

# ANSDF Foil Suicide Attack in Paktika Province

KABUL - The Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANSDF) prevented a mined vehicle suicide attack in south-eastern Paktika province, the Ministry of Interior said in a press release on Sunday. No militant group has taken responsibility for the attack attempt. "The group had planned to launch a terrorist attack in Paktika province. Afghan National Security Forces confiscated one suicide vest, three AK-47 rifles, two pistols, five



radio handsets, one explosives laden vehicle and some amount of light and heavy round of ammunition," the press release read adding, that at least nine militants were killed. Afghanistan is in a state of political and social turmoil, with government forces fighting the continuing Taliban insurgency, while other extremist groups, such as Daesh terrorists have also expanded their activities both in the country and in neighboring states. (Sputnik)

## 2 Heroin-Making Factories Destroyed in Nangarhar

ALALABAD - Two heroin-making factories have been destroyed by security forces in eastern Nangarhar province, local officials said on Sunday. The governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, told Pajhwok Afghan News Afghan Special Forces conducted an operation in Nokarkhel area of Khogyani district, destroying two heroin processing factories on Saturday night. He said the Special Forces also detained the factories' workers and seized with a Kalashnikov and a pistol from them. Meanwhile, the provincial government in a statement said the Public Health Department had seized 2.5 tonnes of low quality and expired beverages. It said food items' investigation team of the department confiscated 266 cartons, equivalent to 2.5 tonnes, of poor quality and expired beverages from a yard in the Kabul Ada area in the jurisdiction of 5th municipal district of Jalalabad city, the provincial capital. The statement said the captured beverages, which would be destroyed, had been transferred to the low quality items' depot at the public health department. (Pajhwok)

## Organizers of Police Cadet Attack in Kabul Killed in Night Raid

KABUL - Two senior Haqqani network commanders, Fateh and Azizullah were among eight insurgents killed in a raid in central Wardak province on Saturday night, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) claimed in a statement on Sunday. In addition, two other insurgents were arrested. The statement said that the insurgents had been involved in a suicide attack in June on a convoy of buses carrying police cadets in Kabul city. Thirty-two cadets were killed in the attack. The attack took place in Company area of the city after a



suicide bomber targeted the convoy of buses which had been traveling to Kabul from Wardak. The statement said that during the operation, security forces seized weapons and explosive devices. (Tolonews)

## Herat Civil Society Network Head Critical after Shooting

HERAT - Herat Civil Society Network head Khalil Parsa is in critical condition after unknown gunmen opened fire on him on Saturday evening, officials confirmed. Parsa was on his way home from work when gunmen, riding a motorcycle, shot him, officials said. He reportedly sustained five gunshot wounds in the incident - to his shoulder, hand and abdomen. Herat hospital officials said Parsa's liver had been damaged in the shooting but that a team of surgeons were treating him. Herat governor's spokesman Jilani Farhad said that a team from security institutions has been No group has claimed responsibility for the shooting. (Tolonews)

## US Drone Strikes Kill 15 Daesh Rebels in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Fifteen Daesh or Islamic State (IS) Militants have been killed and seven others wounded in a US drone strikes in the Haska Mena district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Sunday. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman said 13 IS rebels were eliminated and seven others wounded in a US drone strike in Paen locality late on Saturday. Cache of arms belonged to the insurgents were also destroyed in the drone



missile strikes, he said. Two more Daesh rebels were killed in another drone strike in the Langari Khoar locality, said Police Spokesman Hazrat Husain Mashraqiwal. Militant group have not yet commented over the drone strikes. (Pajhwok)

## Taliban Premature Bomb Blast Kills 11 Including 4 Civilians

ASSADABAD - A total of 11 people including four civilians lost their lives as an explosive device of Taliban militants went off prematurely in the eastern Kunar province Saturday night, provincial police chief Juma Gul Hemat said Sunday. "A group of Taliban rebels were planting a mine on a road in Dangam district Saturday night to target security forces' convoy, but the device exploded prematurely killing 11 people including seven militants and four civilian passersby on the spot," Hemat told reporters here. Taliban militants who



are largely relying on roadside and suicide bombings are yet to make comments. Kunar with Assadabad as its capital 185 km east of Kabul has been the scene of Taliban-led insurgency over the past one decade. (Xinhua)

## Takhar Deputy Police Chief Escapes Bomb Explosion Unhurt

TALEQAN - The deputy provincial police chief of northeastern Takhar province escaped unhurt from a roadside bomb explosion that left at least two people dead. According to the local security officials, the incident took place in Khwajah Ghar district targeting police chief Haji Agha Dawood. The officials further added that two security guards of Haji Dawood were killed in the attack and at least four others were wounded. The anti-government



armed militant groups including the Taliban insurgents have not commented regarding the report so far. Takhar is among the relatively volatile provinces in northern Afghanistan where the Taliban insurgents are actively operating in a number of its districts and often carry out insurgency activities. In the meantime, the Taliban insurgents have increased insurgency activities in some of the key northern provinces including Takhar and Kunduz as the group aims to expand its insurgency activities as part of its annual offensives. ... (More on P4)... (13)

## Traffic Collision Kills 5 People, Wounds 15 in N. Afghanistan

PUL-E-KHUMRI - Five commuters perished and 15 others sustained injuries in a traffic collision in northern Afghanistan on Sunday, a local official said. The crash involved a car colliding with a bus coming from opposite direction in the northern Baghlan province with Pul-e-Khumri as its capital 160 km north of Kabul, according to the official. "A passenger bus and a car collided on a road in Doshi district this morning, leaving five travelers dead and 15 others injured, some in critical conditions," district governor Shamsudin Sarhadi told Xinhua. Without giving more details, the official blamed reckless driving on congested road for the deadly incident, saying an investigation has been initiated into the case. (Xinhua)

### Outlook Horoscope

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



Your high hopes may be justified today as others arrive with good news or much-needed assistance. However, it's tempting to confuse the messenger with the message, creating an instant attraction that might be so exciting you toss caution to the wind. Fortunately, the buoyancy you're feeling can lead to an exciting opportunity if you believe in your dream.

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



You're ready to take on the world today and are eager to start by making big changes to your lifestyle. The confident Sun-Jupiter conjunction lands in your 6th House of Daily Routine, encouraging you to believe you will improve your wellbeing by simply shaking up your health regimen. However, you may be overestimating how much you can transform all at once.

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



Romance is in the air today and your exuberance opens the doors to new possibilities with nearly everyone you meet. Your effervescence spills out into the world as the Sun joins limitless Jupiter in your 5th House of Love and Creativity. You can make a strong case for anything if you don't overwhelm others with too much information. It's easier to get what you want when you don't clutter the conversation with extraneous details.

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



Your ambitions may be larger than life now, so you must be careful not to let your optimism get out of hand. The expansive Sun-Jupiter conjunction falls in your 4th House of Security, gracing you with a copious amount of self-confidence. You can't help but smile now because on a deep level you know that anything can be accomplished if you believe in yourself.

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



Your heart is swelling with emotions and your brain is bursting with big ideas today. However, it may be tricky to turn your current positivity into something of lasting value. A busy day that's buzzing with social interactions can be a lot of fun now. In fact, your enthusiasm is contagious as the Sun joins jovial Jupiter in your 3rd House of Information.

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



You might believe that you're unstoppable today, even if you don't have all your facts straight. Fortunately, the buoyant Sun-Jupiter conjunction in your 2nd House of Self-Worth empowers you with enough swagger that others may not even realize something isn't quite right. Oddly enough, trusting your instincts now won't betray your lack of solid information. For once, don't sweat the small stuff; the sky is the limit.

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



Your optimism soars today, expanding your vision and opening your heart to the potential beyond the limits that normally shape your life. The Sun's annual conjunction to auspicious Jupiter occurs in your sign, marking the beginning of a new opportunity cycle. Rather than thinking about situations that may be impeding your progress, focus on the distant horizon and project the best possible scenario you can imagine into your future.

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



One phase of your spiritual growth is coming to a close, preparing you for the next round of metaphysical explorations. A propitious Sun-Jupiter party in your 12th House of Destiny transforms a casual meeting into a life-changing event. Respond to the energetic shifts with confidence, but remember that you're not invincible.

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



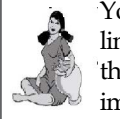
Your star is on the rise now as a result of gaining critical support from old colleagues and making vital new connections. Finding more joyful ways of expressing yourself comes naturally while the Sun joins good-natured Jupiter in your 11th House of Social Networking. You are an inspiration to others and your contribution to your community can garner respect and cast you in a leadership position.

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



You may see amazing opportunities everywhere you look today. But the best news is you can actually turn your thoughts into reality as the Sun bumps into lucky Jupiter in your 10th House of Status. You are extremely persuasive now when you combine your charm and pragmatism to get what you want. Unfortunately, it's all too easy to be distracted by so many choices.

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

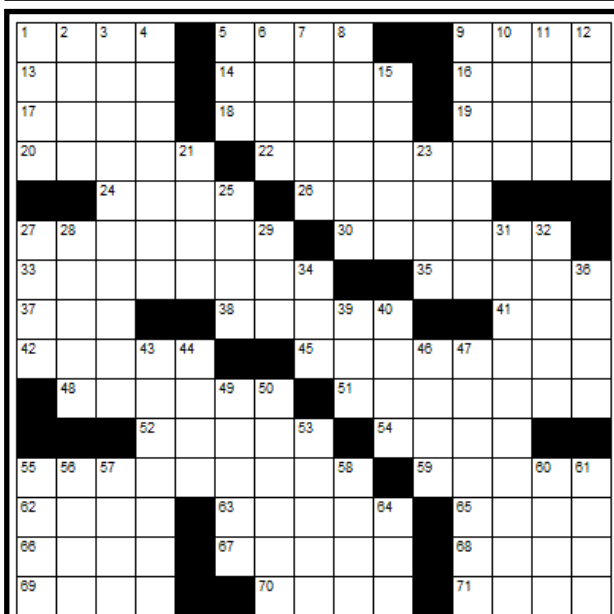


Your vision of the future extends well beyond the limits of the horizon now. A joyful conjunction of the radiant Sun and boundless Jupiter takes your imagination somewhere over the rainbow. However, this effervescent planetary party in your 9th House of Faraway Places may lack practicality unless you consciously keep reminding yourself of the difference between reality and fantasy.

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



It appears as if the universe is offering you the support you need to pursue a persistent dream. A benevolent Sun-Jupiter conjunction occurs in your 8th House of Shared Resources, granting you the money and expertise required for a pet project or to achieve a long-term goal. What others do to come to your aid will not attract overdue attention now, but serves you in a way that will impact your life for months to come.



**Across**  
 1. Hourly pay, 5. Wings, 9. White aquatic bird, 13. Nameless, 14. Doctrine, 16. Largest continent, 17. Somersault, 18. Descendant, 19. List of options, 20. Gentlewoman, 22. Crossbred, 24. Male underdog social club, 26. Columbus's birthplace, 27. A witty saying, 30. Heavy and filling food, 33. More alone, 35. Strength, 37. Russian fighter, 38. Feudal lord, 41. "Eureka!", 42. Contemptuous look, 45. Linked letters in handwriting, 48. Absentee, 51. Leather-making place, 52. Prevaricators, 54. Drunkards, 55. Pardoning, 59. Tropical nut, 62. Haul, 63. Birdlike, 65. Thorny flower, 66. Sandwich shop, 67. Shelf, 68. Hotels, 69. Bristle, 70. Nipple, 71. Encounter.

**Down**  
 1. Not cool, 2. Dwarf buffalo, 3. Famous Bond villain, 4. Make larger, 5. Commercial, 6. Hubs, 7. Growing old, 8. Acts, 9. Exaggerated leap, 10. End \_\_\_, 11. Connects two points, 12. Praise, 15. Concerning (archaic), 21. A crumbling earthy deposit, 23. Top of a house, 25. A dog wags one, 27. Shade trees, 28. Dot, 29. Japanese apricot, 31. Tombstone, 32. Aromatic solvent, 34. Record (abbrev.), 36. Not difficult, 39. Destroy the inside of, 40. Historical periods, 43. Eulogies, 44. Train track, 46. Prig, 47. Temporary, 49. Pertaining to the oceans, 50. A three-legged metal stand, 53. Malicious, 55. Contributes, 56. Broth (Scottish), 57. Sodium chloride, 58. Madly in love, 60. Feudal worker, 61. In order to prevent, 64. Mesh.

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