

Rebels in Ghor Torch Civilian Houses, Harvests

FIROZKOH - Officials say militants attacked a village, leave two persons wounded and kidnapping five others after torching a number of houses and harvests in western Ghor province.

The incident took place in Nawi Apand village of Dawlatyar district on Monday night.

Mohammad Musa Kalim, the Dawlatyar district chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that militants lobbed hand gre-



nades into the houses of villagers which left a woman and 12 years old girl wounded.

He said armed men then set two houses and some harvests on fire and took 600 livestock and 250,000 cash from people.

The attackers also held five civilians hostage briefly.

Villagers had only four guns for their protection which were also taken by militants, Kalim said.

A provincial council member Abdul...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Eight Insurgents Killed in Laghman Operation



KABUL - At least 8 insurgents were killed in special operations by the Afghan security forces in eastern Laghman province on Monday night, provincial police said in a statement.

The operation was launched in Alingar district of the province after insurgents started clashes

with security forces, the statement said. "Qari Zahid, one of the Taliban commanders in Laghman is also among the dead,". The statement did not provide details about casualties among the security forces. The Taliban have not yet commented on the incident. *(Tolonews)*

Militants Kill 4 Abducted Engineers in Ghazni

GHAZNI CITY - Officials on Tuesday said that 4 engineers kidnapped by militants in southern Ghazni province have been killed. The governor's spokesman Shafiq Nang told Pajhwok Afghan News the engineers were kidnapped by militants from Jaghato district to Khogyani district last Thursday. The dead bodies of the kidnapped engineers have been recovered in Gusfandi



area on the outskirts of Ghazni city this morning. Nang did not provide more details. A security official wishing ano-

nymity said the engineers were working in government's construction projects...*(More on P4)...(20)*

401kg of Drugs Seized in Baghlan, Samangan

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Police seized 312 kilograms of hashish in northern Baghlan and 89 kg of opium in northern Samangan province, arresting four persons, officials said on Monday.

Baghlan counternarcotics chief Col. Nizamuddin Nizam told Pajhwok Afghan News 312 kg of hashish was confiscated from a truck carrying melons in Khanjan district on Monday.

The hashish in special plastic bags had been brought from Takhar province and two men, residents of Nangarhar province, were arrested in connection with the seizure, he said.

A day earlier, police in northeastern Kunduz province seized 140 kilograms of narcotics and detained two people.

Security officials say most of drugs are trafficked from Takhar, Badakhshan and Kunduz provinces to capital Kabul.

According to another report, 83 kilograms of opium and six kilograms of hashish were seized from a 303 public transport bus in Aibak, the capital of Samangan province, on Monday.

Provincial counternarcotics chief Col. Abdul Razaq Shirzada said that the bus driver and his assistant had been arrested in connection with the drugs.

He said 272 kilograms of heroin, 111 kilograms of opium and 100 kilograms of hashish had been seized and 17 people arrested this year on the Kabul-Mazar-I-Sharif highway in Samangan province. *(Pajhwok)*

2 Construction Workers Kidnapped in Badghis

QAL-E-NAW - Unidentified gunmen have abducted two construction workers in northwestern Badghis province.

The workers were reportedly abducted from a construction site in Muqur District.

Abdul Hadi Badghisi, governor of Muqur District confirming the incident said on Tuesday that ef-



orts were being made to secure the release.

It is yet unknown who the kidnappers are and what

might be the motive behind the abduction.

This comes as officials found dead bodies of four engineers in the jurisdiction of Ghazni province this morning.

Shafiq Nang Safai, spokesman for the governor of Ghazni province said that the engineers were kidnapped from Jaghato District five days before. *(KP)*

Scores of Rebels Dead, Injured in Faryab Operations

MAIMANA - Officials in northwestern Faryab province claimed inflicting heavy casualties on rebels and recapturing large areas of the province. However, provincial council head says hundreds of families have been displaced due to fighting and families are in dire need of aid.

Acting Governor Abdul Sattar Bariz told Pajhwok Afghan



News that 147 militants were killed and 150 others wounded during operations in Al-

mar, Qaisar and Pashtoon Kot districts in the past two weeks. Taliban commanders Mullah Allauddin, Mullah Abdul Hamid Shamolzai, Maulvi Khan Agha, Mullah Borjan Ghor-machi, Mullah Shah Dawood Murghabi, Maulvi Shafiqullah and Muhibullah and two Pakistanis were also among the dead, he added...*(More on P4)...(21)*

3 Taliban Dead, 2 Wounded in Helmand Infighting

LASHGARKAH - 3 Taliban fighters have been killed and 2 others wounded in internal clash in southern Helmand province, an official said on Tuesday.

Mohammad Qayoom Musazoi, the Grishak district chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the firefight erupted late last night in the Kala Goz area



of the district. The gun battle started when Taliban fighters exchanged harsh words after distribution of goods. However, Qari

Yousaf Ahmadi, a Taliban spokesman, claimed capturing two kidnapers, including a killer, of militants. *(Pajhwok)*

Looming Suicide Attack on Zabul PC Foiled: NDS

KABUL - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) on Tuesday claimed foiling an imminent suicide attack on the Provincial Council (PC) office of southern Zabul province. According to a statement from the spy network, NDS officials arrested two would be suicide bombers after identi-



fying them and killed their third colleague before reaching to his intended target. Taliban have not yet commented on the incident. On May 25, a car suicide bombing targeted Zabul provincial council office, leaving 68 people including civilians, police and government office wounded. *(Pajhwok)*

Militants Suffer Heavy Casualties, Claim Officials

KABUL - Security officials on Tuesday claimed insurgents suffered heavy casualties during a series of operations and clashes in various parts of the country.

Last night, three militants were killed in a NATO drone strike in the Shegal district of eastern Kunar province, the provincial police chief said.

Brig. Gen. Abdul Habib Syed-



khel told Pajhwok the drone strike took place in Shonkorak valley and that civilians escaped unhurt.

Elsewhere, five militants were killed and nearly a dozen were injured on Monday in a ground...*(More on P4)...(22)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You are highly motivated to find ways to express the colorful images running through your mind today. Nevertheless, your current desire to escape from reality makes it tough to follow through with your chores because you would rather be daydreaming more than anything else. It can be quite complicated to channel this surreal energy when issues from your subconscious float to the surface.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Many things about your life appear differently to your friends than they do to you. Paradoxically, the more you attempt to reveal the true depth of your feelings today, the more you confuse everyone else. Fortunately, if you can rise above your need to set the record straight, you could be quite an inspiration to others.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Your foggy brain may cloud your thinking today, but you can make the most of your creative buzz anyhow, if you watch out for a few potential pitfalls. You are unusually hypersensitive now with irrational feelings flooding into your thoughts; even your sensory impressions are temporarily overwhelming. Forget about mundane responsibilities like balancing your checkbook or planning the rest of your life.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You secretly harbor fantasies of breaking loose and doing something entirely out of the box. Perhaps it's time to start envisioning your next getaway, especially if you haven't had a real vacation in a while. However, you must balance your dreams with realism now if you want them to come true. Don't be too self-critical if you can't figure out the logistics.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You may be misled today by someone you trust. Although no one is out to purposefully trick you, others can inadvertently create confusion if they don't verify all their facts. Additionally, your logic is blurred by your own fantasies, whether they are about fame or fortune. Don't be distracted by unrealistic goals now that you have important business to handle.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Your analytical thinking may not be as sharp as you prefer while your ruling planet Mercury opposes nebulous Neptune. In fact, reality could be slightly beyond your grasp today with your mind working overtime in the realms of fantasy. Fortunately, your excursions into the dreamworld can be quite productive as long as you remember the difference between fact and fiction. Let your imagination feed your future.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



A vivid daydream may be so convincing that you almost believe it's true. Unfortunately, your logic isn't trustworthy because your thinking is very subjective. Instead of making an important decision at work today, consider all the possibilities without picking a favorite scenario. The current antidote is to do something enjoyable that gets you out of your head and into your body.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Your romantic landscape may seem quite cloudy and fraught with traps of misunderstanding. It's up to you to be clear in all your communications, without being overly demanding about your needs. You could even fall in love if you let your guard down. Tread carefully; it's probably safer to seek pleasure through creative pursuits now than from relationships.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



You carry an air of spontaneity about you and your cheerful confidence, combined with your idealism, attracts compelling people into your life. Nevertheless, it's still hard to find an adventurous companion who shares your overall outlook on life. It's perfectly acceptable to say no to someone's generous offer. Limiting your options allows you to accomplish more in the long run.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



It's disconcerting if you can't complete all your work on schedule. You have your sights aimed high, but you might be so unrealistic in your thinking now that you end up falling short of your mark. You want to feel free enough to follow your dreams but could grow disheartened if you think you need to be more practical in your approach.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



You may have some explaining to do about your radical approach to life, but you sound less and less convincing as you ramble on. Even if you don't intend on saying anything at all today, you still might be enticed into spilling all the beans before you know it. Unfortunately, your words can't paint the picture that you see in your mind's eye now, so craft your message carefully.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You're holding your unfulfilled dreams very close to the surface today while trying to keep up appearances so others aren't aware of your inner turbulence. Although your guarded behavior is actually an effective coping mechanism while on the job, you might inadvertently send out mixed messages. Practical analysis may be beyond your reach now, so don't try to hide behind emotionally detached logic.



Across

1. Pincer, 6. After-bath powder, 10. Vipers, 14. Long-necked bird, 15. Dwarf buffalo, 16. Greek sandwich, 17. Lingo, 18. Cease, 19. Smile, 20. Tendency, 22. Regrets, 23. Born as, 24. Toots, 26. Instant, 30. Units of paper, 32. Smell, 33. Cattails, 37. Big party, 38. Small drum, 39. Greek letter, 40. Sicknesses, 42. A ring-shaped surface, 43. Chills and fever, 44. Wimbledon sport, 45. Wand, 47. Latin for "Peace", 48. 8 in Roman numerals, 49. Emphasize, 56. Cocoyam, 57. Filly's mother, 58. A directional stroke on a violin, 59. Adolescent, 60. False god, 61. Way to go, 62. Probabilities, 63. Stitches, 64. Go in.

Down

1. Fellow, 2. German for "Mister", 3. Therefore, 4. Coil, 5. Aerial, 6. Thigh armor, 7. Against, 8. Plunder, 9. S. American amphibious rodent, 10. Raid, 11. A thick sweet liquid, 12. Jimmies, 13. Male offspring, 21. Mesh, 25. Large flightless bird, 26. Wise men, 27. By mouth, 28. Gangster's gal, 29. Emissions, 30. Yokels, 31. L L L, 33. Headquarters, 34. Warning device, 35. Decorative case, 36. Back talk, 38. Earthquake waves, 41. Conceit, 42. The feel of a surface, 44. Buff, 45. Stayed, 46. Assisted, 47. Rinds, 48. Quash, 50. An abandoned calf, 51. Gloat, 52. Atop, 53. Border, 54. Carry, 55. Pitcher.

Yesterday's Solution



accident, adopt, array, bales, board, cheap, coat, combination, cosmic, creation, crown, crux, dirt, editor, ethical, excellence, expert, hare, history, intelligence, iced, lever, main, party, pert, poison, raise, retail, revoke, rump, serial, string, truth, volume, weekly, worth, years.

