

Faryab: 3 Security Posts, Bazaar Fall to Taliban

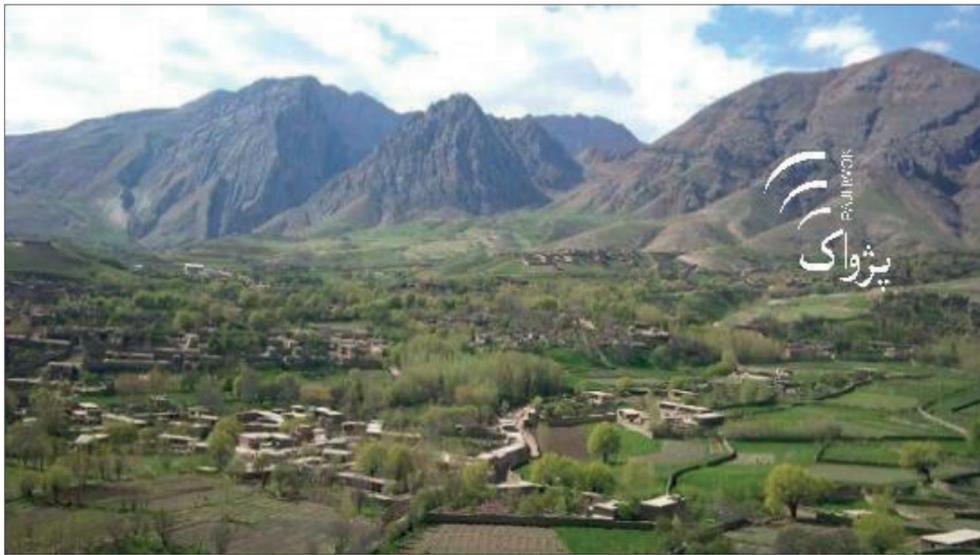
MAIMANA - Local officials confirmed on Tuesday the fall of three security posts and a bazaar of the Kohistan district of northwestern Faryab province to the Taliban.

Ghaibullah Mirzad, commander of Afghan forces and uprising groups in the Bandar area of the district, said hundreds of militants stormed the security posts and the bazaar on Monday evening.

The Taliban captured three posts and the bazaar in the morning. He said only three villages of the district were under government control and they might also be overrun by the rebels.

"I have tried a lot to contact provincial security officials, but only the National Directorate of Security (NDS) chief responded and the rest told me I should call them tomorrow," he added.

Mirzad said one Taliban fighter was killed and two others were wounded in the fighting. Two uprising group members ...*(More on P4)...(15)*



Faryab IDPs Ask Govt. to Help Them Return Home

MAIMANA - Families who fled violence in Pash-tunkot district and now living in the capital of northwestern Faryab province say the government should ensure security in their areas in order they could return.

The families have recently arrived in areas on the outskirts of Maimana from Moqani area of Pashtun-kot district due to the conflict and around a hundred of them are living in an under construction building in Guzar Tagah area of the city.

The internally displaced persons say they fled homes after a 12-year-old boy was killed, five people were wounded and 50 homes damaged in air-strikes on Taliban militants who captured Moqani area three days ago. ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

ALP Men on Run after Killing Civilian in Nangarhar



JALALABAD - The residents of Khewa district in eastern Nangarhar province on Tuesday protested against the killing of a civilian by Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel.

The protesting residents brought along the coffin of the slain person and placed it in front of the governor's house in Jalalabad, the provincial capital.

Mohammad Yousuf, brother of the slain man, said his brother had no enmity and was killed for no crime and the murderers had fled the area.

The protesters accused the district police chief of negligence and demanded his ouster.

Shahidullah Zahid, a nephew of the slain man, said his uncle was killed in front of his eyes by the ALP gunmen in Qala Tak area at night.

The governor's ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Qadir Hands over Guard to Police over Murder Charges

KABUL - Haji Zahir Qadir, lawmaker representing Nangarhar province in the Lower House of the Parliament, has handed over one of his guards to police over murder charges.

Provincial governor's spokesman Ataulah Khogyani said the guard was handed over to Nangarhar police commandment late on Monday evening.

No further details have been given regarding the circumstances surrounding the involvement of Haji Qadir's guard in the murder case. Khogyani had earlier said President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani has ordered a probe into the incident.

He said an investigation was launched hours before Haji Qadir hand over his guard to the police. According to Khogyani, the guard was accused of killing a civilian identified as Gulistan but it is yet not clear why the civilian was shot dead.

This is not the first time reports emerge regarding the killing of civilians by the government security guards but numerous such incidents have taken place in other provinces and cities, including capital Kabul.

However, the majority of the incidents in ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Commanders Among 15 Rebels Killed in Farah Offensive

FARAH CITY - At least 15 militants, including three commanders, have been killed in a joint Afghan-NATO operation in western Farah province, officials said on Tuesday.

Naser Mehri, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the air-and-ground offensive -- supported with airstrikes by foreign forces -- was

conducted in Grani, Ganjabad and Shiwan areas of Bala Balook district on Monday afternoon.

He said three key Taliban commanders, Haji Ahmad Shah, Haji Esmatullah and Wahid, and 12 of their associates were killed in Grani area. Civilians and security forces suffered no casualties in the operation. ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

2 Members of Pak-Based Lashkar-E-Islam Killed in Airstrike

KABUL - At least two members of the Lashkar-e-Islam based in Pakistan have been killed in airstrike in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan.

The Ministry of Defense of Afghanistan in a statement confirmed the airstrike and killing of the two members of the group.

However, no further details were regarding the airstrike and identities of those killed in the airstrike.

In the meantime, officials in the 201st Silab Corps of the Afghan national army in the East, said the airstrike was carried out in Bandar area of Achin district.

The officials confirmed that the two militants killed in the airstrike were members of Lashkar-e-Islam.

The officials also added that two ISIS militants were killed in a separate airstrike conducted in Bati Kot district of Nangarhar province.

At least one insurgent of the terror group was also wounded and one of their motorcycles was destroyed, the officials added.

The anti-government armed militant ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Civilians Among 17 Killed in Security Forces Raid



KANDAHAR CITY - Fourteen militants and three civilians have been killed in security forces operation in Lalak and Zark areas situated between the Khakrez and Ghorak districts of southern Kandahar province, an official said Tuesday.

Police Chief Zia Durrani told Pajhwok Afghan News the overnight offensive was conducted by Afghan Special Forces with support air force but no bombardment took place.

Eight rebels had been arrested during the raid. The detained militants were being investigated. Thirty-five motorcycles and some weapons were also recovered by forces.

Durrani alleged militants often attacked security forces and used civilians as shield.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said civilians including women and children suffered casualties during the operation. (Pajhwok)

2 Afghan Asylum Seekers Arrested on Charges of Raping a Girl in Germany



BERLIN - Two Afghan asylum seekers have been detained in German on charges of raping a girl, days after Germany deported a group of at least eight people convicted in various crimes, including rape incidents.

According to the local media reports, citing the government sources, the two men were arrested on charges of raping a 16-year-old girl in Bavaria. The sources further added that the men, aged 27 and 18, raped the girl ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries You're not as eager to tackle a task today, because you're more concerned with perfection than with production. The Virgo New Moon activates your 6th House of Employment, compelling you to be as meticulous in your methods as possible. Your current modus operandi is doubly important because it sets the tone for the immediate future.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus Your charm works wonders as people hang on your every word today. The Virgo New Moon falls in your 5th House of Self-Expression, motivating you to share your thoughts. Others find your passion so inspirational now, you could read your shopping list aloud with such heartfelt sincerity that it sounds like a Shakespearean love sonnet.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini You prefer to set aside your preconceived plan and improvise as you go today. Remaining flexible when scheduling activities opens up a variety of possibilities. However, your receptivity to the needs of others is a mixed blessing now that the Virgo New Moon sensitizes your 4th House of Security. Naturally, you want to nurture those you love but you must also take care of yourself.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer You might become so obsessed with a cause that you lose your objectivity and forget about the people around you today. You sound extremely intelligent when you passionately describe the global predicament from your perspective. The virtuous Virgo New Moon channels your attention to your 3rd House of Distractions, spreading your energy over a wide swathe of reality.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo You feel the need to reaffirm your value to yourself and others now. It's crucial to carefully examine your current investments while the discerning Virgo New Moon clarifies the energy of your 2nd House of Personal Resources. But taking inventory of your possessions and calculating your net worth are only parts of the big picture.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Virgo The tension you may be feeling today likely stems from strained relationship dynamics. The fussy Virgo New Moon lands in your 1st House of Self, triggering rebellious Uranus and waking people up from their complacency. You are itching for change or desperate to stay put while a partner or close ally is anxious to make a move. Fortunately, the balance swings in your favor as you recognize your true worth. You are free to shift your opinions without sacrificing your integrity.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra Carving out some much-needed alone time helps you to balance your own needs with those of others. The analytical Virgo New Moon reflects your 12th House of Privacy, providing you with room to think without too many distractions other than your own mental chatter. Don't be distracted by trying to figure out what people want today.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio Unreasonable expectations from colleagues and friends can place you in a difficult position today, so be direct about expressing what you can and cannot do to avoid any misunderstandings. Your ability to manage chaos with a smile saves the day. Meanwhile, the Virgo New Moon zaps your 11th House of Long-Term Goals, reinforcing your growing need to plan for the future.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



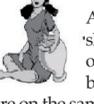
Sagittarius The littlest things seem to matter the most today when it comes to your career. The hardworking Virgo New Moon's presence in your 10th House of Public Status encourages you to develop skills that can further your professional growth. Paradoxically, narrowing your perspective broadens your opportunities for success and recognition. Soren Kierkegaard wrote, "Our life always expresses the result of our dominant thoughts."

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn It's tempting to seek security in what you know, rather than to face the unknown. There are significant choices to make when the Virgo New Moon appears in your 9th House of Big Ideas. Frustration builds as you attempt to balance your need to gather useful information with your unrelenting drive to achieve professional recognition.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Aquarius Resolving unsettled relationship dynamics should be your main priority now, especially if you mistakenly believe personal and professional partners are on the same page as you. The discerning Virgo New Moon rattles your 8th House of Deep Sharing, prompting you to question the solidity of your most significant alliances.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces Opportunities to cultivate the quality of your relationships pull you away from the meanderings of your imagination. The Virgo New Moon refreshes your 7th House of Partners, bringing reason and good judgment to your alliances. Doors open, inviting you to connect with others on a more personal level. Fair-minded discussions help you work through complicated issues in a calm and rational manner.

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- Jewish scholar, 6. Wagers, 10. Gumbo, 14. Large body of water, 15. A D-Day beach, 16. Fellow, 17. Accumulate, 18. Govern, 19. Grotto, 20. Toothpowder, 22. Hawaiian strings, 23. Twosome, 24. Risk, 26. Barrel maker, 30. Church officer, 32. Mistake, 33. Tricked, 37. Secure against leakage, 38. Threw, 39. Close40. A single-player card game, 42. Frighten, 43. Diacritical mark, 44. Sewing tool, 45. Astray, 47. Solidify, 48. Sweeping story, 49. Exhilaration, 56. Cab, 57. Layer, 58. Hot chocolate, 59. District, 60. Cultivate, 61. Novices, 62. Mountain pool, 63. Greasy, 64. Walked stealthily

Down

- Street, 2. Heyday, 3. Legume, 4. Strong fiber, 5. Business executive, 6. Donkey, 7. Decorative case, 8. After-bath powder, 9. Long-haired breed of dog, 10. Happening, 11. A yellowish brown color, 12. "Bolero" composer, 13. Mimics, 21. Pelt, 25. Startled cry, 26. To tax or access, 27. Chocolate cookie, 28. By mouth, 29. Congressman, for example, 30. Habituate, 31. Solitary, 33. Skidded, 34. Absorb written material, 35. Nobleman, 36. To endure (archaic), 38. High-pitched male voice 41. It is (poetic), 42. Chooses, 44. Mesh, 45. 3-banded armadillo, 46. Whisk, 47. Like a girl, 48. French for "State", 50. 13 in Roman numerals, 51. Mobile phone, 52. Drudgery, 53. Beige, 54. Midday, 55. Chore

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