

# Twelve Afghan Soldiers Killed in Their Sleep by Fellow Troops: Official

KABUL - As many as 12 Afghan soldiers were killed in their sleep by comrades in an outpost near the northern city of Kunduz, an official said on Tuesday, in the latest so-called "insider attack". Two soldiers with suspected links to the Taliban fled and joined the insurgents after carrying out the attack overnight, said Sher Aziz Kamawal, a senior police commander in Kunduz. The outpost was among many forming a protective ring around Kunduz, which was briefly captured by the Taliban a year ago,



the first time the movement had seized a provincial capital since losing power in 2001. Insider attacks have plagued both Afghan and international military forces in the country, undermining trust and morale. The Western-trained and backed Afghan government forces are battling various insurgent groups, including the Taliban, who say they are fighting to expel foreign troops and reestablish a fundamentalist Muslim regime. (Reuters)

## Anti-Rabies Vaccine in Short Supply, Patients in Trouble

KABUL - Many patients have been forced over the past one year to visit private medical centres for treatment due to the shortage of anti-rabies vaccines in government-run hospitals. A number of patients lashed out at the government for the absence of the remedy even at all state-run hospitals. They complain of having to pay large sums of money to private hospitals for their treatment. The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) acknowledged the vaccines in government hospitals had not been available for a year, blaming foreign health organisations for lack of co-operation in the area and inadequate budget. Rabies is a viral disease that causes acute inflammation of the brain in humans and other mammals. Early symptoms can include fever and tingling at the site of exposure. These symptoms are followed by violent movements, uncontrolled excitement, fear of water, an inability to move parts of the body, confusion and loss of consciousness. Once symptoms appear, the result... (More on P4)... (11)

## 77 Cases of Prisoner Torture Register Last Year: AIHRC

KABUL - There were 77 cases of prisoner torture registered in Afghan jails last year, almost 10 times more than in 2000, a local human rights commission announced in a report. According to the report, inmates were being tortured in Kunduz, Baghlan, Nangarhar, Kandahar and Herat - provinces controlled by the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF). In an interview with Sputnik, Sima Samar, Afghanistan's Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) chief, said that none of those responsible for mistreating prisoners



have so far been brought to justice. "Our commission has registered multiple instances of excesses committed by Interior and National Security Ministry officials working in state penitentiaries. We condemn this practice... (More on P4)... (12)

## Five Talibs Including a Commander Killed in Helmand

LASHKARGAH - At least five Talibs including their commander, Mullah Satar, were killed in a security forces' operation in southern Helmand province, provincial police said in a statement on Monday. The operation was launched in Sangin district of the province after the insurgents tried to place roadside mines on the highway in the district, according to the statement. The statement said that Satar had been responsible for placing roadside mines for the Taliban in the north of Helmand province. However, the statement did not provide more details about the operation. (Tolnews)

## Uruzgan Officials Claim 450 Insurgents Killed and Wounded

KABUL - Uruzgan provincial officials claimed on Tuesday that almost 450 insurgents, including foreign fighters, have been killed and wounded since their recent attack on the provincial capital Trin Kot. Provincial Governor Mohammad Nazir Kharoti and Uruzgan National Security Chief said during a visit to the front line of the battle that security forces had prevented an invasion of the city by the Taliban. According to Kharoti so far 260 Talibs have been killed and 190 wounded.



Kharoti did not speak about civilian and military personal casualties. In December 2013, Australian troops handed over control of their military base in Trin Kot to the Afghan forces. Australian forces completed their withdrawal from Uruzgan... (More on P4)... (13)

## NSP Projects Benefit 850 Nangarhar Villages: Official

JALALABAD - Around 850 villages of eastern Nangarhar province have benefitted from National Solidarity Programme (NSP) projects, an official said on Tuesday. Rural Rehabilitation and Development Director Eng. Sifatullah Sharafmal, in an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, said his department had implemented a string of projects, including retaining walls, water dams, roads, bridges and culverts. He informed 13 retaining walls, costing 48 million afghanis, were under construction across the province, generating job



opportunities for many youth. A flagship scheme of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD), the NSP had executed various projects in 850 villages of Nangarhar since its launch in 2009, the... (More on P4)... (14)

## In Shiberghan, Mother of 3 Martyred Soldiers Has to Beg

SHEBERGHAN - Sarwar, a 65-years-old woman who lost three sons serving in the Afghan National Army (ANA), has been faced with abject poverty. With her sons, she has also lost hope in life. With old clothes on her body and struggling to find enough to make her ends meet, Sarwar in an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News said that she was unable to work and her very basic food were donated by her relatives and neighbors. She said the pains

of her life have pressed her and she alone could not do enough to resolve her problems or find a cure for her hurts. Sarwar shifted her residence from Qush Tapa district of northeastern Badakhshan province to Sheberghan, the provincial capital during the leadership of former King Mohammad Zahir Shah. "My husband died to illness many years ago, I was enjoying a peaceful life with my three sons in Sheberghan City, but the war took all of our happiness and made me derelict," she said. Also suffering from hepatitis and sugar, the elderly woman said, "One of my sons recruited with ANA forces in order to provide our needs, he was recently deployed to Sar-I-Pul province, but after few days serving there, I received his dead body, he was killed in a clash with Taliban." She said her second son was also killed while serving with ANA forces in the capital Kabul and her third son was killed... (More on P4)... (15)

## Rebel Commander Among 8 Killed in Badakhshan Clash

FAIZABAD - At least 17 militants have suffered casualties during a counterattack from security personnel in the Juram district of northeastern Badakhshan province, an official said on Tuesday. Maj. Massoud Arshad, provincial police spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Taliban launched an attack on security posts in the district on Monday evening. The clash continued till 3am. He said Mullah Hafizullah, a Taliban commander, was among eight militants killed. Nine other fighters were wounded in a retaliatory attack by Afghan forces, he added. The bodies of five rebels were still lying at the scene. An Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier was also wounded in the firefight. Arshad said the security... (More on P4)... (16)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

You are finally ready to dig in your heels and take on whatever additional hard work is necessary to complete the tasks you previously started. Your desire for immediate gratification begins to lessen now that physical Mars enters cautious Capricorn. Conserve your energy by maintaining a healthy perspective on any tensions that surface at this time.

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

Travel becomes more likely, especially for business or educational purposes, while energetic Mars moves through your 9th House of Distant Horizons. Caution is replaced by confidence now, empowering you to organize and manage big projects. Fortunately, you can assimilate new information and gain the clarity you need to make healthy decisions for the future.

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

There isn't much that can restrain you these days from reaching for the stars. Your heart and mind are no longer in the present moment. Instead, you are fascinated by the prospects of achieving your goals, dreaming about making a statement with your accomplishments. You have plenty to say today and your tongue wags faster than your tail. Fortunately, you possess the common sense to finish up old business before allocating your time to anything new.

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

Although your family and friends can make your situation more complex, they must be taken into consideration now as you develop your plans. Mars enters ambitious Capricorn in your 7th House of Relationships, granting you the fortitude to keep moving forward even when you face adversity. You are unwilling to give up even if change appears to be in the air.

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

You Lions are known for your extreme loyalty and your reliable word, but you may need to make some adjustments now to a recent promise. You are very realistic in your assessment of an overdue and unfinished project. Fortunately, assertive Mars enters your 6th House of Work, empowering you to knuckle down and settle into a groove.

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

Your confidence begins to return today as you realize how easy it will be to combine work and play in the weeks ahead. Red-hot Mars moves into well-organized Capricorn and your creative 5th House of Spontaneity, helping you regain a sense of control over your life. You possess an uncanny understanding of when to push with passion and when to let go. Eliminating the clutter that fills your day frees you from the distractions that take more from you than they give.

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

Balancing your personal and professional spheres is likely to grow into a major issue now as fulfilling your dreams of a successful career can have a negative impact on your home life. Nevertheless, domestic issues demand your attention once Mars moves into responsible Capricorn and your 4th House of Family. Make sure to take time for rest and meditation.

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

Something is different in your immediate environment today, requiring you to take a more calculated approach to accomplishing your goals. It seems as if you can finally get down to business now that Mars in disciplined Capricorn is controlling your 3rd House of Distractions.

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

A shift in the cosmic winds lands you back on the ground today, encouraging you to trade in your adventurous spirit for a more industrious attitude. Active Mars enters result-oriented Capricorn and your 2nd House of Money, triggering ambitious yet practical ideas about substantially increasing your income. However, there is no room for pie-in-the-sky fantasies because concepts will be harshly measured against reality very quickly now.

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

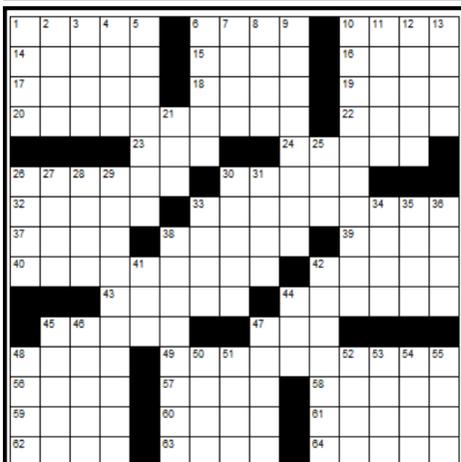
Your ability to prioritize the tasks at hand is excellent now, as is your intuition to accurately assess risk. What seems like a gamble to someone else can be almost a sure thing in your steady hands once action-hero Mars kicks into your calculating sign today. Thankfully, you possess the self-confidence to jump into the unknown and still land on your feet. Pursue your ambitions and express your honest opinions.

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

Although you might choose to rely on your imagination when developing a plan of attack for a major project, you are standing on a solid foundation built on your previous achievements. Assertive Mars enters ambitious Capricorn and your 12th House of Endings, providing you with the chance to stop and pause to look back one more time.

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

Of course, it's prudent to maintain control whenever possible today, but it's also smart to accept the fact that practical thinking often grows out of chaos. Passionate Mars marches into your 11th House of Friends and Associates, pressuring you to be part of the team while restricting your free time with too many demands. Proving that you can take care of business earns you recognition and raises your social status.



#### Across

- 1. Value, 6. Break, 10. Swear, 14. Ancient Greek marketplace, 15. Anagram of "Note", 16. Ear-related, 17. Pizazz, 18. Street, 19. Falafel bread, 20. Temporary, 22. Damson, 23. Mug, 24. Broom, 26. Associate, 30. Provide food for, 32. Not rented, 33. Swim, run and cycle race, 37. Put away, 38. Inhabit, 39. Overhang, 40. Casks, 42. Trainee, 43. Lariat, 44. Commands, 45. Cream (cooking term), 47. Actress Lupino, 48. Voucher, 49. Contemplation, 56. Elevator (British), 57. Story, 58. Japanese stick fighting, 59. Doing nothing, 60. Brother of Jacob, 61. Twined, 62. Equal, 63. Lairs, 64. Delete.

#### Down

- 1. Drift, 2. Leer at, 3. Lion sound, 4. Snip, 5. Green bean, 6. An elongated leather strip, 7. Newbie (slang), 8. A Freudian stage, 9. Plinth, 10. Brown pit viper, 11. Practical, 12. A stomach exercise, 13. Fraud, 21. Gist, 25. Damp, 26. Silence, 27. Savvy about, 28. On-line journal, 29. An open letter, 30. Doctrine, 31. Afflicts, 33. It was (contraction), 34. Stow, as cargo, 35. Not under, 36. Catches, 38. Abandoned, 41. An unskilled actor, 42. Make a crunching noise, 44. Lyric poem, 45. Scold, 46. A shoulder firearm, 47. Blockage of the intestine, 48. Paper holder, 50. Lack of difficulty, 51. Custard dessert, 52. Rip, 53. Ancient Peruvian, 54. Poems, 55. Connecting point.

#### Yesterday's Solution

DORM MADAM SPAT  
AREA ABACA HOBBO  
MEAN FEDER HOSEN  
NOMINAL STERILE  
FAG INTER  
SLEEPYHEADS  
PULSE ALLOT FOR  
STAT BROTT GAVE  
DEN KAPPA TIDAL  
OBSESSIVELY  
AESOP NEE  
IMPRESS KARAKUL  
DOORKEEPER WINE  
ETUI GREPE ALAE  
SETS TEPID YOUR

adore, basket, because, bloom, brown, cheap, classic, enjoy, escape, flask, forget, gambit, glove, hose, inferior, last, lovely, muddy, never, nourish, peer, pint, place, prayer, retain, rivers, role, sauce, seraph, shabby, shown, smart, sting, sublime, sunk, trunk, turtle.

