

8 Policemen Dead in US Air-strikes on Tirinkot Checkpoint

TIRINKOT - Eight Afghan National Police (ANP) personnel have been killed in US airstrikes on their checkpoint in central Uruzgan province, an official said on Monday.

The checkpoint in the Saki area of Tirinkot, the provincial capital on the Uruzgan-Kandahar road was bombed last evening, Highway Commander Haji Rahimullah told Pajhwok Afghan News.

"One policeman was killed in the first raid on the checkpoint and seven others were martyred in a second airstrike," he said, vehemently denouncing the latest flawed bombardment.



He added the Taliban had raised their white flags in nearby areas, but their positions were not pounded by the Americans.

In Kabul, US military spokesman Gen. Charles Cleveland said the raid was conducted after a group of militants attacked Afghan security personnel in Tirinkot. "We don't know who the gunmen firing at Afghan forces were. But Afghan and US forces reserve the right to retaliate in self-defence," Gen. Cleveland said. Meanwhile, the Taliban also said a number of policemen had been killed in American raids in Tirinkot. (Pajhwok)

Afghan Migrants Found Hiding in Trucks in Serbia

LJUBLJANA, Slovenia - Serbia's customs officers have discovered three migrants from Afghanistan hidden in two cargo trucks with Macedonian license plates that were heading toward the European Union.

Customs authorities said the migrants were discovered early Monday at the Serbian border with EU-member Croatia. Two migrants were hiding in a truck bound for Italy, while the third one was in a truck heading to Germany. Authorities said that the customs officers looked into the trucks after their drivers suspected someone had climbed into them when they stopped earlier at a nearby gas station.

Migrants fleeing war and poverty have been looking for ways to enter the EU countries illegally after countries closed their borders for free entry in March. Thousands remain stuck in the Balkan countries. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development is urging governments to improve reception conditions for migrants in order to address anti-immigration backlash.

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5 Al-Qaeda Members Killed in Zabul Operation

KABUL CITY - At least five Pakistani Al-Qaeda rebels have been killed during an operation in Southern Zabul province, a statement from National Directorate of Security (NDS) said Monday.

According to the statement received by Pajhwok Afghan News, the operation was launched in Nasaryan area of Mizani district of the province.

The source added that a center of Al-Qaeda militants was destroyed and five rebels belonged to the



group were killed in the operation. Al-Qaeda group did not comment on the incident so far. (Pajhwok)

Zabul PC Head Survives Bomb Attack

QALAT - The provincial council head for southern Zabul province survived a bomb attack on Monday, an official said. Gul Islam Sial, the governor's spokesman told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosion took place in Shah Hussain area on Shah Joy-Qalat highway on Monday afternoon.

He said the target of the attack was the provincial council head, Haji Atta Jan Haqbayan. However, Haqbayan was escaped unhurt from the incident.

No one was suffered casualties in the attack, Sial said, adding police was investigating the incident.

On the other hand, an official who wished not to... (More on P4)...(16)

3 Uprising Members Among 12 Killed in Faryab

MAIMANA - Three uprising group members and nine militants have been killed during clashes in northwestern Faryab province, officials said on Monday.

Police Chief, Brig. Gen. Abdul Nabi Alham, told Pajhwok Afghan News Taliban attacked several security posts in Ghormach, Almar, Pashtonkot, and Khowaja Sabzposh districts of the province late on Sunday night.

He said nine militants and three uprising group members were killed and five



uprising members and five insurgents wounded during clashes in Khowaja Sabzposh district. Two other militants wounded during the clash with security forces in Almar district. Ahmad Fayaz, one of the uprising group commanders said that hundreds of... (More on P4)...(17)

Nangarhar Police Academy Named after Zarawar Zahid

JALALABAD - The Nangarhar governor on Monday urged President Ashraf Ghani to name the police training academy in the eastern province after the slain police chief, Zarawar Zahid.

Salim Khan Kunduzi made the demand at a prayer service for Zarawar Zahid in the provincial capital, Jalalabad.

Brig. Gen. Zarawar Zahid was killed in a roadside bombing in the Hesarak district during an ongoing operation last week. His memorial service was attended by tribal elders, government officials, lawmakers from Nangarhar, provincial council



members and defence and security forces officials. The governor called Zarawar Zahid a real patriot who was always ready to sacrifice his life in the defence of the country and finally did so. "When Gen. Zahid became Nangarhar police chief, the security... (More on P4)...(18)

Leishmania Cases on the Decrease in Khost

KHOST CITY - Local health officials on Thursday said the number of leishmania patients is decreasing and the disease has been controlled in southeastern Khost province as a result of public awareness.

Dr. Raees Khan Kamalzai, head of the Khost Leishmania and Malaria Section at the Public Health Department, told Pajhwok Afghan News that leishmania cases had considerably declined.

He said 400 cases of leishmania had been registered over the past six

months, compared with 700 documented during the corresponding period last year.

"The Ministry of Public Health has recently equipped our centre with effective medicine and machines. In the past, people had to pay money for treatment, but now they don't pay any fee or drug cost," he explained.

Kamalzalai linked the disease to the presence of dirty water ponds near populated areas, as well as people travelling to other areas within and without the country and no use of mosquito nets.

However, the official said they shared information with the people on prevention of the disease. The awareness effort helped arrest the graph of the illness in the province.

"Now most people in Khost use mosquito nets, but leishmania still comes from other areas to the province. Returnees from Pakistan and nomads have a great role in transferring the disease," he added.

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2 Killed, 3 Injured in Logar Accident

PUL-I-ALAM - Two people were killed and three others injured as result of a traffic accident on Kabul-Logar highway on Monday, an official said.

Police chief for Mohammad Agha district of Logar, Capt. Matullah Sadiq, told Pajhwok Afghan News that a civilian's Corolla car crashed with Afghan National Army (ANA) supplier vehicle on Kabul-Logar-highway this afternoon. He said two people were killed and three others wounded in the incident. All victims of the incident were civilians, he added.

The crash took place as result of negligence of Corolla car driver, Sadiq said.

Dr. Anas, a doctor in Mohammad Agha Civil Hospital confirmed receiving two bodies and three injured from the incident.

One of the injured with critical condition was transferred to the capital Kabul for treatment, he said. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You may breathe a sigh of relief as you return to your regular routine today. It's not that there was anything wrong with your weekend shenanigans; it's just that enough is enough. Luckily, the fun and games don't have to be over yet, even if you're heading back to work or school. In fact, the calmer emotional weather might be just what you need to assimilate the experiences of the past few days.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You realize your job offers you more than financial benefits as you consider other practicalities today. Whether you're employed or not, you derive emotional security from your weekday schedule. Although you might long for a better situation, a supportive Venus-Mars connection empowers you to work for what you want, giving you an excellent chance to achieve your goal.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

No matter how much you packed into your weekend, it probably wasn't long enough to meet your expectations. Although Monday morning calls to you with its unfinished business and new challenges, you wish you could hide away while the Moon is hanging out in your 12th House of Escapism. Nevertheless, your negativity fades as you catch glimpses of the possible satisfaction just ahead.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You derive a great deal of pleasure from your friends and your coworkers today. Fortunately, your good mood tends to bring out the best in others, enabling you to rely on your social network for the support you need. It's fantastic when you feel loved by those around you, especially when they deliver in substantial ways.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You want your associates to acknowledge your sizable contribution today, especially if you're putting your heart and soul into your work. You're quite serious about your career now that the determined Taurus Moon is traveling through your 10th House of Public Responsibility. However, everything you do is part of your personal self-expression, making it difficult to clearly see your role in a project.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You may be facing a familiar dilemma today as you attempt to balance your high ideals with the inescapable production deadlines of the day. You Virgos tend to be perfectionists because of your attention to details, but the truth is you don't like to do shabby work because it's ultimately inefficient. Although you're not interested in doing a job over again because it falls short of expectations, there are scheduling considerations beyond your control.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Your artistic expression is highly favored today, but even if you're not the dramatic type, there's still great potential to make something special of an opportunity. Passionate Mars forms a supportive sextile to your key planet Venus, clearing a path to finding pleasure and increasing your personal satisfaction when you do. Don't be afraid to dream big as long as you're willing to work hard to create your future as you imagine it.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You can lean on a close friend or partner today because he or she is likely to come through for you as needed. The reliable Taurus Moon is moving through your 7th House of Significant Partners, putting the focus on personal relationships. The universe is offering you a chance to see yourself in others and their positive responses to you are mirrors of your own behavior.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You aren't shy about your agenda today, whether or not anyone else supports your plan. The Taurus Moon's presence in your 6th House of Routine is as solid as a rock and you won't be swayed from your lofty goals, especially with pushy Mars in your visionary sign. Nevertheless, your imagination will run away with your best ideas unless you keep reminding yourself that a pragmatic approach is your best shot.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

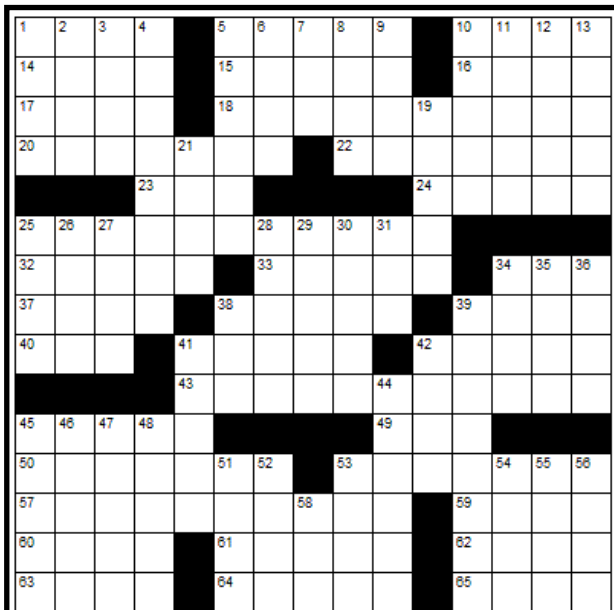
You may appear cheerier and more social than you actually feel today, but you're willing to put on a happy face as part of your overall strategy. It's not that you're faking it; it's just that your ambitions drive your behavior. Just be certain that your motives are not based upon self-centered needs. It's good business and good karma to include your coworkers in your success.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Although you're being drawn out into the world, the back-to-basics Taurus Moon is camping out in your 4th House of Home and Family. You would rather set aside the noise of the day and retreat to the peace and quiet of your own private sanctuary now. Nevertheless, you're also willing to make the most of your situation and you're quick to acknowledge those things you cannot change.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You have an urgent message to deliver today and won't be easily deterred from speaking your piece. The dogged Taurus Moon blesses you with strength of purpose as she steadies your 3rd House of Communication. Although your words carry emotional subjectivity, your mission is less personal than corporate. You're operating with a vision based upon high ideals and you want your coworkers to validate your goals.



Across

1. Anagram of "Cabs", 5. Reveals, 10. Church alcove, 14. Happy cat sound, 15. Siren
16. Specks, 17. Constellation bear, 18. Cemetery, 20. Compose an elegy, 22. Glisten,
23. A state of SW India, 24. Aquatic mammals, 25. People on holiday, 32. A drama
set to music, 33. Film, 34. Not brilliant, 37. In order to prevent, 38. Enraged, 39. Dry
riverbed, 40. S, 41. Whole, 42. Stubble remover, 43. Compulsively, 45. A woman
whose husband is dead, 49. Citrus drink, 50. Picturing, 53. Clear, 57. Enthusiasm,
59. Sense, 60. Lubricate, 61. Fugitive, 62. Lipids, 63. Accomplishment, 64. Clean
between teeth, 65. Blackthorn.

Down

1. Disgorge, 2. Ringle, 3. Backside, 4. Blowhard, 5. A Japanese cheer, 6. Away from the
wind, 7. Record (abbrev.), 8. Makes a mistake, 9. "Cut that out!", 10. Love intensely, 11.
A type of dance, 12. Motionless, 13. SSSS, 19. Antiquated, 21. Greek letter, 25. Mouse-
like animal, 26. Mimics, 27. To tax or access, 28. Leaves out, 29. Exploded stars, 30.
Iniquities, 31. Disencumber, 34. Stupor, 35. False god, 36. Like a bog, 38. Toss, 39. Over-
shoots, 41. Drying cloth, 42. Purges, 44. Swords, 45. Brandish, 46. Suffuse, 47. Braised
meat stew, 48. Leered, 51. Jazz phrase, 52. Scream, 53. Cards with 1 symbol, 54. Loyal
(archaic), 55. Quash, 56. If not, 58. Prefix meaning "Modern".

Yesterday's Solution

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