

Protesters Slam 'Mother of all Bombs' During Washington Rally

KABUL - US protesters have staged a demonstration in the capital Washington to denounce last week's use of the largest non-nuclear bomb in Afghanistan and other US military interventions around the world. The crowd gathered in front of the White House on Sunday, shouting slogans and carrying placards, as well as staging a die-in, to express their anger at the administration of President Donald Trump for escalating the already protracted war in Afghanistan.

Several Afghan Americans also delivered short speeches during the rally to warn that US forces are destroying Afghanistan and "dehumanizing" its people. "This bomb is not just destroying the lives of individual people, it's also destroying Af-



ghanistan's land, which is needed for livelihood and sustenance," one speaker said. "So when the media continues to say that they dropped the bomb in the middle of nowhere, please make sure you reject that narrative, it is dehumanizing."

The rally was the latest in a series of protests since the US military dropped the GBU-43/B Massive Ordnance Air Blast (MOAB), dubbed the "mother of all bombs", on suspected Daesh (ISIL) hideouts in Afghanistan's Nangarhar Province, killing nearly a hundred people, whom the US alleges were all militants.

The MOAB weighs about 22,000 pounds (10,000 kg) and is the most powerful non-nuclear weapon ever designed. The Pentagon says this is the ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

7 Militants Killed in Ghazni Raid



GHAZNI CITY - At least seven Taliban have been killed and five others wounded during an operation in Dahyak district of southern Ghazni province, security official said on Monday.

Mohammad Hanif Rezaee, spokesman for 203rd Thunder Military Corps told Pajhwok Afghan News that security targeted the Taliban in Sulaimanzi area of the district on Sunday night.

"The militants were making a plot against the Afghan forces during a meeting when came under attack," he said.

Seven rebels were killed and five others wounded in the raid, Rezaee said.

Abdullah, an inhabitant of the locality said he had heard heavy weapons explosions last night. He also said that Taliban were gathered in a meeting when came under attack.

Taliban confirmed the fight with Afghan forces. The group's spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid said six policemen and three Taliban fighters were killed and a number of security forces wounded in the clash.

Two days ago, 11 militants were killed and eight others wounded in the same area during a clash with security forces. (Pajhwok)

3 Women, Child Killed by Taliban-Fired Mortar Shells

SAR-I-PUL - Three women and a child have been killed by a Taliban-fired mortar shell in the Sayad district of northern Sar-i-Pul province, residents and officials said on Monday. An inhabitant of the locality, who declined to be named, told Pajhwok Afghan News that two mortar shells struck two houses in the Biland Ghori area of the district late on Sunday night. He said two women were killed in one house and a child and woman in another. The resident did not have exact information as to who had fired the shells.

But Governor Mohammad Zahir said he had received two different reports. One report says the shells were fired by the Taliban and the second claims the civilians were killed on charges of spying for the government. On the other hand, the militants denied ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

4 Mine Making Factories Destroyed in Helmand

KABUL - At least four factories producing Improvised Explosive Device (IED) were destroyed during an operation conducted by the Afghan commandos in southern Helmand province. Local officials said the operation was conducted on Sunday night in the vicinity of Marjah district.

At least 800 various types of Improvised Explosive Device and two vehicles were also destroyed during the operations.

The destruction of the four factories will have a positive



impact to reduce the deadly roadside bombings which is one of the main tactics of the militants to attack the government and security officials that also leads to civilian casualties. According ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Senior Security Commander Killed in Taliban Ambush

KABUL - A senior security commander was killed in an ambush by the Taliban insurgents in northern Kunduz province of Afghanistan.

The commander of Baghlan coordination command Gen. Abdul Hai Atayi was travelling from Badakhshan to Baghlan province when he was ambushed by the Taliban insurgents earlier today.

According to reports, a number of others who were accompanying Gen. Atayi were also killed in the ambush but the exact number has not been ascertained so far.

The anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban insurgents have not commented regarding the report so far.

Kunduz is among the relatively volatile provinces in northern Afghanistan where the Taliban insurgents are actively operating in its various districts and often conduct insurgency activities.

The Taliban insurgents have stepped up their insurgency in this province during the recent years as they try to destabilize the northern provinces.

The latest attack on the commander of Baghlan coordination command comes despite the Afghan intelligence said there is a panic among the Taliban insurgents following the death of their leader Mullah Abdul Salam.

Earlier, Mullah Assadullah Mazlumyar, the shadow deputy provincial chief of the group for Kunduz was also killed in airstrikes conducted in Mullah Quli area of Dasht-e-Archi. (KP)

Rashid Looks Set to Shine Again for SRH Against KXIP

KABUL - Rashid Khan Arman, Afghanistan's IPL export for Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH), looks set to once again shine for his team in Monday's match against Kings of XI Punjab (KXIP).

Both teams will eye a return to their winning ways when they come up against each other in Match 19 of IPL 2017. Defending champions SRH started the season with two wins, before stumbling against Mumbai Indians and Kolkata Knight Riders.

KXIP's story has been pretty

similar too; they registered comprehensive wins in their first two matches, before losing to KKR and Delhi Daredevils.

However, Rashid, ranked 6th in the top 10 bowlers in this season's IPL, is a key player for his team - having taken wickets in all his overs so far for the Orange Army.

The outcome of this match will depend to a huge extent on which of the two Australians - David Warner or Glenn Maxwell captain of SRH and KXIP respectively - does

more damage with the bat. Both teams are undefeated on home ground, but are yet to win an away match this season. Monday's match will however be played at the Orange Army's home ground in Hyderabad.

David Warner has scored six half-centuries in 13 matches against KXIP; his last five scores against KXIP read 52, 59, 81, 58 and 44.

Rashid Khan's victims in IPL 2017 include Gautam Gambhir, Rohit Sharma, Suresh ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Taliban Kill Child and 3 Women over Alleged Cooperation with Govt

KABUL - The Taliban insurgents have executed a child and three women after charging them with the alleged cooperation with the government in northern Sar-e-Pul province.

According to the local government officials, the incident took place late on Sunday night in the vicinity of Sayad district.

Provincial governor's spokesman Zabiullah Amani confirmed the incident and said the women and the child were shot dead by the insurgents accusing them of helping the government. In the meantime, the Taliban insurgents in a statement claimed that a mortar round landed on a residential house in Sayad, leaving three civilians dead.

The execution of the civilians by the Taliban insurgents comes as the group is accused of two thirds of the civilian casualties in Afghanistan. The UN mission said it documented 11,418 civilian casualties between 1st January 2016 to 31st December, 2016.

According to the report, 61 percent of all civilian casualties were incurred through attacks by the anti-government elements which includes a total of 6,994 civilian casualties (2,131 deaths and 4,863 injured). (KP)

At Least One Security Official Injured in Kabul Explosion

KABUL - A security official was wounded as a result of magnetic bomb explosion in the Lahori Gate neighbourhood of Kabul province on Monday.

Brig. Gen. Hamayoon Ainee, in charge of 119 police helpline, told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosion occurred at round 7:00am. He said the wounded security official was in stable condition. The bomb had been attached to a Ranger pick-up carrying law-enforcement personnel. The official did not give further details. No group has so far claimed responsibility for the attack. But authorities often blame Taliban and Daesh militants for such incidents. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You are operating with conflicting agendas today and might be unable to resolve the differences. On one hand, you want to retreat from the outer world and spend the day in quiet contemplation. It's not that you're lazy; you just need some time to reflect on your life so you can decide what you want to do next. On the other hand, there are places to go and people to see.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You're unclear about your role with your friends and associates today. At work, you might not know where you best fit into the group process, or it may seem awkward to participate in social events. There's no reason to fake enthusiasm if you're not feeling a connection now. It's easier to establish your rhythm when you're not trying to dance to someone else's drum beat.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You might have your day mapped out in great detail, only to discover that you must change your schedule when something happens that's beyond your control. But perhaps you need to reconsider your overall goals before you simply shuffle a few appointments around. Rather than getting caught up in the tiny details, take a few steps back to review your current position, where you're coming from and where you wish to go.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

It's no fun when your coworkers make demands on your time, especially when you think they are being unreasonable. You know what needs to be done now and prefer to just get on with it. Unfortunately, things aren't flowing easily because people seem to be slightly misguided today. Nevertheless, it's not your job to straighten out anyone else when there's still plenty of unfinished business on your plate.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You may be mildly annoyed with others today, especially if your creative muse is nowhere to be found. It's tempting to blame someone for your shortcomings, but your unhappiness is likely more about you than anyone else. You could be irritated because concentration is challenging when your emotions get in the way of logic.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Misinterpreting someone's signals today could land you in a heap of trouble. Coworkers and friends can contribute to your confusion if they are not clear about their own goals. Remember, it's all too easy to jump to a conclusion based upon a faulty assumption when you don't have all the facts at your disposal. Thankfully, preventing a misunderstanding before it happens takes very little effort on your part if you simply ask the right questions along the way.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You know you can be more productive if you work alone today, but you're willing to sacrifice some overall efficiency for the sake of your team. But just pretending to be a part of the group won't achieve the results you seek; you must be willing to fully participate, even if it means getting your hands dirty. A half-hearted promise isn't the same as a real commitment. There are only two options: you're either in or you're out.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You're in a no-nonsense mood when it comes to business today - or so you say. You may attempt to do all the right things in order to demonstrate how serious you are now. Nevertheless, you might be unable to deny your inner child of its need to come out and play. Unfortunately, the more you restrict the fun and games, the less productive you are.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Sometimes, you just can't help but show the world your true colors, even if it doesn't further your cause. Your mind is not on work today; instead, you're dreaming of flying to Mars or conquering a Tibetan mountain. Unfortunately, your visions of the future are not grounded in reality, yet you talk about them as if they are already in the works. No doubt, everyone loves your I-can-do-it attitude, but only if you can discern the difference between fact and fancy.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

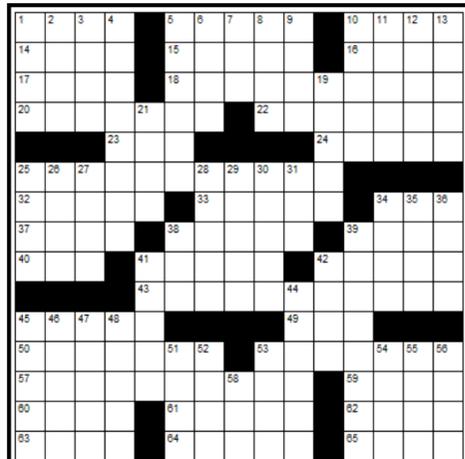
Although your definition of success may change month by month, achieving your dreams is on your agenda now. Nevertheless, it might seem as if the window of opportunity is closing so fast that you could lose your chance before you can make something happen. Ironically, true satisfaction isn't always found by attaining measurable results. Instead of basing your happiness on material wealth, go deep within to find an abundance of joy.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Love is in the air, but it seems as if you must meet someone else's expectations in a very specific manner if you want the approval you seek. However, being acknowledged by others won't fill the longings of an empty heart. Thankfully, your self-esteem soars when you reexamine your core values and choose a path based upon expressing them in the real world.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Paradoxically, you can be optimistic about your future even if you can't keep your feelings straight today. Instead of running the risk of high stress and irrepressible frustration, temporarily shift your focus away from your emotions and toward your daily routine. Concentrate on those activities that you perform day in and day out, without worrying about anything else. Limiting your actions narrows your thinking and frees you from a vicious cycle.



Across

- Shrub, 5. Sideshow attraction, 10. "Comes and _____", 14. Savvy about, 15. 1/16th of a pound, 16. Every single one, 17. Mangle, 18. Worriedly, 20. Scrutinized, 22. Dimensional, 23. Excavated, 24. Cantankerous, 25. A vegetable stew, 32. Complies, 33. Killed, 34. Vagrant, 37. Places, 38. Strange, 39. Greek cheese, 40. French for "Summer", 41. Gesture of indifference, 42. Tidy, 43. Representation of the heavens, 45. A cry of approval, 49. Not in, 50. Self-reproach, 53. Breed of large duck, 57. Disagreeable to the senses, 59. Hodgepodge, 60. Defrost, 61. Put out, 62. Umpires, 63. Female sheep (plural), 64. Rental agreement, 65. Distribute.

Down

- Python, 2. Two-toed sloth, 3. An upright in a wall, 4. Vacations, 5. Relinquish, 6. Regretted, 7. N N N N, 8. Does something, 9. Large brown seaweed, 10. "Beau _____", 11. Fertile area in a desert, 12. Panache, 13. Timidly, 19. Consumed, 21. Sounds of reproof, 25. Lasso, 26. Border, 27. French for "Head", 28. Utilizers, 29. Site of the Trojan War, 30. Very slow in tempo, 31. Cover, 34. Horn sound, 35. A D-Day beach, 36. Numerous, 38. Which person?, 39. Type of parasitic worm, 41. Gain points in a game, 42. Gunk, 44. Small chin beard, 45. Mist, 46. Regenerate, 47. Enough, 48. Units of electromotive force, 51. Travel on water, 52. Being, 53. Wildebeests, 54. Away from the wind, 55. Elevator (British), 56. Fail to win, 58. An Old Testament king

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