

55 Rebels Killed in Nuristan Airstrike

PARON - At least 55 militants have been killed in airstrike in the Barg-i-Matal district of eastern Nuristan province, an official said on Saturday. Police Chief Muhaiuddin Sarwari told Pajhwok Afghan News 300 Taliban gathered around the Barg-i-Matal district centre over the past few days and staged periodical attacks. He added some 55 insurgents, including two groups' commanders Mohammad Ismael and Fazal Karim, were killed in the Friday airstrike conducted by Afghan forces. He said the airstrike destroyed weapons of militants which included machine gun, anti-aircraft gun and seven rockets. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid rejected the Taliban casualties in the airstrike and said the Taliban suffered no losses in the airstrike and all bombs were dropped on Jangles. (Pajhwok)



Four ALP Personnel Killed in Logar Insider Attack

PUL-I-ALAM - An Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel has gunned down four comrades and a civilians in central Logar province, an official said on Saturday. Governor spokesman Saleem Saleh told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident happened in the Paraw locality of Mohammad Agha district on Friday night. He said the ALP personnel who killed other fellow policemen and civilian had links with the Taliban. He took available weapons with himself and fled the check-post. The Taliban have not yet commented about the incident. (Pajhwok)

Massoud Supporters' Vehicle Runs over Children in Kabul



KABUL - Relatives of one of the wounded children asked Massoud supporters to commemorate the Martyrs Week in a peaceful way. At least three children were wounded on Friday afternoon when a convoy of Ahmad Shah Massoud's supporters run over them in Khairkhana area in Kabul's PD15, eyewitnesses and hospital officials said. Eyewitnesses said one of the children is in critical condition. "Generally, his (Wali, one of the wounded children) health condition is not good. His arms and legs have been broken and one of his ears is bleeding," Noorulhaq Yousufzai, head of Indira Gandhi Children's Hospital, said. Wali's father, Zahir, said the car that run over his son has fled from the... (More on P4)... (14)

Afridi Quits Shpageeza League Amid Persistent Pak-Afghan Cricket Tensions



KABUL - Pakistan's former skipper Shahid Afridi has opted to withdraw from the Afghanistan cricket league, Shpageeza League, amid persistent tensions between the cricket board of the two nations. Afridi informed regarding his decision late on Friday night citing family issues as the main reason behind his decision. Very thankful to AFG gvt, @ACBofficials & MuslimYar sb. Speenghar Tigers to invite me. But I have some vry urgent... (More on P4)... (16)

Kapisa Ulema Council Head Gunned Down

MAHMOOD RAQI - Unidentified gunmen shot dead the Ulema Council head for central Kapisa province and his bodyguard in the Hesa-i-Doem district on Saturday, an official said. Governor spokesman Qais Qaderi told Pajhwok Afghan News Maulvi Mohammad Hanifyar and his bodyguard were gunned down in the in the Kham-i-Roba district by two motorcyclists. He said Hanifyar's bodyguard was killed on the spot but the Ulem Council head succumbed to his wounds while he was being shifted to hospital. (Pajhwok)

Religious Leader Gunned Down in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Unidentified gunmen have shot dead a religious scholar in the Chaparhar district of eastern Nangarhar province on Saturday, an official said. Governor spokesman Attaullah Khogyani told Pajhwok Afghan News the dead Hizbullah was a prayer leader in a Mosque in Chaparhar district. He was shot dead by unknown gunmen on Friday night when he was going to the Mosuqe. No group commented about the killing of religious leader. (Pajhwok)

Grape Farmers Expect Bumper Crop this Year



KABUL - Grape farmers said they have increased crops substantially this year but that they still need a bigger market for their produce. Figures by the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) show that at least 100,000 tons of grapes will be harvested across the country this year. According to the ministry, this is an increase of more than 15 percent against last year. Last year, more than 87,000 tons of grapes were harvested. MAIL spokesman Lotfullah Rashid said Afghan farmers will earn a decent amount of money this year as a large percentage of these grapes will be exported to India. "The activation... (More on P4)... (15)

Hundreds Protest Violence against Muslims in Burma

KABUL - Hundreds of people on Friday emerged on the roads in Kabul to condemn what they called "genocide" of the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar, asking the President Ghani government to break off ties with the largely Buddhist nation. Hundreds of people gathered in Deh Aghanan and Traffic Chowk areas of Kabul, with one protestor Maulana Abdul Basir calling the deaths and displacement of Rohingya Muslims as a huge crime against humanity. He urged the United Nations to strongly condemn the crackdown on the Rohingya Muslims by the extremist Buddhists and react. Basir asked the national unity government to allow no Buddhist to visit the historic giant Buddha statues in central Bamyana province. He also condemned the US military for airdropping leaflets that carried an image offensive to Muslims. "If the government cannot protect the Kalma, it should let the people do it." Another protestor and member of the Kabul provincial council, Attaullah Faizi, condemned the violence against Muslims in Burma. (Pajhwok)

58 Rebels Killed, 34 Wounded in Past 24 Hours

KABUL - Nearly 60 militants have been killed and 34 others wounded during the past 14 hours in 13 provinces of the country, the Ministry of Defense said on Friday. In a statement, the ministry said the operations were carried out in Nangarhar, Laghman, Kapisa, Paktia, Paktika, Ghazni, Uruzgan, Farah, Badghis, Balkh, Faryab, Kunduz and Helmand provinces. The statement said a number of local commanders were among 58 militants killed in the operations that left another 34 rebels wounded. Security forces also confiscated 14 motorcycles and some weapons and ammunition during the raids since yesterday, the MoD statement said. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries Although you might be quite satisfied doing very little today, you are able to find an easy pace that allows you to complete chores around the home without much effort at all. In fact, your laid-back approach can be misleading to others because they may think you are being lazy.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus The energy is perfect for putting around in the garden today. Just be sure not to stand still too long or the Grand Earth Trine might have you growing roots. The back-to-basics Taurus Moon empowers you to get in touch with the dirt while harvesting food or flowers.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini One of your best-kept secrets is how you can look extremely busy while doing absolutely nothing at all. Thankfully, today might actually be a designated day of rest. There's no need to mislead anyone with made-up stories about what you're doing later. In fact, there's no reason to use misdirection at all; you're a participant in life, not a stage magician. Stop trying to impress your friends and just be honest.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer You are meticulous in your approach to solving a dilemma today; you'll leave no stone unturned as you seek the best solution. Strong analytical skills empower you to ferret out problems, even if you thought they were handled a long time ago. However, you're also pragmatic enough to call off the search the moment you discover a viable path to follow.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo You are proud of your big plans today, and you might even think you're invincible. The impetuous Aries Moon's presence in your 9th House of Adventure is enough to get you all fired up as you look to your future. Nevertheless, unseen complications slow you down sufficiently to prevent you from reaching your goals now.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept 22)



Virgo You are currently performing at the top of your game. Whatever you touch seems to flourish. Fortunately, you are in your element with five planets harmonizing in pragmatic earth signs. For now, it's simple; you spot a problem, a solution comes to you, and you fix it. Your hands-on method of operating gives you a distinct advantage when it comes to living productively.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra You might feel as if you're stuck in a relationship situation that is restrictive now. You're not necessarily unhappy, but neither are you feeling fully understood. You may want to make some changes to the basic structure of a current partnership, but nothing you do seems to pack the transformational power you seek.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio Your social world is buzzing today, yet you're undecided if you wish to participate in the fun and frivolities. You might feel stretched so thin that you want to take some time to rest. Ironically, it's not that you need to avoid others, it's just that more complications sound exhausting. Although you're slightly uncomfortable mixing and mingling with people you don't know.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius Although you might be luxuriating on your day off now, you're still dreaming about getting ahead professionally. Exploring ways to strengthen your position at work could have positive impact on your current trajectory, but it will take a few days to see where this new road leads. In the meantime, keep your feet on the ground. The more progress you can make in all mundane matters today, the better it will be in the long run.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn You may be on a power trip today as you float through the day. Handling the intense energy will require you to channel your intentions through a very narrow gate. You can't wander around beyond the pale and expect no repercussions. Stick close to home and tend to any disturbances in your immediate environment rather than traveling to a distant land in search of adventure.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Aquarius You need the constancy of a close friend or intimate partner now, even if you often prefer to be on your own. Although others may come along for the ride or even share the burden at times, the bottom line is still your determination. The truth is you like the feeling of knowing you're not alone in life's battles for survival and success.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces Someone may light up your life today with a magical presence that touches your heart. But the connections you establish now are not limited to the mundane. Your interactions are powerful and karmic. Treat all conversations, no matter how trivial they seem, as if they were with your divine twin - because they are. Author Roald Dahl wrote, "And above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you."

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- Ascend, 6. Vipers, 10. Faux pas, 14. Hearing-related, 15. Anger, 16. Walk in water, 17. A loud sleeping sound, 18. Annoying insect, 19. Biblical garden, 20. Equivalent, 22. Distinctive flair, 23. Gambling game, 24. Recently, 26. Forearm bone, 30. French for "Water", 31. French for "Summer", 32. A person who lacks good judgment, 33. Ivory colored dentine, 35. Beginning, 39. Outlive, 41. Huge, 43. Drive, 44. Fizzy drink, 46. Ascend, 47. Defraud, 49. Explosive, 50. Flower stalk, 51. Hairstyle, 54. Makes lace, 56. Competent, 57. Tendency, 63. Pause, 64. Chunk, 65. Hello or goodbye, 66. French for "State", 67. Wings, 68. Outfit, 69. A style of design, 70. Cleave, 71. Prizes,

Down

- Actors in a show, 2. Roman moon goddess, 3. Weightlifters pump this, 4. Shopping place, 5. Not promising, 6. Jason's crew (Greek mythology), 7. Curved, 8. Scheme, 9. Homestead, 10. Enticements, 11. Soup server, 12. Something to shoot for, 13. Cent, 21. Encounters, 25. "Smallest" particle, 26. Flying saucers, 27. Boor, 28. Memo, 29. A moderately quick tempo, 34. Abducted, 36. Hissy fit, 37. Being, 38. Abound, 40. Dry, 42. Not glossy, 45. Footstool, 48. Cottonwood, 51. Hemmed and, 52. Decrease, 53. Of a pelvic bone, 55. Hitches, 58. Govern, 59. Killed, 60. Greek letter, 61. Goon, 62. Blabs

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