 1200 tons of yield this season. (Pajhwok)

## Kunar's Deputy Governor 'Kidnapped' in Peshawar



KABUL - The deputy governor for eastern Kunar province, Qazi Mohammad Nabi Ahmadi, has been abducted in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, an official said on Saturday. Kunar governor's spokesman, Abdul Ghani Mosmim, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the deputy governor had been introduced to Kabul authorities for health treatment through an official letter. However, he didn't know to which country the deputy governor had gone for treatment. But a source told Pajhwok that Qazi Ahmadi had gone to Pakistan for treatment along with his brother, but his mobile phone couldn't be reached. Afghan Consul General in Peshawar, Moin Maristial, admitted to the Pakistani media outlets that the Kunar's deputy governor had been kidnapped. A member of the Hezb-i-Islami Afghanistan (HIA) media office, Fazal Ghani, said Qazi Ahmadi was an active member of the HIA. He said Ahmadi traveled to Peshawar for treatment where was abducted by unknown men in Dabgari area. It's pertinent to mention here that after the HIA's joining of the peace ... (More on P4)... (21)

## 35 Health Facilities Remain Closed in Uruzgan



KABUL - The provincial public health directorate's officials in Uruzgan said Friday that 35 out of 49 health facilities have remained closed due to an increase in Taliban activities in parts of the province. The public health director of Uruzgan, Khan Aqa Miakhail, said Taliban militants have made some demands from health officials in the province in order let them run the health facilities. "We are in contact with the anti-govern-

ment groups, in provincial level, to resolve the problem. Taliban has 10 demands from the health sector that have been shared with the Ministry of Public Health ministry by the provincial governor," he said. Some MPs from Uruzgan said government has failed to ensure the safety of health in many parts of the country. "Government has failed to secure the facilities. ... (More on P4)... (20)

## Outlook Horoscope

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

 Aries People around you seem extra irritable today, possibly even overreacting without provocation. You might even have a minor crisis on your hands if you don't handle the tension right away. Unfortunately, engaging antagonistically with others in an attempt to defend your behavior will only amplify the negativity.

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

 Taurus You are happy to jump in and help someone finish a project today, without expecting anything in return. Nevertheless, you're unwilling to put up with their criticism of the work you or anyone else is doing now. Unfortunately, there's probably no easy way to bring up your grievance.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

 Gemini Not only does your lack of discipline annoy others today, your laid-back attitude could derail your productivity. You're more interested in talking about all the things you need to do than actually taking action to get them done now. Unfortunately, discussing your plans might be helpful under normal circumstances, but there's no benefit to justifying your procrastination.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

 Cancer You have a rare opportunity to make substantial progress on a project at home. Fortunately, your creativity is running strong now, and you see solutions rather than problems everywhere you look. However, it's not your goal to merely complete your work today; the finished product must also be pleasing to the senses.

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

 Leo Social activities are the source of pleasure, but they may also bring conflict today. Your strong opinions about political or philosophical concerns could stir the stew of unrest, especially if you think it's your place to deliver the truth. Although intelligent people can arrive at different conclusions from the same data, there are some issues that are critical enough to fight for now.

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

 Virgo Your lingering indecision could instigate a conflict with a friend today. You might see something you want, but are unsure if it's a wise purchase. Normally, you have no problem making up your mind; you just look at the facts and the answer is obvious. But you're stuck in an endless mental loop and dragging someone else into your personal dilemma doesn't help now. Your previously internal argument is exacerbated once it has an anchor in the real world.

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

 Libra Your opinions or actions may be misinterpreted today, and the more you defend them, the worse the misunderstanding becomes. However, you're not likely to retreat if your anger is aroused. Your eagerness to engage in a war of words might surprise people, but you feel as if you must make your point.

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

 Scorpio You appear as if all is well in your world today, while your emotions are seething below the surface about a recent conversation gone wrong, an old emotional hurt or a current social injustice. Whatever the cause, you could be unconsciously cruising for a fight now, just waiting for someone to disagree with your position on anything.

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

 Sagittarius You're happy to hang out with your friends today, expecting to share adventures wherever you may roam. However, it might be difficult to get along with others if your agenda differs from theirs. At first, you remain quiet since you don't want your preferences to hijack the fun. But a minor annoyance can quickly build into resentment now, triggering an emotional outburst as you try to set things straight.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

 Capricorn Contemplating your long-term goals can lead to anxious feelings today, especially if close friends and family members take issue with your plans. However, you want to share your dreams with those closest to you without being put in a defensive position. Your irrational concerns could prompt you to overcompensate by pushing people away.

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

 Aquarius Your current notion of pleasure is engaging in anything that expands your mind. However, you don't want to take an idea so far that it destabilizes the parts of your life that work. For example, there's no harm in learning a foreign language as long as you're not considering an impulsive move around the globe to immerse yourself in that culture.

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

 Pisces A significant decision about your future may be the source of a disagreement with your spouse or business partner today. Walking away from the conflict without a settlement is not an option, especially if the dispute is over money or other jointly held resources. Unfortunately, an argument could spark unresolved issues that explode into awareness, complicating the original negotiation.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-71 indicating starting positions for clues.

Across  
1. Type of mushroom, 6. Cain's brother, 10. Small island, 14. Draw forth, 15. Tibetan monk  
16. Newbie (slang), 17. Daughter of a sibling, 18. Snip, 19. A compact mass, 20. Protect by insurance, 22. Ascend, 23. Essence, 24. Required, 26. Humdinger, 30. Petroleum, 31. Little bit, 32. Distinctive flair, 33. Brother of Jacob, 35. Rope fiber, 39. Livery, 41. Spire, 43. Acted presumptuously, 44. Gush, 46. Cashews and almonds, 47. Foot digit, 49. Former boxing champ, 50. Gait faster than a walk, 51. A framework of steel bars, 54. A musical pause, 56. Double-reed woodwind, 57. Stretchability, 63. Reasonable, 64. Records, 65. Markedly masculine, 66. Anagram of "Sees", 67. False god, 68. Glacial ridge, 69. Marsh plant, 70. Declare untrue, 71. Verse

Down  
1. List of options, 2. Norse god, 3. Regretted, 4. Behold, in old Rome, 5. Lascivious looks, 6. The qualities of unselfish concern, 7. Glasswort, 8. Send forth, 9. Bewail, 10. Element, 11. Not fluid, 12. Not tight 13. Subsided, 21. Tempter, 25. Lack of difficulty, 26. A feudal vassal, 27. Forearm bone, 28. Den, 29. Unshackled, 34. In vain, 36. Prod, 37. Countertenor, 38. In order to prevent, 40. Smell, 42. Chubby Checker's dance, 45. Ideal, 48. Palpebra, 51. Errand runner, 52. Demean, 53. Clamor, 55. Anagram of "Merit", 58. Prospector's find, 59. Money, 60. Yucky, 61. Not us, 62. Bygone era,

Yesterday's Solution  
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addition, arose, bacon, bees, boor, break, canola card, castle, chores dare, drowsy, feather foibles, foremost, furl, gloat, heel, option, paste, peel, plane, prior question, quirk, rate ready, reams, record

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