

NDS Foil Major Attack Plot by Haqqani Network

KHOST CITY - A major attack plot by Haqqani terrorist network was foiled by the Afghan intelligence operatives in eastern Khost province. The Afghan Intelligence, National Directorate of Security (NDS), said a huge cache of weapons and explosives prepared by the terror network for the attack was seized by NDS operatives. A statement by NDS said the cache was discovered during a joint operation by Afghan National Police from Chargoti village in Alisher district.



The statement further added that the cache included 30 Ak-47 assault rifles, 2 rifles, 3000 rounds of Ak-47 ammunition, 2 Improvised Explosive Device, 4 fake Pakistani vehicle registration plates, 1 van, 5 military uniforms. NDS in its statement further added that the terror network was looking to use the explosives to carry out coordinated attack in Khost province. According to NDS, two suspects were also arrested in connection to the attack... (More on P4)... (17)

Civil Society Activists Launch Sit-In against Baad

KABUL - Khan Wali Adel, a young man from Paktia province, along with a number of civil society activists launched a sit-in in Kabul city against the infamous custom of Baad (an old practice of settling disputes) in Afghanistan. "I don't want any family to give a girl in Baad, nor take any girl in Baad," said Khan Wali Adel. He said that a few years ago his father give away his sisters in Baad and now his father wants to take 10 girls in Baad from another tribe in compensation for killing his brothers. "By giving girls in Baad you cannot make peace. Peace should be made under the framework of law and the Holy Quran," Adel said. He said that cases of Baad occasionally occur in Paktia province. However, the spokesman for Paktia governor's office rejected the claim. Meanwhile, a number of women's rights activists and civil society activists... (More on P4)... (23)

Taliban Waging a Psychological War: Commander

KABUL - Military Commander of Shahn 209th Corps in the north, Gen. Abdul Hamid Hamid, said on Wednesday the Taliban has changed its military strategy and turned more towards a psychological war. But he said the current year will be a tough year for the Taliban because they have suffered heavy casualties in recent months. According to Hamid, the action on the battlefield is in the hands of government forces and that the Taliban does not have the capacity to confront the troops. "Nowadays the



enemy focuses on a psychological war because it costs less with no casualties, disturbs people's minds and deceives people, instead of realizing the security forces' capacity and leaving the area or fleeing the country," said Hamid. Hamid said that Afghan forces, in recent days, in the Jawzjan and Sar-e-Pul provinces, brought heavy casualties to the Taliban and in recent clashes 38 militants were killed and 52 others... (More on P4)... (18)

Battle of Baghak: 2 Kiwi Soldiers Get Gallantry Awards

KABUL - Two soldiers from New Zealand have received gallantry awards in recognition of their heroic acts in Afghanistan, an Auckland-based TV channel report said on Wednesday. Sergeant David Duncan and Lance Corporal John Luamanu demonstrated extraordinary courage during the Battle of Baghak in Afghanistan in August 2012, One News said. The controversial Battle of Baghak was an engagement between the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF), the National Directorate of Security (NDS) and insurgent forces in the



Shikari Valley of central Bamyán Province on August 4, 2012. Two NZDF personnel, four NDS members and an undetermined number of insurgent fighters were killed during the fierce firefight. Six NZDF and 9 NDS personnel were wounded along with one Afghan civilian. Duncan was given the Insignia of New Zealand Gallantry decoration for bravery in crossing open ground while exposed to enemy fire. He enabled a seriously wounded soldier to receive the medical... (More on P4)... (20)

Afghan Fighting Kills 15 Militants, Wounds 13

GHAZNI - Security forces crackdown against Taliban in the eastern Ghazni province have killed 15 militants and injured 13 others over the past 24 hours, said Mohammad Noor, an army spokesman in the province. The operations, according to the spokesman, launched in Qarabagh and Dayak districts on Tuesday and would last until the militants "are wiped out from the area." One army soldier and two police have also been injured during the operations, the official said. Taliban militants who launched their annual spring offensive on Tuesday, have yet to make comment. (Xinhua)

Earthquake Victim's Family Calls for Awareness Programs at Schools

KABUL - The family of a student injured in Sunday's earthquake urged the Ministry of Education (MoE) to launch awareness programs at schools to reduce risks in the event of natural disasters. Khadija, 11, a student of Zarghuna High School said that she was injured in a stampede triggered by the earthquake. Education institutes, particularly schools, around the globe are places where students learn about risk reduction techniques during earthquakes and other natural disasters, said the family. "Students should be at least taught how to protect themselves during... (More on P4)... (24)

Bulgarian Vigilante to be Pressed Charges over Illegal Arrest of Afghan Migrants

BURGAS - Petar Nizamov, accused of illegal arrest of three Afghan nationals in the region of the village of Zvezdets, municipality of Veliko Tarnovo, will be pressed charges by noon. Lyubomir Petrov, Administrative Head of the Prosecutor's Office of Appeals, announced the news speaking for Radio FOCUS. This type of crime envisages a punishment of up to 6 years imprisonment. The investigation



will reveal whether there are other people involved in the crime, too. So far the authorities have searched Nizamov's car

2 Afghans Die, Thousands Stranded at Torkham Border

PESHAWAR - At least two Afghans died and a dozen others fell unconscious as Pakistani guards at the Torkham border crossing refused entry to thousands of people, media reports said on Wednesday. Disorderly scenes were in evidence after thousands of people without valid travel documents were stopped from entering Pakistan. One ailing Afghan woman and a girl died waiting in scorching heat. Immigration staff and border guards had stepped up checks of travel documents of the Afghans coming to Pakistan, Dawn reported, saying the lengthy verification process kept thousands of Afghans and Pakistanis stranded. The resultant rush of pedestrians led to a serious traffic blockade that affected... (More on P4)... (21)

Taliban Leader Shot Dead by Intelligence Agents

PUL-I-KHUMRI - The Taliban's deputy chief for the Barfak district of northern Baghlan province was killed in a raid early Wednesday morning, an official said. Governor Abdul Sattar Barez told Pajhwok Afghan News National Directorate of Security (NDS) operatives gunned down Qari Abdul Wase in the Gazan village of Khinjan district. Two injured bodyguards of Wase were held in the raid that took place at around 4:00am, he said. A walkie-talkie and two machine-guns were also seized during the operation. Barez said Wase was named deputy district chief after the Taliban's shadow district head was killed a month ago. He was involved in terrorist activities on Pul-i-Khumri-Kabul highway. The Taliban have not reacted yet to the... (More on P4)... (22)

Takhar PC Member Killed as Clash Erupts Among Ex-Jihadi Commanders

KABUL - A provincial council member has been killed as clash erupted among the ex-jihadi commanders in northeastern Takhar province. The local security officials have confirmed that clashes erupted among Mullah Perum Qul and Ainuddin Rustaqi supporters earlier this evening. The officials further added that Mullah Qul was also a former Afghan lawmaker in the parliament and his supporters have killed Rustaqi during the gun battle. At least two others have... (More on P4)... (25)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Honoring your need for privacy is healthy today, even if you are accustomed to engaging in activities with your friends and associates. You independent Rams can benefit from working alone, especially when your patience grows thin because others can't keep up with you. But your current penchant for solitude might be more about recharging your emotional batteries with some rest and relaxation.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You're tentative about sharing your feelings today because you don't want to risk your hard-earned security. Unfortunately, keeping secrets is exhausting because you must monitor everything you say. But your unexpressed emotions give you away now, so face your fears and resist the temptation to go quiet. Be proactive in your interactions; participate in a meaningful dialogue by choice.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

The pace of your life seems to be slowing down, bringing you more time to integrate a recent change of heart. You may want to re-think your goals or even reevaluate your position on a professional matter. If something is unexpectedly tossed your way, do your best to catch it in stride. The trick is to mind your own business; any extra attention you put toward someone else's problems might only make matters worse.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Being certain about your feelings is nearly impossible because your moods quickly shift from moment to moment now that the Moon's back in your sign. You may go from pouring your heart out to a friend to withdrawing to the safety of your hidden cave. Avoid making any long-lasting decisions until your feelings settle back down.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Although people seem to be looking directly at you, you still may feel as if you aren't being seen. You don't understand how they can miss the obvious as you hold your head high and carry out your assigned tasks, even when your heart is hurting. Thankfully, a humble disclosure to a trusted colleague might bring the recognition you seek.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You're like a pendulum today, swinging back and forth between accepting the support your colleagues offer and fearfully pushing them away. Although you appreciate the camaraderie, you also need to know you can be self-sufficient. Try to soften your attitude, even if think you're overly dependent on others now. It's a sign of intelligence to openly embrace help when it is offered. There's no need to let pride stand in the way when someone only wants to see you shine.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You might be swimming in rough emotional waters today, unless you can let go of the control you believe you need. Nevertheless, you're not in charge of anyone's feelings other than your own. Don't try to fix the situation by trying to make someone more comfortable; concentrate on your priorities instead. Once you've adjusted your attitude, then others may have the courage to do the same.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You are content to explore your feelings in the privacy of your own space today. Your emotional security is a top priority now and you might not be satisfied until you feel completely safe and sound in your environment. Thankfully, you can journey nearly anywhere you desire within the wilds of your imagination.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

An expansion-contraction dilemma is developing now as your normally cavalier attitude assumes a more cautious stance today. But don't succumb to the pressures of social expectations. You can't please others if you don't acknowledge your own desires first. Chill out and give yourself permission to withdraw from the crowd if you really want some time alone. A little peace and quiet might be just what you need to reinvigorate your spirit.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You may think you lack sufficient patience to hold someone's hand while they go through an emotional meltdown; however, it could be exactly what's required today. Alternatively, it might be you that's the needy one at this time - making you even less tolerant with yourself than with another person. Either way, acknowledge that the expression of feelings doesn't always fit neatly into a schedule.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Your lack of clarity makes it hard to confront your needs now and recognize how they differ from those of your peers. Your efforts at improving things might even seem to be a waste of time today. Although ignoring the situation isn't the best answer, gently creating additional space between you and others gives you room to honor your own feelings. Once you reestablish your center of gravity.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You may feel awkward when expressing your feelings at first, but you can work through your resistance as the day unfolds. The shy Cancer Moon might tempt you to run and hide today, but her current stay in your 5th House of Play prevents you from retreating too far. Thankfully, you can channel your energy into a variety of creative expressions, whether for work or for your own amusement.



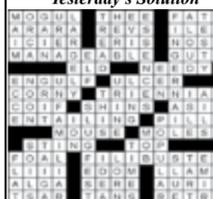
Across

- Thunder, 5. Hemp, 10. Chomp, 14. Chills and fever, 15. Rejects, 16. Arab chieftain, 17. Fastidious, 19. Mimics, 20. Implore, 21. Angers, 22. Blatant, 23. Set apart, 25. Tall structure, 27. Half of a pair, 28. Cutting, 31. Talk, 34. Acted presumptuously, 35. Nonclerical, 36. A state of irritation, 37. Discourage, 38. Small dam, 39. Santa's helper, 40. Located, 41. Move furtively, 42. A bushlike herb, 44. Downturn, 45. Outer garments, 46. Genuine, 50. Prankster, 52. Subarctic coniferous forests, 54. Conceit, 55. Module, 56. Tableware, 58. Rend, 59. Leg joints, 60. Poems, 61. One who accomplishes, 62. GMan, 63. Visual organs.

Down

- Fictional deer, 2. S-shaped moldings, 3. Expenditure, 4. Japanese apricot, 5. Pointed, 6. Protrusion, 7. Maguay, 8. Bunched together, 9. Donkey, 10. He builds dams, 11. Endangered, 12. Layer, 13. At one time (archaic), 18. A whimsically eccentric person, 22. Was indebted, 24. Unit of bread, 26. Not under, 28. Filled to excess, 29. Found on a finger, 30. Calyx, 31. Outbuilding, 32. Whimper, 33. Efficacious, 34. Hating, 37. Weight loss plan, 38. Sponge, 40. Exchange, 41. Indian instrument, 43. A type of power tool, 44. Compilation, 46. Energize, 47. Prepared, 48. Yes, 49. Loamy deposit, 50. Coagulated milk, 51. Pearly-shelled mussel, 53. Away from the wind, 56. Calypso offshoot, 57. Suffering.

Yesterday's Solution



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