

ALP Personnel Restrict Movement of Balkhab Residents

SAR-I-PUL CITY - Residents of northern Sar-I-Pul province complained of misbehavior by Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel, accusing the force of restricting people movement in Balkhab district.

Mohammad Hussain, a resident of Tarkhuj area of the district told Pajhwok Afghan News ALP members from Sancharak district did not allow residents of Balkhab to use a road in Masjid Sabz village.

He said two days ago the ALP beat passengers passing through the area. The policemen also insulted women and forced them to take off their naqab (veil),



he alleged.

Another resident of the district, Haidari, also blasted the ALP for beating a number of passengers for traveling the Deh Morda road.

A provincial council member, Mohammad Ali Hakimi, claimed the Taliban did not create problems for people, but the ALP forces did.

He confirmed ALP men thrashed some people in the area and opened fire to restrict their movement. The policemen also forced women to remove their burqas. Another provincial council member, Asadullah Khurram confirmed the... (More on P4)... (17)

33 Daesh Fighters Eliminated in Nangarhar Airstrikes



JALALABAD - At least 33 fighters of the Islamic State terrorist group, also known as Daesh, have been killed during airstrikes in eastern Nangarhar province, officials said on Tuesday.

Attallah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the overnight air-

strikes targeted Daesh hideouts in Achin and Kot districts of the province. He said 30 Daesh rebels were killed in Kot and three others in Achin. Weapons and ammunition were also destroyed in the raid, he said, adding civilians and security forces suffered no casualties. (Pajhwok)

Critics Slam NUG's Security, Rule of Law Policies as Summit Looms

KABUL - A number of security experts on Tuesday said that the Afghan government's rule of law and security strategies have not been solid enough and as a result insurgents have managed to gain territory across some regions in the country.

This comes just weeks ahead of the upcoming Brussels Summit on Afghanistan where the issue will be highlighted.

However, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) hit back against claims of poor war leadership and said that security forces had inflicted major damage



against insurgents. Security experts meanwhile cast doubt over the claim by government officials, saying the present government has nothing... (More on P4)... (18)

Nangarhar Collision Claims 3 Lives; MP Wounded

JALALABAD - At least three people were killed in a traffic accident on the Jalalabad-Torkham highway on Tuesday, an official said.

Wolesi Jirga member from Nangarhar province Haji Hazrat Ali was injured in a separate accident on the same busy highway.

The governor's spokesman, Attallah Khogyani, told Pajhwok Afghan News three people were killed when a car crashed into a Mazda truck in Batikot district this morning.

He said two of the victims belonged to Rodat district and a third to Haska Mina. Khogyani blamed the head-on collision on high speed and driver's... (More on P4)... (19)

Gen. Dostum Security Guards' Convoy Attacked

SHIBERGHAN - Taliban and security officials claimed inflicting casualties on each other after Vice-President Gen. Abdur Rashid's security guards were attacked on the Shiberghan-Khwaja Dokoh road in northern Jawzjan province.

A firefight erupted after the insurgents assaulted the convoy of Dostum's guards on its way to Shiberghan, the provincial capital, from Khwaja Dokoh district, said police chief, Brig. Gen. Rahmatullah Turkistani.

He added security person-



nel, in coordination with Dostum's bodyguards, chased the Taliban into Dasht-i-Laili area, where rebel commander Ghau-suddin - known as Sadaqat - was killed and another insurgent wounded. Turkistani said security forces suffered no casualties in the overnight attack. But... (More on P4)... (20)

20 Rebels Eliminated in Kunduz Offensive

KUNDUZ CITY - At least 20 militants have been killed in Dasht-i-Archi district of northern Kunduz province during a clearing operation codenamed 'Thunder-15,' an official said on Tuesday.

The governor's spokesman, Syed Mahmood Danish, told Pajhwok Afghan News the fresh casualties were inflicted on insurgents in Qarluq village on Monday.

He said the operation backed by fighter jets was ongoing in the district over the past 10 days aimed at



purging the town of insurgents. He said the operation had been slow going in order to avoid civilian casualties. (Pajhwok)

ALP Commander, 3 Girls Killed in Helmand Incidents

LASHKARGAH - An Afghan Local Police (ALP) commander and three girls have been killed in separate incidents in southern Helmand province, officials said on Tuesday.

The governor's spokesman, Omar Zwak, told Pajhwok Afghan News ALP commander Sultan Mohammad was killed and three policemen were wounded in a Taliban attack.

He said the insurgents assaulted Mohammad in the Parchawi area of Nawa district late on

Monday. The fighters rocketed the armoured vehicle the ALP officer was travelling in.

Militants also suffered casualties in return fire from the security personnel, he said without providing exact figures.

However, a Nawa-based police official, who wished not to be named, said four ALP members including the command-



er were wounded in the attack.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousaf Ahmadi said the ALP commander was killed and several other policemen were wounded in the attack.

Separately, Zwak said, a... (More on P4)... (21)

Children Among 4 Killed in Sar-I-Pul Violence

SAR-I-PUL CITY - Four people, including two children, have been killed and a fifth wounded in two separate incidents of violence in northern Sar-i-Pul province, an official said on Monday.

Zabihullah Amani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News two uprising members were killed during a clash with militants and a third wounded in Doaba locality of Sancharak district.

Separately, two children were killed when a bomb went off near a security check-post on the Sar-i-Pul-Jwzjan highway in Imam Jafar locality.

The children were grazing their cattle when they stepped on the hidden bomb. A week back, 11 Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel were killed during a clash with insurgents in Sabz Masjid area of Sancharak district. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You might find yourself in an unavoidable confrontation with someone who is standing in the way of your dreams today. But don't take no for an answer since a potent Mercury-Pluto trine gives you the power of persuasion that can overcome the most rigid of resistance. You may have a surefire idea about making money, but you must fight for what you believe in with persistence.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You need all the patience you can muster today if someone purposefully places an annoying obstacle in your path. Thankfully, you have a second chance to explain your intentions when retrograde Mercury backs into a smooth trine with unwavering Pluto. Don't be afraid to say exactly what you mean because your words carry extra weight now.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You can surprise everyone with your practical methodology to solving a problem today. It's as if you are tied to reality as a Grand Earth Trine lets the excess air out of your creative balloon. Thankfully, using your common sense doesn't detract from your inspiration since a regenerative Mercury-Pluto trine enables you to recall vital information and tap into the magic that lurks just beneath the surface.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Confrontation doesn't come naturally to you, especially when you encounter dissension. However, you possess the willpower necessary to overcome formidable odds and defend your position now. Fierce Pluto is your ally while it harmonizes with Mercury in your 3rd House of Communication, strengthening your logic and infusing your message with unshakable conviction.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You might be overwhelmed by the amount of work on your plate today. Fortunately, a resourceful Mercury-Pluto trine empowers you to concentrate your efforts and manage a difficult task with saintly patience and wise maturity. Meanwhile, the Moon's presence in earthy Taurus signals the need to seek simple solutions to finish your current tasks.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Encountering setbacks to your plans is frustrating, but you can rebound quickly and establish new goals based on a deeper understanding of your purpose in life. Your ability to make long-term commitments is sound while logical Mercury harmoniously trines incisive Pluto in your 5th House of Self-Expression. Fortunately, you possess the stamina to overcome the resistance you face.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Circumstances test your commitment to others now, but you are resolved to handle any crisis you face. The stabilizing Taurus Moon's presence in your 8th House of Deep Sharing feeds into a grounded Grand Earth Trine with Mercury and Pluto, blessing you with the endurance you need to follow through with your intentions. Your ability to clearly communicate your points with power and precision safely sees you through this tricky territory.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You're not happy when others are overly insistent, especially if they're trying to coerce you to change your mind. You might need to dig in your heels today and make a stand against someone else's wishes. Thankfully, your key planet Pluto is part of an immovable Grand Earth Trine that strengthens your resolve.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Your future is looking prosperous and you want to tell everyone your good news while messenger Mercury harmonizes with powerful Pluto. You are inspired to set new goals and create an ambitious action plan now that the practical Grand Earth Trine is activated by the Moon's presence in your 6th House of Self-Improvement. Exercise self-control and stick to your agenda, even if reaching your destination takes longer than you expect.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

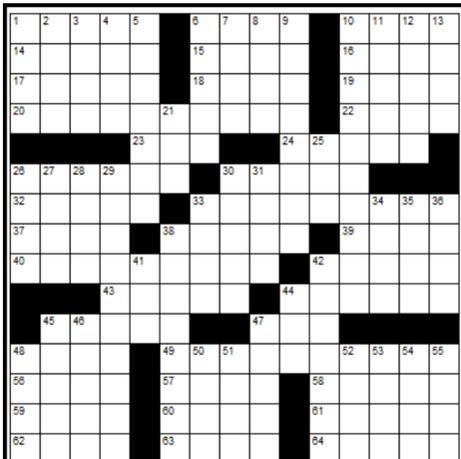
If your progress is impeded by dogged resistance or even unexpected setbacks, it's a signal from the cosmos telling you to hurry up and get busy. If your creativity feels blocked, step back so you can solidify your thoughts and strengthen your plan of attack. Thankfully, the Moon and Mercury form trines to unrelenting Pluto in your industrious sign, empowering you to conquer any opposition you might face today.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Everything seems to be falling back into place today after briefly spinning out of control. Thankfully, communicator Mercury's trine to intense Pluto enables you to address a difficult issue without being overwhelmed by your emotions. Hopefully, fundamental change is grounded in necessity and will prove to have lasting value because it's supported by a practical Grand Earth Trine.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You're likely to push forward in your pursuit of knowledge and make your points with an unwavering determination today. You are impatient with someone else's inability to keep up with your logic. You can cut to the core of a complex issue, analyze it effectively and quickly move toward a solution as clever Mercury forms a productive Grand Earth Trine with the stubborn Taurus Moon and perceptive Pluto.



Across

- 1. Unit of capacitance, 6. Hurried, 10. A ball of yarn, 14. Small African antelope, 15. Fail to win, 16. Hoopla, 17. Yellowish-brown, 18. "Oh my!", 19. Dull pain, 20. Mystifying, 22. A noble gas, 23. Flipper, 24. Ceased, 26. Chinch, 30. Binge, 32. Bay window, 33. Useless repetition, 37. Zero, 38. Pals, 39. Doing nothing, 40. Secret, 42. Moisten, 43. Absurd, 44. Equine animals, 45. Bonkers, 47. Hearing organ, 48. A Maori club, 49. Mollycoddle, 56. Keen, 57. Skin irritation, 58. Personal journal, 59. Wan, 60. Japanese wrestling, 61. Express a thought, 62. Beers, 63. Hastens (archaic), 64. Dishes out.

Down

- 1. Froth, 2. Troops, 3. Bones on your sides, 4. Foment, 5. Frightening, 6. Killed, 7. Game on horseback, 8. Brother of Jacob, 9. Sweet treats, 10. Branched lighting fixture, 11. French school, 12. Ancient Hebrew vestment, 13. To fancy (archaic), 21. 18-wheeler, 25. Prefix meaning "Modern", 26. Part of a skeleton, 27. Historical periods, 28. Prank, 29. Sermon on the Mount, 30. Condiment, 31. Mountain lion, 33. Not fat, 34. Probabilities, 35. Delight, 36. Evergreens, 38. Tiny lobster-like crustaceans, 41. N N N N, 42. Tedium, 44. Derisive laugh, 45. Pertaining to the oceans, 46. Practical, 47. Community spirit, 48. Dad, 50. Decorative case, 51. Highest point, 52. Fully developed, 53. Entice, 54. Sea eagle, 55. Colors.

Yesterday's Solution

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artificial, bigot, candidate, cheer, claim, conference, consort, deprive, drift, ease, evict, former, harm, hinder, impulse, infer, issue, later, minor, nice, oracle, pare, pole, powerful, prevention, reveal, spire, stiff, strong, trot, unite, valid, went, worst.

