

# Civilians Mostly Victim of War As 7 Killed in 2 Days

KABUL - The ongoing militancy and violent incidents have claimed the lives of at least seven civilians and injured more than a dozen others in Afghanistan over the past two days. In the latest violent incident which harmed non-combatants in the conflict-hit Afghanistan, one innocent civilian lost his life and 14 others were wounded as a suicide bomber blew himself up in northern Mazar-e-Sharif city, the capital of Balkh province 305 km north of national capital Kabul city, on Tuesday. "The bloody suicide bombing occurred at 12:50 p.m. local time after a militant detonated his explosive-jacket at Mandawi, the city's food and



fruit market near the main square of the city killing a passerby on the spot and injuring 14 others, all innocent civilian including a woman and two children," an official told Xinhua but refused to be named, saying authorized officials would brief the media. Several shops and fruit handcart were also damaged due to the blast, according to eyewitnesses. However, Interior Ministry in a statement released hours after the blast in Mazar-e-Sharif described it as coward terrorist act... (More on P4)...(14)

## 2 Burn to Death after Car-Tanker Collision

SAR-I-PUL - Two people were burnt to death and a third was injured after an oil tanker crashed into a car near the capital of northern Sar-i-Pul province on Tuesday, an official said. The head-on collision between the tanker and a Corolla model car took place at around 09:00am in Syedabad area on the outskirts of Sar-i-Pul city. Giving an eyewitness account, Zakirullah, at the scene, told Pajhwok that the tanker was moving at a high speed and it collided with a car after one of its tyres burst. He said after the collision, both the vehicles flipped over and caught fire, leaving two persons dead in the car. The car driver's son, who arrived at the scene while crying, said an engineer, Mohammad Asif at the Amo Zone Petroleum Company, rented his father's car. They were en route to Sar-i-Pul city from Shibergan, Jawzjan province capital, but both died in the accident, he added. Sar-i-Pul traffic department... (More on P4)...(15)

## 26 Rebels Eliminated in Airstrikes

FAIZABAD - Twenty-six Taliban insurgents have been killed and 10 others wounded in Afghan forces airstrikes in the Raghistan district of northeastern Badakhshan province, an official said on Tuesday leaving 26 dead and 10 others wounded. Police Spokesman 1st Lt. Masood Arshad told Pajhwok Afghan News militants hideouts were targeted in the airstrikes late on Monday leaving 26 rebels dead and 10 others wounded. He said the air raid was a part of offensive codename Kockha launched in the district from July 27.



At least 53 insurgents had been killed and 42 others wounded since the launch of anti-rebels drive in the area. Four security personnel were also killed and six others wounded during the operation, he added. Earlier, ... (More on P4)...(16)

## Children Among 5 Dead in Landmine Explosions

KANDAHAR CITY - Five civilians, including children, have been killed and one wounded in separate roadside explosions in Southern Kandahar province, an official said on Tuesday. Four children each seven, eight and 10 years old were killed in a roadside explosion in the Landi Karez locality of Spin Boldak district late on Monday, Samim Khapalwak, the governor's Spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News. Separately, one Kochi nomad was killed and another wounded in a landmine explosion in the Ali Baba locality of Takhta Pol district, he said. According to khapalwak the Kochis were grazing their sheep in the area when the incident happened. The injured was evacuated to the hospital who was in good conditions. ... (More on P4)...(17)

## 37 Taliban Insurgents Killed in Helmand Clash

LASHKARGAH - At least 37 Taliban insurgents, including their commander, were killed in fresh clashes with security forces in southern Helmand province, the provincial governor's media office said in a statement late Monday. "The Taliban were killed in Nad Ali, Garemsir and Nawa districts of the province in clashes with security forces and Mullah Janan, a Taliban commander is also among the dead," according to the statement. One soldier was also killed and five



others were injured, it said. This comes as battles rage between security forces and Taliban fighters in Helmand. Reports indicate that government troops are faced with a serious shortage of military equipment. According to TOLNews' Wali Arian and Abdullah Hamim who reported from the first line of the battle, commando troops ... (More on P4)...(18)

## Father Kills Daughter, Her Lover

SHARANA - A father has killed his daughter and a young man over alleged 'illicit relationship' in the Yusufkhel district of south-eastern Paktika province, family sources said on Tuesday. Sayedullah, a relative of the girl's family, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place in Mashkil village late on Monday. The boy and the girl were found together inside the girl's house and were shot dead by the girl's father and their bodies were put outside the house. Haji Mateen, a tribal elder in nearby Mula Khalo village, identified the slain young man as Salam Khan, son of Asmatullah Khan, residents of Ginokhil village in Omna district. He said Salam Khan worked in the land authority department. Another member of the girl's family said first the boy was stabbed with a knife ... (More on P4)...(19)

## Lawmaker's Residence Comes under Attack in Parwan

KABUL - Wolesi Jirga Member Abdul Sattar Khawasi residence has been attacked in the Shinwari district of central Parwan province, an official said on Tuesday. District Police Chief Col. Shah Hussain Maqsudi told Pajhwok Afghan News the attack was mounted by the rebels at around 7:30pm Monday night and continued until 12:30pm. He said Khawasi came to his village Ishtar for picnic and last night his house was attacked. Maqsudi said body guards of Khawasi showed strong resistance to the attack and



later security forces arrived in the area and controlled the situation. Police Chief Brig. Gen. Mohammad Zaman Mamozai confirmed the attack on Khawasi's house and said additional security forces had been dispatched to the area to halt another attack of the same nature. The ... (More on P4)...(20)

## Children Among 4 Dead in Overnight Khost Raid

KHOST CITY - Afghan Special Forces have killed two children as many militants and wounded 15 civilians including women in the Sperai district of southeastern Khost province, an official said on Tuesday. Mohammad Azem, the town's administrative chief told Pajhwok Afghan News, Afghan forces conducted a raid on the outskirts of the district against insurgents. He did not provide further information about the overnight raid, but said the purpose of the operation



was militants. A government official who wished anonymity confirmed the Special Forces raid, but did not give more details. At least 1,601 civilian have been killed and 3,565 others injured in the first half of the current year, showing a record surge of four percent compared to the corresponding period in 2015, ... (More on P4)...(21)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

Your lack of patience motivates you to move away from the centrist position you were previously holding. But you are more compulsive than impulsive about executing your plan today because you are fearful about making a careless mistake. It's one thing to acknowledge you're at a point of no return, but it's something else to be cool enough to make your current actions count.

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

Your expectations can lead to trouble today if you are relying on someone else for advice. A close friend or partner will likely step up to the plate to present an alternative perspective on a current situation. Although you may be appreciative of the additional point of view, it's not wise to accept it as equal to your own perceptions because other people have their personal biases.

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

You believe you know the best way to go about your business today and are reluctant to listen to anyone else's criticism. Nevertheless, your air of self-sufficiency won't prevent someone from answering your questions before you even ask them. Although your gut reaction is to be dismissive, you could learn something important if you get past your resistance and maintain an open mind.

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

You're motivated to express what's on your mind today, even if the thought of revealing your truth makes you recoil in fear. But don't let the limitations of your logic stand between you and effective communication because your disclosure carries the potential to positively impact your life. You have the power of integrity on your side; don't be afraid to use it for the good of all.

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

You have stories that you want to remain private today and no amount of prying will encourage you to unzip your lips. Your current charm enables you to keep things to yourself without alienating anyone in the process. In fact, you make it look easy when you declare your boundaries in such a friendly manner that people can't help.

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

You're unwilling to gamble on shaking up your schedule today, even if your calculated odds look promising. Oddly enough, you are not intrigued in the slightest by endless stacks of data that could be used to justify your position. Instead of your regular penchant for facts, you're eager to unwrap a few magical tidbits now. Although you're fascinated by the alluring music of your imagination, there's little room for error when it comes to your world of efficiency.

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

It's all about your self-esteem -- or your lack of it -- today. Typically, you shine when you're surrounded by like-minded people who know and love you. But maintaining your confidence isn't easy, especially if you long for time by yourself away from the crowd. Whatever course of action you choose, you must juggle your attraction to the spotlight and your current fear of being on the big stage.

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

You're unsure how to handle your intense mood changes now that the emotional Moon is kicking up a storm in your sign. As soon as you acknowledge your feelings, they morph into a new configuration that makes it difficult to keep track of them. Unfortunately, you can exhaust yourself, and others, by making a big deal of every passing thought.

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

You might not want to come out of hiding today, although this reclusive behavior contradicts your normal outgoing nature. Of course, you are not responsible for everyone else's feelings, but there's no reason to alienate your allies by ignoring them. It won't take much extra energy to simply inform them of your motives so they won't over-personalize your introspective attitude now.

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

You are extremely discerning about who you associate with and you aren't willing to change your selection criteria just to appease someone else today. However, establishing your standards might not be as logical of a process as you claim; instead of adhering to rules, you arbitrarily pick and choose your friends by the feeling in the pit of stomach.

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

Nearly everything you do today is aimed at climbing the ladder of success. But you're not satisfied now with making progress and then resting on your laurels. You're gazing further into the future and are willing to make short-term sacrifices to achieve long-term objectives. Although you might be tempted to set out on your own, there is much to gain from the resources others could bring to the table.

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

You have your heart set on doing something out of the ordinary and you don't want to wait forever to make it happen. However, there may be someone else involved who has a slightly different idea of what an adventure might look like. Don't get discouraged if a resolution seems elusive now; you will have plenty of time to put it all together once you reach a mutual agreement on the overall plan. Steer clear of impulsive decisions today.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-62 indicating starting positions for clues.

Across: 1. Chocolate-flavored coffee, 6. Killed, 10. Austrian peaks, 14. Not cool, 15. Engineering school, 16. Casino game, 17. Top of the head, 18. Relating to aircraft, 19. Journey, 20. Tympani, 22. Prima donna problems, 23. Beer, 24. Mistake, 26. Eyelash, 30. Caverns, 32. Hunting dog, 33. A body of fundamental beliefs, 37. Picnic insects, 38. Heroism, 39. District, 40. A fictitious name, 42. Birdlike, 43. Type of rubber, 44. Fancy, 45. Mystic, 47. Hale, 48. Petty quarrel, 49. Copious, 56. High fidelity, 57. Black, in poetry, 58. Ringworm cassia, 59. Chocolate cookie, 60. Weight to be borne, 61. Complete, 62. Small slender gull, 63. Cravings, 64. Muzzle.

Down: 1. Scent, 2. A single time, 3. Gossip, 4. Sword handle, 5. Clap, 6. Ancient Greek unit of length, 7. Lascivious look, 8. Beige, 9. Whatever person, 10. Man's lotion, 11. Very slow in tempo, 12. Earlier in time, 13. Absorbs, 21. Shade tree, 25. Record (abbrev.), 26. Fellow, 27. Charged particles, 28. Pear-shaped instrument, 29. Protection, 30. The whorl of sepals, 31. "Smallest" particle, 33. Walking stick, 34. Colored part of an eye, 35. Oceans, 36. Numerous, 38. In a consecrated manner, 41. Water barrier, 42. Creative persons, 44. Not brilliant, 45. Steeple, 46. Thin disk of unleavened bread, 47. Bankrolls, 48. Fired a weapon, 50. Double-reed woodwind, 51. Give temporarily, 52. A noble gas, 53. Savvy about, 54. Two-toed sloth, 55. Sodium chloride.

Yesterday's Solution: SPAS, CREST, BAIL, PATH, MONOR, LUNA, PLOE, ADDLE, PATIED, DEMESNE, EYESORE, PUG, NESTS, DELINEATION, AMIS, COMFY, HOIT, RICH, CRUP, RIEDO, ETE, SMITE, AARON, MUDSLINGERS, TAUPE, NAG, APPEASE, ALLESEID, GOLLORAT, DORSE, ODIN, SASIN, LANE, SETS, STEAD, YLEM

after, blend, bone, bowel, chance, control, doctors, drain, effect, elect, enter, field, glee, greed, here, humor, immune, important, include, leer, level, nose, null, numbers, plant, prevent, remedy, rile, rodents, roommate, rout, scientist, shown, spice, spread.

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TRMRERET TOUCHU  
NIMUARCHANCED  
YEARNISURGERY  
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