

# Civilians Among at Least 10 Dead in Ghazni Airstrike

GHAZNI CITY - Local officials on Monday said seven militants were killed in an airstrike in southern Ghazni province, while local residents said four civilians also suffered casualties in the incident. Governor's spokesman, Arif Noori, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Taliban militants had gathered in Balai area of Deh Yak district to celebrate their victory in yesterday's fight. A day earlier, the Taliban killed eight policemen and wounded four others in an attack on a security post in Rubat area on the outskirts of Ghazni city, the provincial capital. Militants had claimed capturing the post and seizing all ammunition there. Noori said seven militants including a commander named Kash Akhuzada were killed in the attack on their celebratory gathering. Two civilians ...*(More on P4)...(17)*



## 6 Civilians Killed in Kandahar Roadside Bombing

KANDAHAR CITY - Six civilians were killed in a roadside bombing in Aman district of southern Kandahar province on Monday, the governor's spokesman said. The explosion occurred in Haji village of the district at around 4pm, Fazal Bari Baryalai told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said the hidden bomb tore through a civilian truck loaded with flour on its way to Kandahar city, the provincial capital. ...*(More on P4)...(18)*



## Teenage Faryab Girl Hangs Herself to Death

MAIMANA - A 19-year-old girl has allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself inside her home in the Pashtunkot district of northwestern Faryab province, a security official said on Monday. The security official, who wished to go unnamed, told Pajhwok Afghan News the girl, Ziyadah, had been engaged six months back and her family was preparing for her wedding. Marzya Sadaat, family advisor at the Women for Women Officer, who traveled to Khanaqa district where the incident took place, said Ziyadah's mother died when she was 13 years old and she had to look after her seven brothers, sisters and father. Sadaat said according to Ziyadah's sisters, she used to talk for long hours with her fiancé and sometimes the couple engaged in verbal disputes. She used to be nervous after their telephonic conversation, Sadaat said. Syed Hafizullah Fitrat, head of the human rights commission office, said such incidents resulted from forced marriages and lack of awareness. He said it was 21st incident of suicide registered with the human right office this year. (Pajhwok)

## Paktika Reserve Battalion Personnel Warn of Quitting

SHARAN - The Reserve Battalion personnel in southeastern Paktika province have accused security bosses of handing over Gomal district to the Taliban and treating them unfairly. St. Serg. Abdul Rahman, commander of the first Platoon of the Reserve Battalion, said the Taliban attacked Gomal district for 24 days. Besides other security personnel, the Reserve Battalion also fought against the rebels. Abdul Rahman said: "Battalion Commander Col. Ghayur Andarabi was ...*(More on P4)...(21)*



## 11 Killed, 14 Injured in Traffic Accidents

KUNDUZ/QALAT - Nearly a dozen people died and 14 others sustained wounds in two traffic accidents in northern Kunduz and southern Zabol provinces on Sunday. A security forces' Humvee vehicle collided with a civilian vehicle in Khawaja Pushti area of Khanabad district at around 11:00am, said Hayatullah, the Khanabad district's administrative chief. He told Pajhwok Afghan News that he did not have exact figures for casualties in the mishap. But head of the local hospital, Dr. Marzia Salam, said they had received eight bodies and 13 injured people from the scene. She did not provide details, but said the injured were in critical condition. Kunduz police chief Brig. Gen. Abdul Hamid Hameedi confirmed the accident and said police had launched investigation. Also on Sunday, a 303 public transport bus collided with a car on the Kabul-Kandahar highway in Shahr-i-Safa district. He said three people in both the vehicles were killed and one was wounded in the crash. He said the accident resulted from recklessness of the bus driver who had fled. (Pajhwok)

## Torkham Scanner Remains Faulty After Months

JALALABAD - The scanner machine at the Torkham border customs department in eastern Nangarhar province has been out-of-order for the past several months. The machine is used to detect explosives and drugs. People's representatives said they were concerned about the inactive scanner at the border crossing with Pakistan. They

alleged the scanner had been "intentionally" damaged, but officials said the machine has technical faults. Deputy head of the Nangarhar provincial council, Dr. Lal Mohammad Durrani, accused the customs authorities of "intentionally" damaging the scanner in order they could continue their corruption. While officials ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

## Pakistanis Among 12 Rebels Killed in Nangarhar Offensive



JALALABAD - A dozen Daesh (Islamic State) militants, including Pakistanis, have been killed during operations in eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Monday. Attullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News nine IS fighters were killed during an air raid by foreign forces in the Mamand Dara area of Achin district on Sunday night. He said several weapons and ammunition

belonging to Daesh were also destroyed in the overnight attack. Separately, three Pakistani militants were killed by the Afghan Special Forces in the Chahardara area of Batkot district. The militants were involved in terrorist activities in the area, Khogyani alleged. He said security forces and civilians suffered no casualties during the offensive. Daesh is yet to comment on the fresh operations. (Pajhwok)

## Criminal Involved in Murders in Arya City Kabul has been Arrested

KABUL - A prominent criminal involved in various criminal activities including in murders has been arrested by the security forces from Kabul city. The Kabul police commandment officials said the detained suspect has been identified as Aimal who was involved in burglary, murders, and other criminal activities from his compound in Arya city township. The officials further added that Aimal had recently murdered a man identified as Asadullah and was being chased by the security forces. According to Kabul police officials, Aimal was arrested during an operation from the 10th police district of the city. The security forces also confiscated an automatic rifle in custody of Aimal which he was using for the criminal activities, the officials added. This comes as incidents involving armed conflicts and other criminal incidents are on the rise in the key cities of the country including capital Kabul during the recent months. The ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

### Outlook Horoscope

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

 Aries You're saying all the right things today, but there is something else happening that is more complex than the words you are speaking. Your message may be concise and to the point, yet there is a subtle undercurrent that conveys an entirely different subtext. Something as simple as the tone of your voice can make the difference in what others actually hear.

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

 Taurus You might think that you are being completely transparent now, so you don't understand why your friends are confused by what you say. Unfortunately, there is an apparent disparity between what leaves your mouth and what enters someone's ears today. Do your best to get your point across and then let it go.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

 Gemini Your thoughts are like sharp knives today, cutting through the mundane distractions. You are feeling more service-oriented as your key planet Mercury focuses your efforts on making emotional connections now, even in the workplace. Nevertheless, it's a mistake to assume that your associates are comfortable with this uncharacteristic level of personal disclosure.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

 Cancer Your brain is being taxed by all the facts and figures you must keep track of now. However, all you really want to do is stare out the window today, and let your imagination run wild as you make up stories in the clouds. But dreaming is a luxury you can't afford while your concentration is needed in the real world.

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

 Leo It's completely your choice whether to handle unfinished financial business today, or skip out on your responsibilities. Oddly enough, your business partner is luring you into a spiritual quest but you can't just leave your mess behind now, expecting that someone else will clean it up.

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

 Virgo A relationship dance may be strangely confusing today, even if you think you know the steps at first glance. However, it becomes readily apparent that you're missing some important information now, because someone's actions are not in sync with their words. Although asking lots of questions could annoy a friend or lover, don't let anything stop you from trying to gain additional clarity. Walt Whitman wrote, "Be curious, not judgmental."

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

 Libra You may be overwhelmed with emotion today, but you can't easily tell whether these feelings are yours or someone else's. If they belong to you, it's your responsibility to honor them and share them in a manner that resonates with your heart. However, don't let yourself be consumed by another person's thoughts that have seeped into your imagination.

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

 Scorpio You might believe that you are analytical enough to navigate your way through a current relationship or family dilemma, but the best answers come from intuitive realizations now. A subtle but significant opposition between mental Mercury and dreamy Neptune in your 5th House of Romance conjures up vivid fantasies.

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

 Sagittarius Your anticipation of an upcoming trip leaves you sitting on the edge of your seat. Nevertheless, pragmatic concerns force you to reconsider your plans today. You can keep your dreams alive, but you might want to downsize for the sake of the adventure. Tuning into your feelings may not produce immediate answers, but they will provide more valuable insights than counting on your rational thinking alone.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

 Capricorn Your superpower is your ability to convert your ambitions into a concrete plan. But your current ideas might be too big to fit into a working model. If the tension between home and career escalates now, consider the long-term consequences of your choices rather than limiting your analysis to the immediate situation. Ultimately, following your heart's desire brings more happiness.

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

 Aquarius You can tap into some magical fantasies while you're trying to discern what you want from life. You may choose to talk about your dreams, but you're likely to think twice before giving voice to your deepest secrets today. Don't avoid your feelings just because you're more comfortable living in your head. Your life will be more meaningful when you also honor what's in your heart.

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

 Pisces You may be blinded by your high hopes today, especially if they suddenly tumble to the ground. Unfortunately, you might lack the ability to access your common sense now, leaving you vulnerable to wandering into a deceptive situation. You could be misled in a relationship if you fall victim to someone's confusing message while Mercury's sharp lens is diffused by its opposition to ephemeral Neptune.

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**Across**

- Therefore, 5. Flirts, 10. Devotees, 14. Mentor, 15. Accustom, 16. Dwarf buffalo, 17. Foment, 18. In spite of everything, 20. A rudimentary inner toe, 22. A childhood disease, 23. 18-wheeler, 24. Poverty-stricken, 25. Explained ideologically, 32. Frothy, 33. Foe, 34. Prohibit, 37. Not more, 38. Close-knit group, 39. \_\_\_ fide, 40. Eastern Standard Time, 41. Oddity, 42. A type of tree, 43. Compulsively, 45. Whatever person (archaic), 49. French for "Summer", 50. Grump, 53. A hospital common room, 57. Intruder, 59. Diva's solo, 60. Pigeon-\_\_\_, 61. Aroused, 62. Neuter, 63. Makes a mistake, 64. Ceased 65. Anagram of "Sees"

**Down**

- Quaint outburst, 2. Country bumpkin, 3. Got bigger, 4. Outthrusts of rock, 5. Shrew, 6. Again, 7. Cup, 8. Baby buggy, 9. Arid, 10. Not true, 11. Anoint (archaic), 12. Nuzzled, 13. Impudent, 19. Peachy 21. Easter flower, 25. Small island, 26. Accomplishes, 27. Where the sun rises, 28. Cogwheels, 29. An independent film company, 30. Naughts, 31. An uncle, 34. Portend, 35. A Freudian stage, 36. Not, 38. A baby bear, 39. Drink, 41. One who murmurs lovingly, 42. Large town, 44. Charred, 45. Not black, 46. Show respect towards, 47. Aquatic mammal, 48. Outbuildings, 51. Wings, 52. Not up, 53. Apollo astronaut Slayton, 54. Mining finds, 55. Anagram of "Silo", 56. Fabricated, 58. Detachable container

**Yesterday's Solution**

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