

Foreigners Among 31 Militants Killed in Ghazni Airstrikes

GHAZNI CITY - At least 31 Taliban insurgents have been killed during airstrikes in Nawa and Awghaz districts of southern Ghazni province, an official said on Saturday.

Mohammad Hanif Rezaee, spokesman for the 203rd Thunder Military Corps, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Afghan Air Force carried out air raids in the Khairkhal area of Nawa district late on Friday night.

He added 23 insurgents were killed, including 17 foreign militants, and four other wounded. Taliban's hideouts and two vehicles were also destroyed during the overnight raid.

Mohammad Arif Noori, the governor's spokesman, said the Afghan National Army (ANA) had seized a huge cache of weapons in Moqur district. He added heavy and light weapons and landmines were among the weapons.

Elsewhere, eight militants were killed and four ...*(More on P4)...(13)*



Herat Man Arrested after throwing Shoes at Hekmatyar

KABUL - The young man who threw his shoes at Hizb-e-Islami leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar in Herat on Friday, during an event at a mosque, was arrested by security forces on Saturday. Abdul Wahid, from Dadshan village in Herat's Guzara district, is being held in custody, police confirmed.

Herat governor's spokesman said Hekmatyar has forgiven Wahid, but Herat's Ulema Council said the fact the man threw his shoes in a mosque was a huge insult.

Herat police spokesperson Abdul Ahad Walizada said the young man will be handed over to legal and judicial institutions.

"The Hizb-e-Islami leader has forgiven the man, but we should wait for a decision by the legal and judicial institutions," said Walizada.

Herat residents meanwhile said members of the public were still opposed to politicians who had been involved in the civil war and Wahid had simply wanted to show his disapproval.

"The individuals that do not have a good track record with the public, even after returning to society, also want to create discord among the people and could face such action," Herat resident Omid Sediqi said.

"The move should not have happened in the city ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Rehab Center to be Built at Kabul Military Hospital

KABUL - A major rehabilitation center to treat wounded military and civilian patients will be built at Kabul Military Hospital - also known as Mohammad Daud 400-bed Hospital - the NATO Resolute Support mission said in a press release. The \$54 million USD facility is designed to treat 100 patients and offer a full range of physiotherapy services to military and

civilian patients both male and female, the statement said. The building will also include living quarters for 20 female students attending the Afghanistan Academy for Medical Sciences.

The statement said a request for proposals will be issued later this year for construction and target date for completion of the center is late 2019. ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

8 Soldiers Injured as Military Convoy Ambushed in Faryab



MAIMANA - Eight security personnel, including seven commandos, have been wounded in a militants' attack on the forces convoy in northwestern Faryab province, a reliable source said on Saturday.

Over one hundred armored military tanks, logistic equipments and hundreds of military personnel were part of the Shaheen Military Corps convoy that was attacked in the Khawaja Sabz Posh district on Friday evening.

Fierce clashes erupted between security forces and assailants, resulting in power blackout to four districts of Faryab, where thousands of people had been deprived of the electricity.

Abdullah Masoumi, the administrative chief of Khawaja Sabzposh, told Pajhwok Afghan News at about 1:30pm that the military convoy was unable to reach to Maimana City, adding there was no fighting going and security ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Child Killed, 12 Wounded in Faryab Mortar Fire

MAIMANA - A child was killed and 12 other people were wounded as mortar shells allegedly fired by Taliban insurgents hit civilian homes in Pashtunak district of northern Faryab province, officials said on Saturday.

A security source told Pajhwok Afghan News on the condition of anonymity that the incident took place Gapi Mareshkar area of the district.

Dr. Mahbobullah, an official at the Afghan-Turk emergency hospital, said confirmed receiving 12 injured people and one dead body of a child.

He said the injured included nine children, two women and one man who were brought to the hospital at 9:00pm last night.

Suhrab, one of the relatives of the victims, said one mortar shell struck nine children who were playing and then another shell hit a house, injuring two women and one man.

Security officials had no idea about the direction of the firing, but some residents claimed the shells were fired by security force. *(Pajhwok)*

Pakistan Says 'Terrorists' Inside Afghanistan Kill Officer

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's army says "terrorists" across the border in Afghanistan have opened fire on a newly built border post in recently cleared Rajgal Valley, killing a young officer.

A military statement says the attackers targeted the post Saturday morning where post commander Lt. Arsalan Alam was fatally shot.

The army recently cleared the Rajgal Valley along the border in the Khyber tribal region and established a number of border posts to check cross-border movement. Militants who had sanctuaries in the valley and other adjoining tribal regions have escaped across the porous border. They often strike from inside Afghanistan and sometimes cross the border to hit Pakistani forces. *(ABC NEWS)*

Gold Price up, Sugar Down in Kabul

KABUL - The prices of gold and fuel have increased while that of sugar dipped during the outgoing week in the capital Kabul, market sources said Saturday.

Abdul Hadi, a worker at the Wazirabad Fuel Station, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the price of one liter of diesel increased from 45 Afghanis to 46 Afghanis and the same quantity of petrol from 45afis to 46afis. He linked hike in fuel prices to decline in the import of fuel.

However, the price of liquefied gas remains stable as one kilogram of the commodity cost 60afis according to Sharif Ahmad, a gas seller in Kolola Pushta area of Kabul.

The price of Arabian gold also increased. The price of one gram of Arabian gold decreased from 2,400afis to 2,300afis and the same quantity of Russian variety from 1,950afis to 1,850afis.

Haji Fawad Ahmad Salehzada, jeweler in Timr Shahi area of Kabul, said the price of one gram of Arabian gold increased from 2,300afis to 2,350afis while the same quantity of Russian gold remained stable at 1,850afis. ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

15 Militants Killed in Laghman, Nangarhar Airstrikes



JALALABAD - At least 15 Taliban and Daesh militants have been killed in airstrikes in eastern Laghman and Nangarhar provinces, officials said on Saturday.

Nangarhar police spokesman Hazrat Hussain Mashriqiwal told Pajhwok Afghan News that seven Daesh or Islamic State rebels were killed during an air raid in Achin district on Friday.

In Laghman, Sarhadi Zwak, the governor's spokesman, said eight Taliban insurgents were killed and five others militants wounded during a clash with police in Alishang district.

He said one policeman ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries You must step carefully because talking about your plans can actually prevent you from reaching your goals today. You could easily leave out critical details, derailing a perfectly straightforward task. Temper your enthusiasm with caution to be on the safe side as pushy Mars opposes confusing Neptune.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus Acting with compassion and imagination moves you closer to your goals today. Tending to the needs of others expresses your highest ideals, but there's no valid reason to lose your objectivity or common sense. Turning your intentions into reality works better now when you proceed in subtle ways.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini What you see is not necessarily what you get today, and even your most reliable friend might throw you a curve ball. You have a good idea of what you want to do now, yet someone else could do the opposite of what you expect. However, you may be contributing to the situation by keeping your intentions to yourself. Your smartest strategy is to reduce the stress by being completely honest.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer Ironically, your misinterpretation of someone's message might actually turn out for the best because it gives you a chance to stretch your imagination. Luckily, your illusion could eventually become real as active Mars opposes fantasy-prone Neptune. However, discerning the facts can be quite challenging now as conflicting stories battle for supremacy.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo Unsolicited advice from a reliable source may mislead you today. Protect yourself by following your own instincts, even if those you trust don't agree with you. A tense opposition between aggressive Mars and diffusive Neptune adds to the confusion because even those things which are most believed become less certain.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept 22)



Virgo It's as if you're standing in a hall of mirrors today, unsure as to which reflections are real. Try as you might, the visual cues won't necessarily lead you in the right direction. On one hand, it's exhilarating to realize how the loss of absolute reality frees up your mind, allowing it to journey into the land of imagination. On the other hand, it's hard to keep your balance even with Mercury, Venus and Mars grounded in your earthy sign.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra You might feel as if you're on a wild goose chase today, or perhaps you're busy chasing ghosts. A spacey Mars-Neptune opposition activates your 12th House of Spiritual Mystery, turning hard cold reality into a fleeting concept. Of course, narrowing your concentration helps, but not if it leads to obsession over details that block your view of the big picture.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio You are normally up for any challenge as long as you have all the facts at your disposal. Unfortunately, good information is difficult to find today, because other people's behavior doesn't seem to match up with what you know. Actually, you can't even tell if someone's actions are out of place or your interpretation is skewed.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius Alternating waves of productivity and inactivity complicate your day. You can shift from precision thinking to irresponsible behavior suddenly, undermining your reliability in relationships. Stay alert to unexpected swings from negativity to enthusiasm today, which can prove costly in the long run. Focusing on details when they really matter fosters competence.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn It may feel as if you have nowhere to go today. You can see that there are big changes around the corner and you may be anxious about your decision to let go of the past and reinvent yourself. Thankfully, you don't have to pretend that everything is in order now. Psychic Neptune's opposition to self-directed Mars in your 9th House of Future Vision.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Aquarius You're spellbound today, enchanted by magical synchronicities, spiritual interventions and jags of creativity. However, you might need to deal with deceitful people while Mars in your 8th House of Deep Sharing opposes illusory Neptune. You could find yourself doing all the work for little reward or dreaming about investing in an unrealistic scheme.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces You can rely on your closest friends to help you clarify your feelings as you tell your story. However, Mars's opposition to foggy Neptune brings in the clouds of illusion, making it difficult to know exactly what's going on. Don't push your agenda now; instead, share your dreams and worry less about the future. Take time to appreciate those who believe in your potential. David Steindl-Rast wrote, "The root of joy is gratefulness."

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-71 indicating starting positions for clues.

Across clues: 1. Kitchen appliance, 6. Edges, 10. Rascallions, 14. Cowboy movie, 15. Brother of Jacob, 16. Defrost, 17. Aviator, 18. Valuable metal, 19. Beseech, 20. Recognized, 22. Liturgy, 23. A style of design, 24. Acts, 26. Feudal worker, 30. Catnap (British), 31. Short sleep, 32. Coalition, 33. Biblical garden, 35. Face with masonry, 39. Untanned hide, 41. Large flightless bird, 43. Sight-related, 44. Narrow opening, 46. Shoestring, 47. Born as, 49. Utilize, 50. The original matter (cosmology), 51. Not down, 54. No more than, 56. Attired, 57. Bigger than a teaspoon, 63. An indefinite period, 64. Wings, 65. Burn slightly, 66. Arab chieftain, 67. Labels, 68. Warn, 69. Consider, 70. God of love, 71. Affirmatives

Down clues: 1. Couch, 2. After-bath powder, 3. Ear-related, 4. Swerve, 5. Made a mistake, 6. King killers, 7. Variant of an element, 8. Man, 9. Without warning, 10. Unsuitably, 11. Excellence, 12. Dish, 13. Infections of the eye, 21. Faked out an opponent, 25. Shopping place, 26. River of Spain, 27. Smack, 28. Nothing (British), 29. Marine invertebrate, 34. Without a sound, 36. Ampule, 37. Behold, in old Rome, 38. Not us, 40. Frosts, 42. Cubic meter, 45. Backache, 48. What's left behind, 51. Performed, 52. Climate, 53. Bog hemp, 55. An analytic literary composition, 58. Winglike, 59. Heap, 60. 1 1 1 1, 61. Monster, 62. Catches,

Yesterday's Solution crossword puzzle grid with words filled in.

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