

# 7 Militants Killed in Clash with Security Forces in

LASHKARGAH - Seven Taliban fighters were killed and four others wounded after they launched coordinated attacks on security check-posts in Lashkargah in southern Helmand province, an official said on Friday. Police chief for first district Lt. Col. Jan Agha Dawari told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban stormed check posts in Qala Sung area. Seven militants including notorious commander Mullah Zafran were killed, four others wounded and a police informant arrested. "The Taliban's dead bodies are still lying at the scene. The fighters have sent local elders to collect the corpses of their colleagues," he added. Security forces and civilians remained unhurt in the firefight. Abdul Ahad, a resident of the locality, confirmed...*(More on P4)...(19)*



# 6 Rebels Dead, 3 Wounded in Nangarhar Operations

JALALABAD - Six militants were killed and three others wounded during operations in three different districts of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Friday. Col. Mohammad NaumanHatafi, spokesman for the 201st Military Corps, told Pajhwok Afghan News the operations were conducted in Khogyani, Shezad and Hesarak districts. Hisarak, Daud Qala, Haji Rashid Qala, LngarKhail and SargardanChowk areas had been purged of



militants, he said, adding that security forces and civilians remained unhurt. A heavy cache of ammunition was seized. Faridullah Sahel, a resident of the locality, confirmed the military offensive but he had no details of casualties. The Taliban have...*(More on P4)...(21)*

# Woman Dons Uniform in Protest over Pakistan



KABUL - An Afghan woman wearing a military uniform - in support of local security forces - embarked on a sit-in protest in a Kabul park on Friday and called on the UN Security Council to take action against Pakistan for its destructive activities against Afghanistan. Women's right activist ShukriaSeratWalizada, who was wearing a military uniform, embarked on her protest in Shar-e Naw Park, in downtown Kabul, in a bid to mobilize people to support her cause.

"The recent suicide attacks in which many people lost their lives in the country are reasons for us to raise our voices and take action," said ShuriaSeratWalizada. Walizada said that she is tired of the security situation and tired of recent actions by Pakistan and she wants the UN Security Council to take action to end Pakistan's interference in Afghanistan.

"Cut ties of Afghanistan relations with Pakistan and remove ISI agents from our government are two of our demands which are very important for the security of our country," Walizada added. Meanwhile, a number of civil society activists and Kabul provincial council members have come out in support of Walizada's action and said that such a move is significant in the country's efforts to improve morale among the troops.

"The authorities held failed talks with Pakistan which leaves the nation having to fight terrorism on its own," said Ali YazdanParast Kabul a provincial council member. "Our demand from government is to get rid of the fifth columnists (opposition within the government) which is a serious threat and creates challenges for the people," said FaizullahFarahmand another civil society activist. Protest action has increased recently amid a strong outcry in Afghanistan against Pakistan after President Ashraf Ghani and CEO Abdullah Abdullah both criticized Pakistan for backing insurgent groups and leading the war in Afghanistan. *(Tolonews)*

# NDS Arrests Two Terrorists in Nimroz

KABUL - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) - Afghanistan's intelligence agency has rounded up two terrorists in southwestern Nimroz province. Shah Wali S/O Sultan Mohammad and Ahmad Gul S/O Lal Mohammad are originally from Pasawand District of Ghor province but were carrying out terrorist activities in Nimroz province. A statement issued by the NDS on Thursday states that the terrorists were detained with a pistol and a motorcycle



from the jurisdiction of Taliban. NDS statements usually do not contain the exact date of the achievements but they normally come after recent activities. *(KP)*

# 3 Students Dead, 1 Injured As Rocket Lands in Paktika

SHARAN - Three students were killed and a third wounded during a gunbattle between Taliban militants and security forces in the SarRawza district of southeastern Paktika province, an official said on Friday. District Education Officer Mohammad Iqbal told Pajhwok Afghan News three students of Hayat Baba High School were killed and a third wounded when the intense gunfight erupted between



Taliban and security forces on Thursday. "Three students of the school were killed and another wounded when a rocket landed inside the school," he added. Jan Mohammad, a resident of the locality, said the slain students aged below 12 were studying in grades 2, 4 and 6. Education Director Mo... *(More on P4)...(20)*

# Five People Killed in Two Separate Blasts



PUL-E-KHUMR - At least five people, including three policemen, were killed in three separate blasts across the country, officials said Friday. In addition, two policemen were injured in the blasts that occurred in Baghlan province. Baghlan police media office confirmed the blasts and said the first blast took place in HazhdaKotal area of Pol-e-Khomre, the capital of Baghlan province, when a police motorbike hit a roadside mine. Two policemen died. The second blast occurred when a public order police vehicle hit a road side mine, in which one civilian was killed and a policeman wounded, officials said. In Kunduz province a local policeman and a civilian were killed and another local policeman wounded, officials said. According to officials the incident occurred in Arbakhail village of Imam Sahib District of Kunduz when a local police vehicle hit a road side mine. The victims were taken to a nearby hospital. No insurgent group including the Taliban has claimed responsibility for any of the incidents. Anti-government armed oppositions always targeting security forces while most of the time civilians lost their lives. *(Tolonews)*

# Petrol Prices Decline, Sugar up in Kabul

KABUL - Due to increase in value of Afghani against foreign currencies, the prices of fuel edged down, while those of sugar had slightly jumped during the outgoing week in Kabul, retailers said on Thursday. Obaidullah, a petrol station worker, in the Qala-i-Fathullah locality, told Pajhwok Afghan News the rate of one litre of petrol declined from 44 to 42 afghanis while the price of same quantity of diesel stood at 43 without any change in price compared to the last week. A gas seller in KololaPushata area, Mohammad Sharif, sold one kilogram of liquefied gas for 50 afghanis same

as last week price. Fazal Rahman, head of Food Traders' Union, said the price of 49 kilogram bag of sugar has jumped to 1,700 compared to its last week price of 1,680. He said less import of sugar caused hike in its price. But according to him the prices of 50-kilogram bag of Pakistani flour accounted for 1,320 afs, 24 kilograms of rice for 1,640afs, 16 litres of ghee for 1,020 afs and a kilogram of African black tea for 220afs same as last week. There was slight decline in the prices of gold as well. Mohammad Fawad, a jeweler in the Taimur-Shahi square, said the price of...*(More on P4)...(22)*

# 2 Civilians Among 7 Dead in Kunduz Violence

KUNDUZ CITY - Two civilians, as many policemen and three militants have been killed during separate security incidents in northeastern Kunduz province, officials said on Thursday. AmanuddinQuraishi, the Imam Sahib district chief, said two policemen were killed in a roadside bombing while they were patrolling in PulArbab Khalil area of the district

this morning. He said two civilians passerby were also killed in the blast. In another incident, Quraishi said three bomb planters were killed when the bomb they were planting in Aqi Bai area went-off on Wednesday. Taliban spokesman ZabihullahMujahid claimed two policemen were killed in a roadside bombing in Chahar Dara district ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

## Outlook Horoscope

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

There are more choices than you see at first glance as you encounter an unexpected roadblock on your path. Naturally, you can run directly into the trouble, attempting to power your way through it. The good news is you appear like a superhero if this impulsive tactic works. But a headstrong attack could be foolhardy today and only lead to greater frustration.

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

Emotions that rise to the surface now are doing so for a good reason although the logic may not be apparent to you right away. You are wise to wait a bit longer before making any significant decisions that involve others because current relationship dynamics are still in flux. Instead of focusing on any delays or setbacks today.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Although your current workload might seem overwhelming, nearly anything is possible once you set a goal and put your mind to it. Paradoxically, the unresolved feelings that may be holding you back also contain the seeds for your next growth spurt. If a coworker seems to be a part of the problem, it's time to address the issue. This is no time to walk away in defeat.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You may believe someone is being too critical of your work style while Saturn the Taskmaster is raining on your parade. Nevertheless, you have a rare opportunity to express your creativity with more clarity now. It's crucial to remain optimistic about your options because facing a challenge or a delay doesn't mean you should give up.

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

You are being tested today, and how you respond to the current emotional pressure has direct consequences in the future. However, complicated relationship dynamics or demanding work schedules are merely temporary detours. Be careful, if you're moving too fast, an unexpected speed bump might cause serious damage. Luckily, most trouble can be averted if you see the obstacles in advance.

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

Although you are tempted to throw caution to the wind now, a friend will have enough sense to remind you about your priorities. In the long run, it's insignificant if some things aren't going exactly as you wish because you can make choices today that keep you on your chosen path. Practicing flexibility is currently more important than striving for sustainability.

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

All of the observable signs seem to indicate you're on the right track. Nevertheless, you are still facing conflict because others seem to have different expectations for your life. Or, perhaps, friends are causing you stress by acting recklessly instead of fulfilling their responsibilities. No matter what dilemmas you face now, keeping your eyes on the prize while rolling with the changes will help see you through the present turmoil.

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

Your mind continues to probe for the truth today, but you might feel thwarted by reality every which way you turn. Thankfully, your thinking process is grounded while your instincts encourage you to develop your vision of an ideal future. However, your basic material needs and sensual desires may be the source of drama.

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

Success is in the air but it doesn't come without its own share of complications today. Although you may not be able to eliminate all the chaos, you're tempted to step around a potential problem to get to the good stuff. Unfortunately, taking a less confrontational route won't necessarily save time or expenses in the long run. Any issue that surfaces now is here for a reason;

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Your nemesis may appear in the form of a contradictory idea, a strong-willed person or an immovable set of circumstances. In any event, you're up for the challenge today. Still, you must examine your own weaknesses first while the willful Sun squares your key planet Saturn. Nevertheless, judging yourself too harshly does more harm than good, especially if someone else is criticizing your efforts, too.

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

Paradoxically, the quicker you accept your current limitations, the faster you can break free from the restraints. Your current lesson is about working within the rules, rather than fighting against the inevitable. There are times to push the edges of the envelope, and there are times to exercise self-control to maintain the status quo. Instead of trying to decide which approach to take.

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

You love swimming in open waters where there are no boundaries in sight. But today you run into walls that prevent you from reaching the finish line. Instead of worrying about the distance between you and your goals, step back and refocus on your most pressing responsibilities. Once you have reshuffled your priorities to match your life, it will be easier to work within the defined limits of the game.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-66 indicating starting positions for words.

Across: 1. Aloe, 6. Where two pieces meet, 10. Finest, 14. Unexpired, 15. A single time, 16. Paris airport, 17. Gauntness, 19. Journey, 20. Sell again, 21. African antelope, 22. Sharpen, 23. Lacquer ingredient, 25. Fringe benefits, 26. Foliage, 30. Amass, 32. Trade barrier, 35. Blight, 39. Air cleaner, 40. Killdeer, 41. Treachery, 43. Sully, 44. Vegetable, 46. Terminates, 47. A Biblical measure, 50. Anagram of "Store", 53. Leave out, 54. Faster Than Light, 55. Showered, 60. Short skirt, 61. Eccentric, 63. Invited, 64. Chocolate cookie, 65. An Italian woman of rank, 66. Slaloms, 67. Canvas dwelling, 68. Streamlined.

Down: 1. Affirm, 2. Contest, 3. "What a shame!", 4. Frailty, 5. Ancient Roman magistrate, 6. Drunkard, 7. Conundrum, 8. Helmetflower, 9. List of options, 10. Annoying, 11. Mistake, 12. Move furtively, 13. Varieties, 18. Whole, 24. Conceit, 25. Rinds, 26. Not right, 27. Arab chieftain, 28. Competent, 29. Deaths, 31. Hoopla, 33. Adjust again, 34. Hot rum drink, 36. Baking appliance, 37. Absorb written material, 38. Makes a mistake, 42. Take care of, 43. Wager, 45. Unfrozen, 47. Disentangles, 48. Inuit boat, 49. A forehead dot, 51. Historic period, 52. Smooths, 54. 12 inches, 56. False god, 57. 1 less than 10, 58. Feudal worker, 59. East Indian tree, 62. A parcel of land.

Yesterday's Solution: amaze, blast, bother, built, cable, channel, cheese, drag, fable, felt, flash, flesh, floor, fudge, gain, gaol, gash, greatness, halls, hanger, hare, hide, hires, hoods, house, hush, laugh, length, movies, pillow, rare, recently, roads, screw, servant.

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