

13 Militants Eliminated in Logar Raid, Airstrike



PUL-I-ALAM - At least 13 Taliban insurgents were killed on Sunday during an operation and airstrike in central Logar province, an official said. Salim Saleh, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News Afghan forces carried out the clearing

operation in Hawzay area of Kharwar district in the morning. Eight militants were killed, including Taliban's shadow district chief Mullah Mukhtar in the operation and one machinegun, one rocket launcher, one motorcycle

and two Kalashnikovs were destroyed. Mohammad Nasir, a tribal leader, confirmed the operation and many militants had been killed but he had no figures. In the same district, Saleh ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Nine Police, 12 Taliban Killed in Ghazni Clashes

GHAZNI - Clashes took place in a number of districts in Ghazni province on Saturday, including Ghazni city, after Taliban insurgents attacked numerous check posts. At least nine policemen and 12 Taliban insurgents were killed in separate clashes in central Ghazni province on Saturday afternoon, local officials confirmed.

In addition, two policemen and four other Taliban fighters were wounded in the clashes. The clashes took place in the city of Ghazni, and in the districts of Zana Khan, De Yak, Qarabagh, Khaja Omari and Ab Band after Taliban insurgents attacked police check posts, police officials said. However, the officials did not provide further details about the clashes. The Taliban has not yet commented over the attacks. *(Tolonews)*

Mentally Ill Young Woman Commits Suicide in Faryab

MAIMANA - A young woman has committed suicide by hanging herself in the Khanchar Bagh district of northwestern Faryab province, an official said on Sunday. Dortaj Yamaq Khaliqi, the district's administrative chief, confirmed that Shakira, 20, hanged herself from the roof of her house Saturday night. She said the cause of her suicide could not be ascertained, but her parents showed several copies of a medical report to detectives and said she was suffering from a mental problem. She added the woman's body had been sent to the Andkhai hospital for forensic examination. Hospital officials said only rope marks were seen around her neck. The Provincial Independent Human Rights Commission said 23 cases of suicide by women and girls in Faryab had been recorded during the current year. *(Pajhwok)*

12kg Heroin Seized, Driver Arrested in Farah



FARAH - A driver trafficking 12 kilograms of heroin has been arrested by Afghan National Army (ANA) forces in Bakwah district of western Farah province, an official said on Sunday. Farah police chief, Iqbal Bahir told Pajhwok Afghan News the man was smuggling the heroin in a Corolla model car from Bakwah ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Dozens Stage Protest Against District Municipal Chief



KABUL - Dozens of residents of the 1st municipal district of Kabul have staged a protest against the incompetence of the authorities, especially the district municipal head. The demonstrators staged protest in Bagh-i-Qazi area, lasting more than an hour. They branded the district municipal chief and other officials as "corrupt dealers". Ahmad Jan Ahmadi, speaking on behalf of protesters, told Pajhwok Afghan News: "Chief, deputy chief and manager of the district are dealers, corrupt and cannot handle affairs of this area." He added: "While streets are full of rubbish, the district chief, taking bribes from the owner of a high-rise house, allowed him to dig up sidewalks for safety tanks which damaged the road." Ahmadi said cars were stuck on the road but no one was held accountable. At the end of the demonstration, the protesters warned if the municipality did not deal ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Balkh-Based Jihadi Commanders Clash Over Land



MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Former jihadi commanders have clashed over land ownership in Mazar-i-Sharif, the capital of northern Balkh province, leaving one person dead, officials said Sunday. Provincial police spokesman Sher Jan Durani told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place north of Mazar-i-Sharif late on Friday. He said the clash left one person dead before it ended as a result of police intervention. The commanders, he said, "are illegal gunmen. Whoever carries illegal weapons is a gunman. We don't call him we do not call him a jihadi commander." But local residents said the commanders belonged to Hizb-i-Wahdat and Jamiat-Islami Afghanistan (JIA). A resident of Dasht-i-Shor area, who wished to go unnamed, said the jihadi commanders clashed over a township. Meanwhile, civil society activists expressed concern over incidents that threatened public security. Qadir Misbah, head of Khat-i-Naw Research Centre, asked security organs to take action against irresponsible armed people. Dr. Mohammad Afzal Hadid, the provincial council head, said ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

6 Policemen, 8 Militants Killed in Zabul Clash



QALAT - Six police personnel and eight militants have been killed during a clash in Arghandab district of southern Zabul province, an official said on Sunday. Arghandab district chief Amirjan Alokozay told Pajhwok Afghan News hundreds of militants launched coordinated attacks on six check-posts near to the district centre on Saturday night. He said six security forces and eight

insurgents were killed and eight policemen and 12 Taliban injured during the gun battle. Alokozay said many weapons belonging to militants were captured by security forces. But an official wishing anonymity said eight policemen were killed and 12 others wounded in the clash. Taliban have not yet commented about the incident. *(Pajhwok)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Aries You don't know whether to proudly hold your ground against the forces of evil today, or to run for the nearest cave and hide. Naturally, your first instinct is to muster up your courage and share your message to combat any negativity that's wafting through the atmosphere. Although fighting for your beliefs is admirable, you can't do it alone now.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Taurus There is an unspoken bond between you and your allies today. It's as if you're all part of a conspiracy to bring compassion into the workplace. In a competitive environment, one person's sensitivity might be frowned on as a weakness. Nevertheless, there is power in numbers and anything is possible when many people collectively display empathy.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Gemini You're less interested in climbing the ladder of success today than you are in making meaningful connections with others at work. But your desire for camaraderie goes beyond a social inclination; you believe big changes are afoot and you are strengthening your bonds with people you want in your tribe. Networking is not a casual distraction now when you're preparing for the future.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Cancer Separating your visions of an ideal future from the practical realities of tomorrow can be a daunting task. You Crabs are attuned to the Moon as she swims through some rather magical and mysterious waters today, cutting you loose from the normal restraints of reality. Yours is a diaphanous dream world where your thoughts spin fantasies faster than you can decipher their meanings.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Leo You are primarily attracted to those things that can be perceived by your five senses. However, you are enchanted today by the exquisite beauty and complexity of all that exists beyond the veil that separates this world from the other side. Strangely, there seems to be cosmic leakage as the energy from higher dimensions precipitates into this one.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Virgo Your life is complicated today by the people around you who are unable to make decisions and then follow through on their promises. Although you may feel as if you're being set up by those who let you down, their intentions are probably honorable. Unfortunately, your concerns might be quite specific while others are thinking about more esoteric things. Try not to be so judgmental if someone else doesn't share your priorities now.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Libra You can't seem to make your actions conform to your established schedule today. Instead of being punctual, you're either running early or late. Ironically, you might finally arrive at an appointment on time, only to find yourself waiting for someone else. The truth is you're more closely connected to the realms of imagination now than the real world.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Scorpio You may be in trouble today if you need to deal with the mundane details of life. You really don't want to be bothered with practical questions or tedious chores now. But you could spend hours wrapped up in watching a movie, listening to music or gazing at clouds. Anything that allows your mind to wander helps you get in touch with who you really are.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Sagittarius Balancing your natural extroverted tendencies with your current cravings for solitude can be tricky. It's doubly difficult to pull off a disappearing act when your friends expect you to be congenial, entertaining and inspirational today. Nevertheless, the benefits you derive from introspective contemplation is well worth the temporary isolation, even if you must disappoint others in the process.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

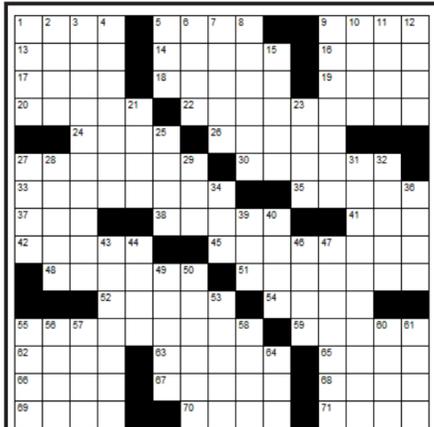
Capricorn Everything seems a bit surreal today, yet you can't put your finger on the true nature of the energy. It's as if dreams from your previous night of sleep have seeped into the day, infusing it with a weird mixture of hope, magic and the unknown. However, you can tell that you are bending reality slightly out of shape and don't know how to get your feet back on the ground.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Aquarius On one hand, your tenuous relationship with the material world is stressful if you're not motivated to take care of practical responsibilities. On the other hand, you're fascinated with the cosmic download you're receiving now. You watch amazed as images and symbols roll past your mind's eye, even if you're not sure of the source.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Pisces You are blissfully floating in your element today, content to contemplate the meaning of the cosmos and your place in it. However, someone may be upset with you if you're not concerned about mundane things like work schedules and deadlines. Obviously, you can't just walk away from your obligations now, but no one can prevent you from traveling to distant worlds within your imagination if you keep up with your responsibility.



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1. Pear variety, 5. A long way off, 9. Short skirt, 13. "Do ___ others...," 14. 6 6 6 6, 16. Dry, 17. Stigma, 18. Cost, 19. Liturgy, 20. Serf, 22. Anagram of "Roominess", 24. Rectum, 26. Half note, 27. Practicing great self-denial, 30. 11th Greek letter, 33. Croaky, 35. Type of antelope, 37. French for "Friend", 38. Ancient Roman magistrate, 41. Bro or sis, 42. Charges per unit, 45. Explosive, 48. Cherry, 51. A medieval steel helmet, 52. In base 8, 54. Near, 55. Bearded, 59. Districts, 62. Hindu princess, 63. Cognizant, 65. Sea eagle, 66. Countertenor, 67. Plunges, 68. Location, 69. Hireling, 70. G G G G, 71. Flower stalk,
Down
1. Shrub, 2. A single time, 3. Found on cave ceilings, 4. Diadem, 5. Venomous snake, 6. Strong and sure, 7. Adage, 8. Backfire, 9. Xylophone, 10. Colored part of an eye, 11. Anagram of "Tine", 12. Midmonth date, 15. Ringworm cassia, 21. Ballet attire, 23. Edges, 25. "Your majesty", 27. Food thickener, 28. Poison plant, 29. Knave, 31. Disown, 32. Lissome, 34. 54 in Roman numerals, 36. Incite, 39. Toss, 40. Distinctive flair, 43. Ablation, 44. Ill, 46. Largest continent, 47. A female tiger, 49. Place, 50. A type of insect, 53. Depart, 55. Envelop, 56. Fit, 57. Within, 58. To endure (archaic), 60. Stake, 61. Appear, 64. S,

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