

Analysts See Drug Mafia, Foreign Intel Behind Raging Fighting

KABUL - Some political analysts on Thursday said the stalled peace talks and successive interference of regional intelligence were behind the intensifying violence in some areas of the country.

Recently, clashes between insurgents and security forces in Badakhshan, Herat, Jawzjan, Faryab, Baghlan, Helmand, Nangarhar, Laghman and Paktia provinces witnessed a surge, with both the warring sides suffering casualties each day.

The fighting rages two months ahead of an international community's conference in Brussels, the capital of Belgium, aimed at financially supporting Afghanistan in cooperation with the European Union (EU).

The Afghan government is making efforts to present its achievements in the fields of security and politics to the international community. While in October this year, the unity govern-



ment agreement that calls for convening a loya jirga will complete. The Loya Jirga, if convened, will amend the Constitution to create the post of a prime minister, but the government is yet to take practical steps in this regard.

A political analyst, Javed Ghafari, said the conflict in Afghanistan had surged because it was the fighting season and said it happened every year during these months.

He told Pajhwok Afghan News internal differences in the unity government over the past two years led to managerial problems in the Afghan security forces.

Ghafari believed the intensified fighting had nothing to do with the economical... (More on P4)...(20)

Ghor Deputy Police Chief Injured, 14 Taliban Dead in Clash

MAIMANA/FEROZ-KOH - Deputy Police Chief of western Ghor province has been wounded during a clash with militants, while a 14-year-old boy joined the Taliban ranks after killing a policeman in northwestern Faryab province, officials said on Friday.

Fourteen Taliban were killed and Mohammad Zaman Azemi, deputy police Chief, and some commando forces were wounded during a clash during a clearing operation in Pasa-bad district on Thursday, Ghor Governor Ghulam Nasir Khadai said. Police Chief Brig. Gen. Ghulam

Mustafa Muhsani said 117 security personnel and over 500 Taliban have been killed and wounded during clashes in Pasa-bad district from the past three months. Separately, Niamatullah, 14, the son of an employee of police headquarters in Khawaja Sabz Posh district of Faryab, shot dead a policeman late on Thursday and joined the Taliban ranks, the town's administrative chief said.

A security official, who wished to go unnamed, confirmed the incident and said police had opened investigation into the incident. (Pajhwok)

Crew of Crashed Copter Shifted to Pakistan

KABUL - The six crewmembers of a Pakistani helicopter that crash landed in central Logar province have been recovered and shifted to Pakistan, a media report said on Thursday.

Pakistan media quoted unnamed sources as saying the crewmembers were handed over to the Pakistani authorities in Chitral district.

The crewmembers included five Pakistani officials



and a Russian. The helicopter was en route to Russia for overhauling when it crash landed in Azra district of the province and... (More on P4)...(21)

4 Civilians Dead in Kandahar Roadside Explosion

KANDAHAR CITY - Four civilians were killed in a roadside explosion in the Maiwand district of southern Kandahar province on Friday, an official said.

Samim Khapalwak, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News a car carrying civilians struck a roadside bomb in the Shal Ghami locality early morning in which four people were killed and the vehicle was destroyed.

He said... (More on P4)...(22)

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

National Procurement Authority (NPA) on behalf of Ministry of Communication and IT (MCIT) now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Procurement of Equipment and System Upgrade of the National Data Center against IFB No. NPA/MCIT/95/ICB/G-1266. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the Afghanistan procurement law.

A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be obtained by interested bidders by downloading the same from the NPA website www.npa.gov.af. In case of problem in downloading from website, interested bidders may contact to: National Procurement Authority, 5th Floor, Administrative Office of President, Pashtonistan Watt, Kabul, Afghanistan

Mobile: +93 (020)214 7453

Email: nizamuddin.bakhshi@aop.gov.af copy to murwarid.tajzai@aop.gov.af

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security (Bank Guarantee) in USD or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

No	Description	Bid Security amount (USD) or an equivalent amount in freely convertible currency
1	Procurement of Equipment and System Upgrade of the National Data Center	10,000.00 \$

Pre- Bid meeting shall be held at 10.00 Hrs on 27th august 2016 at Ministry of Communication and IT (MCIT) Kabul, Afghanistan.

Bids must be delivered to the address above at or before 10.00 Hrs (local time) on 10th September, 2016. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline of bid submission at the same place of bid submission, in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person.

AUAF in Kabul Reopens after Professors Kidnapped

KUNDUZ CITY - The intelligence chief for northern Kunduz province was wounded in a Taliban ambush on Wednesday, a security official said.

The National Directorate of Security (NDS) director, Gen. Mohammad Jassim Anwari, came under attack on his way to the airport in the provincial capital.

Senior police officer Brig. Gen. Aziz Kamawal told Pajhwok Afghan News the NDS director had been wounded in the legs. However, he is said to be in stable condition.

Meanwhile, another police officer, who did not want to be named, said Gen. Anwari had been evacuated to a hospital... (More on P4)...(23)

ANA Troops Among 39 Dead in Clashes Countrywide

KABUL - Eleven Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers and 28 militants have been killed and 29 others wounded during clearing operations in different parts of the country in the past 24 hours, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said on Friday.

Fifteen rebels, including local Commander Shaikh Ismael, were killed in Kunduz, three in Baghlan, seven in Uruzgan and three others were eliminated in Logar and Helmand provinces, a statement from the MoD said.



Twenty one more insurgents, including Mullah Abdul Salam Turkman, were wounded in Kunduz, three in Uruzgan and five others in Logar and Helmand provinces, the... (More on P4)...(24)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Paradoxically, there are so many options available now you can't seem to decide which one to pursue. A thrilling connection between unpredictable Uranus and jubilant Jupiter has hope springing forth from the farthest reaches of your imagination, teasing you with endless possibilities. Although you're itching to start a new venture, you may be temporarily thwarted in your efforts.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Reality imposes itself on you with a vengeance today, requiring accountability for any recent lack of discipline in financial matters. Fortunately, the need for clarification with others fosters a sense of trust and encourages sincere communication. Meanwhile, brilliant ideas flow through your mind like seeds in the wind. It's up to you to catch the best ones and nurture them until they grow into tangible alternatives.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Metaphysical earthquakes can shake your life, upsetting the status quo and inspiring radical change. However, the Moon's conjunction with naysaying Saturn in your 7th House of Partnerships also brings a person into your life that appears to stand in the way of your progress. Nevertheless, the real obstacles are internal and it's up to you to process your own resistance. If you avoid the temptation to promise more than you can deliver.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Fully appreciating your current circumstances can be tricky now as boredom motivates you to initiate impulsive action. Although you may be eager to make big changes in your life, it will take time for the long-term effects of today's intentions to manifest. It feels as if you're listening to a different drummer, yet it's wise to save your wildest dancing until you see how everything unfolds.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your creativity may be blocked by a temporary lack of confidence today, but an unexpected encounter could flip your perspective upside down before you know it. Irrepressible Uranus zaps boisterous Jupiter in your 2nd House of Self-Esteem, suddenly opening the floodgates to self-expression.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You can turn the sourest of grapes into the sweetest of wine if you're willing to focus on the potential gain instead of the frustration of the present moment. Logically, you realize that a current setback might be in your best interest, even if it doesn't feel so good now. Avoid the temptation to withdraw today; instead, make a commitment to engage in the process of metamorphosis as you free the butterfly from the restraints of the cocoon.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You must swallow an unpleasant dose of reality today, but this harsh medicine can help you to stabilize your closest relationships. The Moon's conjunction with pragmatic Saturn in your 3rd House of Immediate Environment requires you to approach your plans in a down-to-earth manner now. The chances for success are excellent if you clearly state your goals to everyone involved.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

It's never too late to manifest positive growth in your career and achieve greater financial stability. The Moon's conjunction with crystallizing Saturn in your 2nd House of Personal Resources is a quiet reminder to conserve your energy while working toward your goals.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You might consciously decide to maintain a serious attitude today while the Moon is constrained by somber Saturn in your sign. However, you can't seem to make the ripples of excitement disappear as bountiful Jupiter connects with electrifying Uranus. Unfortunately, you may already be overloaded with work and it's not a good idea to voluntarily add anything else to the pile.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

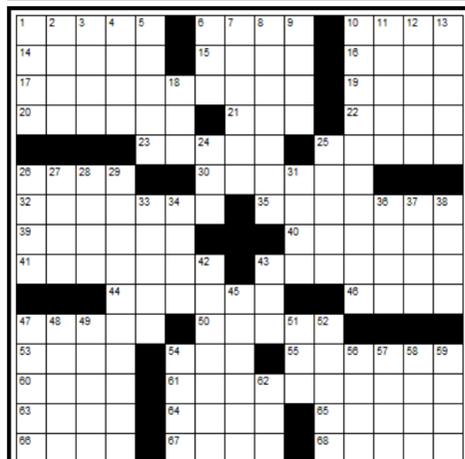
Someone might throw a monkey wrench of unexpected information into your world today, requiring fast thinking and emotional flexibility on your part. Meanwhile, you're more serious than ever about embracing the power of now and simultaneously creating a positive impact on your future. This alternating pattern of expansion and contraction can feel contradictory.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

It's annoying if you can see the amazing alternatives all around you, yet still feel restricted in a way that prevents you from having too much fun. Thankfully, your self-restraint is rewarded if you work hard to fulfill your social and professional obligations. Nevertheless, the weight of heavy responsibility is counterbalanced by buoyant Jupiter's connection to wild Uranus.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Overcoming criticism may feel like an impossible task, especially since the harder you try today, the farther you seem to wander off course. Ironically, a flexible attitude allows you to find useful solutions within the information explosion generated by the brilliant Jupiter-Uranus alignment. Although one inner voice is warning you to abandon your foolish expectations, rebellious Uranus has little respect for the laws of reality.



Across

1. Knuckleheads, 6. Portuguese folksong, 10. Metal fastener, 14. Site of the Trojan War, 15. Naval jail, 16. Ammunition, 17. Relating to geology, 19. A chess piece, 20. A musical composition, 21. Beer, 22. Nobleman, 23. Avoid, 25. Rip up, 26. Iota, 30. Narrate, 32. Listen, 35. Foot lever, 39. Battalions, 40. Music from the 50s and 60s, 41. Any dramatic scene, 43. Patella, 44. Graduates, 46. Declare untrue, 47. Exploits, 50. Indicates, 53. Sea eagle, 54. Mistake, 55. Emissary, 60. Lion sound, 61. Wildlife warden, 63. Largest continent, 64. Food thickener, 65. Relaxes, 66. Satan's territory, 67. Expunge, 68. Shooting sport.

Down

1. Excavates, 2. Margarine, 3. King of the jungle, 4. A city in western Russia, 5. Clobbered, 6. A law enforcement agency, 7. Portico, 8. Language variant, 9. Leer at, 10. Mulish, 11. French for "Love", 12. A cloud of fine particles, 13. Prodded, 18. Woman, 24. A large vase, 25. Inscribed pillar, 26. Huh?, 27. Sister and wife of Zeus, 28. Poetic foot, 29. Involving three parties, 31. Weightlifters pump this, 33. Stagers, 34. Brother of Jacob, 36. Cut into cubes, 37. Low-fat, 38. Catch a glimpse of, 42. Offense, 43. Child, 45. Usual, 47. Hebrew unit of weight, 48. Jagged, 49. Escargot, 51. Antlered animal, 52. Clairvoyants, 54. Quaint outburst, 56. Eccentric person, 57. Church alcove, 58. French for "Head", 59. At one time (archaic), 62. Before, poetically.

Yesterday's Solution

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