

Road between Bamyan, Northern Provinces Closed



BAMYAN CITY - Militants have blocked a key road between central Bamyan province and northern parts of the country by blowing up part of a mountain in Shibar district, local officials said on Monday. Mohammad Azim Farid, administrative chief of Shibar

district, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the road was blocked at two points in Baghak area after the militants blew up the mountain. The insurgents from the Tala Wa Barfak district of Baghlan province lurked in the mountain that they

blew up before attacking Afghan forces based in Shibar, the official added. "Reinforcements have arrived to the area and are trying to reopen the road and clear the area of militants," Farid said. *...(More on P4)...(19)*

ISIS and Taliban Casualties Further Rise Amid Ongoing

KABUL - The casualties of the Taliban and ISIS insurgents have further increased amid ongoing clashes between the two sides in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan. The officials of the 201st Silab Corps of the Afghan National Army in the East said at least 23 militants were killed or wounded during the latest clashes. The officials further added that five ISIS and six Taliban insurgents were killed while five Taliban militants and seven ISIS insurgents were wounded. According to Shaheen Corps officials, the latest clashes between the two sides broke out in this province on Sunday. The anti-government armed militant groups have not commented regarding the report so far. This comes as the local officials *...(More on P4)...(21)*

Explosives-Laden Horses Seized

JALALABAD - The Afghan security forces seized two horses laden with explosives during an operation in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan, the local officials said Monday. The officials further added that the horses and explosives were confiscated by the Afghan intelligence operatives during an operation in Durbaba district. The provincial government media office in a statement also confirmed that the operatives of the national directorate of security confiscated two horses laden with explosives from Jangoor area of the district. The statement further added that the militants had loaded around 50 kilograms of explosives on the two horses which were confiscated at around 4 pm local time on Sunday. No suspect has been arrested *...(More on P4)...(22)*

9 Police Killed, 5 Wounded in Attacks on Ghazni Checkpoints

GHAZNI CITY - Nine police personnel have been killed and five others wounded in Taliban attacks in southern Ghazni province, an official said on Monday. Provincial Council Chairman Khaliqdad Akbari told Pajhwok Afghan News security check-posts in the Surkh Qala area of Ghazni City came under attack on Sunday night. He said nine policemen were killed and five others wounded. But the provincial police chief, Brig. Gen. Mohammad Zaman, said four policemen were killed and five others wounded in the assaults. "The check-posts were established for Khogyani district, but Taliban have torched two of them." Taliban confirmed the attacks. Zabihullah Mujahid, the group's spokesman, claimed *...(More on P4)...(23)*



Maraston Inmate Wants to use her Artistic Skill

KABUL - A widowed woman, who has been living at the "Maraston Hostel" with her children, wants to stand on her own feet by using her skill of painting and embroidery. Zia Gul, 40, her two daughters and a son, from 9 to 17 years old, have been living at the Afghan Red Crescent Society-run hostel for war widowed women in Kabul for the past three years. Now she has decided to stand on her own feet and provide livelihood for her family by

using her artistic skill. Zia Gul, originally from Takhar province, told Pajhwok Afghan News that her husband died during the war times nine years ago and since then, she has been leading a hard life with her children. Zia Gul said she was illiterate, but she knew painting and embroidery. She hoped to be able to use her art and make money to support her children. She said she could *...(More on P4)...(24)*

Special Forces Kill 35 Militants in Khost



KHOST CITY - Thirty-five Taliban insurgents have been killed by the Afghan Special Forces during operations in southeastern Khost province, an official said on Monday. Police chief Brig. Gen. Faizullah Ghairat told Pajhwok Afghan News the special forces carried out air and ground operations codenamed (Campaign) in Spin Gound, Chawi and Palocha areas of Nadershak Khot district on Monday night. He said 35 militants were killed, including key figures Qari Mir Abas, Mullah Hashim and 12 others notorious commanders. Ghairat said "we received reports that 20 others militants have been wounded and 12 arrested and their several weapons remained in the clash site." He added security forces *...(More on P4)...(20)*

Girl Among 13 People Injured in Baghlan Blast

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Thirteen civilians, including a five-year-old girl, were injured in a magnetic bomb blast in Pul-i-Khumri, the capital of northern Baghlan province on Monday, an official said. The magnetic bomb attached to a Hilux type vehicle went off at around 1:00pm in the Kocha-i-Mandavi crowded area. Public Health Director Muhibullah Habib confirmed 13 injured people had been evacuated to the hospital. Among the injured were a five-year-old girl, he added. Saleem, the resident of locality and an eyewitness, said the blast happened when individual onboard in the vehicle got off and walked on the road. He demanded the government to ensure security safety of common people. There was no word from militant groups about the incident. (Pajhwok)

Ex-Taliban Group Member Labels Taliban-Led Insurgency against Islam

KABUL - A former member of the Taliban group who surrendered to the security forces in northeastern Badakhshan province, has called branded the insurgency led by Taliban as a move against Islam. The 209th Shaheen Corps of the Afghan National Army in the North said the surrendered Taliban group was actively involved anti-government armed insurgency activities before he decided to refrain from further insurgency activities. No further details have been given regarding the identity of the surrendered Taliban group, apparently due to the security related issues the Taliban group member could face. The surrendered militant has said the Taliban militants are serving the *...(More on P4)...(25)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Aries You've stretched reality as far as you can, and now it's time to face the facts. Although the fantasy-prone Pisces Moon is still floating through your 12th House of Spirituality, unavoidable circumstances require you to pull your head out of the clouds. Stop entertaining far-fetched dreams and get to work creating the world you want to live in.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Taurus An arrangement you made with a friend or business partner could falter today as one of you decides the deal needs to be revised. Unfortunately, it's less likely you will find common ground now as stern Saturn leaves very little room for negotiation. Additionally, you might feel as if you've already compromised more than you intended.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Gemini You have no choice but to put away your fantasies about chasing rainbows today. You must set aside your dreams while you perform less-than-glorious tasks that can't be left unfinished. You won't likely receive any kudos, even when you execute your work in an exemplary fashion. You may suffer an emotional setback from the lack of recognition, but your discouragement won't last long.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Cancer You are at a turning point today; you need to make some aspect of your dreams real or walk away from them without looking back. Your work is set out for you and there's no avoiding it. You must incorporate recently learned information into your plan or watch it fall apart before your eyes. Fortunately, your logic is sound now, so don't be afraid to trust your own judgments.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Leo You tire of exploring metaphysical realms and intangible ideas. You long for the simplistic reality of the three-dimensional world now, along with its straightforward relationship between action and reaction. But your knowledge that nothing exists in a vacuum sets you back out on a path of discovery as you search for the fundamental truths of the cosmos.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept 22)

Virgo Your open heart and curious mind create a perfect recipe for trouble today as someone tugs at your emotions and tickles your brain at the same time. You can't help but follow the energy as it leads you down a magical path of interaction with a friend or lover. However, there is a very real price to pay for allowing your feelings to overrule your thoughts, and karmic Saturn is standing by to collect his fee.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Libra You might have underestimated the amount of time and energy required to complete a job. If you already committed to meeting a deadline, you will need to offer those involved a revised delivery schedule and a sincere apology. However, you may receive little sympathy for your admission today.

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 You're reluctant to share your doubts with anyone today, simply because you don't want to give them voice. You're less worried about people's reactions than you are about empowering your own negativity. But denial is never useful when it comes to handling difficult issues. It's all the more urgent to express yourself authentically if you're concerned about your ability to perform adequately.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Capricorn Your ambitious could be thwarted by your own actions today. You might misunderstand the instructions you are given, only to successfully complete the wrong task. Naturally, you may be quite upset when you learn that your efforts were for naught. But don't waste time being mad about things that cannot be undone.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Aquarius No matter how much you contribute to a group effort now, you still might worry that it's not enough. However, your concerns about whether or not you carry your own weight as a team member are not likely about the current situation. Instead, an old wound may resurface today, reminding you of a past failure. The first step in elevating your self-esteem is to recognize the negative

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Pisces Responsibilities at work leave you with little time for contemplation, but that could work out to your advantage today. Someone's actions may have triggered recollections of a childhood rejection that still gnaws at you from the hidden recesses of your subconscious. Rather than ruminating about water that has long flowed under the bridge, you can't dwell on it because you're so wrapped up in the demands of the day.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-65.

Across: 1. Timbuktu country, 5. Water balloon sound, 10. Sharp intake of breath, 14. Not odd, 15. Use a scale, 16. Operatic solo, 17. Sow, 18. Act of showing affection, 20. Indebtedness, 22. Belly, 23. 25 in Roman numerals, 24. Fertile areas, 25. Befoulments 32. Without company, 33. Submarine, 34. Vagrant, 37. A tart spicy quality, 38. Extent 39. Sit for a photo, 40. Terminate, 41. Varieties, 42. Heaps, 43. Times in the past, 45. Aromatic solvent, 49. Sphere, 50. Ask someone to marry you, 53. Delighted, 57. Lesbian, 59. Hubs, 60. Copied, 61. Passageway, 62. Calamitous, 63. Not there, 64. Drive 65. A promiscuous woman, /

Down: 1. Plateau, 2. Affirm, 3. Lascivious look, 4. Classifying, 5. Veer, 6. Writing implements, 7. Cover, 8. Anagram of "Sage", 9. Not this, 10. 3rd Greek letter, 11. Territories, 12. Subsequently, 13. Trails, 19. Perch 21. Spindle, 25. A romantic meeting, 26. Distinctive flair, 27. Tender, 28. A childhood disease, 29. A common green newt, 30. Clamor, 31. Make lace, 34. South American weapon, 35. End ___, 36. Untidyness, 38. Yes to a sailor, 39. Multi-colored horses, 41. Beginners, 42. Combustible pile, 44. Hair curler, 45. Ancient unit of dry measure, 46. Metaphor or hyperbole, 47. Four-bagger (baseball), 48. Lyric poem, 51. Oceans, 52. Way out, 53. Wan, 54. Dirt, 55. Beige, 56. Weight loss plan, 58. Utilize

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