

Scores of Taliban Perish in Helmand Airstrikes

LASHKARGAH - At least 31 Taliban, including a shadow district chief, have been killed and 30 others wounded in Afghan and foreign forces airstrikes in the Musa Kala district of southern Helmand province, an official said on Sunday. Col. Mohammad Rasoul Zazai, a spokesman for the 215th Maiwand Military Corps, said Afghan and foreign forces pounded militants' hideouts in the district on Saturday night. He said the air assault targeted Taliban and their sanctuaries. Governor Spokesman Umar Zwak confirmed the airstrikes and said that Taliban had intensified their activities in the district in recent times. He said security forces would regain control of localities that were being controlled by the...*(More on P4)...(17)*



Girl's Killer Awarded Death Penalty



ZARANJ - A man was awarded death penalty while three other men were sentenced to different jail terms for their involvement in killing a girl in southwestern Nimroz province, an official said Sunday. The girl Fawzia, 12, disappeared on her way from school to home in Zaranj, the capital of Nimroz province, earlier this year. Her body was, later, found five days after her abduction by unknown people. Police detained three women and as many men from immediate relatives of the slain girl that were accused of involvement in the case. Nimroz appellant court accused a 25 years old Sheikh Ahmad as the main accused in the case after Criminal officers found his cloths infected with blood. The convicted crime was proved in presence of evidences and the court awarded him death penalty. However, Sheikh Ahmad denied the claim and said that he was not involved in the case. However, Ahmad's brother Jan Mohammad, his father Mohammad Ali were awarded 20 years jail term while his sister was awarded six years in prison. Two other members of the family were released on the basis of lack of evidence. *(Pajhwok)*

4 Soldiers Injured in Roa side Mine Blast

KABUL - At least four military soldiers were injured in a roadside mine blast in Kalakan district of Kabul province early Sunday, local officials said.



The incident took place in Babosh area of Kalakan district after a military vehicle struck a roadside mine, District Governor, Rahmat Khan Faqirzada said. The victims have been taken to a nearby hospital for treatment. However, no one has so far been arrested in connection with the incident but police have started investigations, according to Faqirzada. No group including the Taliban has claimed responsibility for the incident. *(Tolnews)*

3 Policemen Found Dead after Being Abducted on Ghazni-Paktika Highway



KABUL - Three border policemen who were abducted by Taliban insurgents last week have been found dead in central Ghazni province, local officials said on Sunday. The bodies of the policemen were found in the Pasana area of Andar district in Ghazni on Saturday, a spokesman for Ghazni, Shafiq Nang said. "The incident happened when policemen were making their way back to work after being on leave," he said. Police say they are investigating the matter. No group including the Taliban has claimed responsibility for the incident. *(Tolnews)*

NDS Detained Logar Uprising Group Leader



PUL-I-ALAM - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) arrested the lead of an uprising group in central Logar province during a special operation in Pul-I-Alam, the provincial capital, on Sunday. Logar police chief Maj. Qari Mohammad Ora told Pajhwok Afghan News that NDS officials had raided the house of Logar uprising leader Farhad Akbari last night. The spy agency took away Akbari but gave no reason for his arrest. Akbari's brother, Sayed Tooryali, said: "It was around 8: 00 pm when NDS agents raided our house and searched everything. They took our weapons, me and Farhad Akbari to the NDS office." He said he was released this morning but his brother was still in NDS custody. The governor's spokesman Salim Saleh also confirmed the incident. Farhad Akbari's family says that he started his fighting against Taliban in in Pul-I-Alam around four years ago. He lost three members of his family including his mother during his fight with Taliban. NDS officials did not provide information about his detention. *(Pajhwok)*

Police Claim Thwarting Possible Rocket Strike in Kabul

KABUL - Security officials on Sunday claimed thwarting a possible terrorist attack by defusing four rockets and detaining as many suspects in this capital city. According to officials, four BMI rockets along with explosives were placed in the Rishkhor locality of 7th police district, which were recovered with the help of locals. Lt. Gen. Abdul Rahman Rahimi, the Kabul police



chief, said the rockets placed on Saturday night were aimed at launching an attack on Kabul. The police, he said, had nabbed four suspects in this regard. He said a notebook has also been seized from the locality with instructions on explosives in Arabic. *(Pajhwok)*

Enraged Protestors Torch Police Post after Principal's Murder

CHARIKAR - Enraged protesters torched a security post after a school principal was killed by unidentified gunmen in Bagram district of central Parwan province on Sunday, an official said. Unidentified motorcyclists opened fire on Dad Khuda Jahish, the principal of Shahid Sher Aqa School, leaving him dead and a student wounded in the district before noon today. The students of the school and hundreds



of Bagram residents took to the street and blocked Kabul-Bagram highway. Parwan Education Department Director, Zalmai Shaheed told Pajhwok Afghan News that Jahish was killed and a student was wounded by two armed motorcyclists. He said that the health...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Police Claim Seizing Huge Arms Cache in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Police on Sunday claimed seizing a huge amount of Pakistani made weapons and bullets and detaining a man in connection of arms in eastern Nangarhar province, an official said. Nangarhar police spokesman Maj. Hazrat Hussain Mashraqwal told a press conference that the arrested man was transporting 31,000 bullets who was nabbed in Surkhab district of the province. "The bullets were placed under in crates in a car and the ammunition was being transported to Logar province," he said, adding that investigations into the case were underway. *(Pajhwok)*

Daikundi Explosion Leaves 2 Civilians Dead; Taliban Blamed

BAMYAN CITY - Two civilians have been killed in a roadside explosion in the Kajran district of central Daikundi province, an official said on Sunday. Zamin Ali Poya, the town's administrative chief, said the incident took place in the Dahan Burghana locality late on Saturday when two motorcyclists tried to cross the road. According to Poya, the target of landmine was Afghan Local Police (ALP) men. Police Chief Col. Khudadad Agah blamed militants for planting roadside bombs. *(Pajhwok)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

All the big ideas in the world aren't a viable substitute for one that actually works. However, the difference between a strategy that succeeds and one that fails might be in the execution rather than in the plan, itself. Following through on your promises is top priority while the conscientious Virgo Sun makes its month-long trek through your 6th House of Duty.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Your creativity is on the launch pad yet, oddly enough, your self-expression isn't just about you. You don't want to waste energy on touting your talents alone when everyone has a stake in the results. Instead, taking a more egalitarian approach includes other people in your process, especially if their artistic, political or philosophical beliefs support yours. Whether you're gardening.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You may have your heart set on doing something fun with your friends today, only to change your plans at the very last minute. The Sun's shift into your 4th House of Emotional Security is a reminder that you can find plenty of ways to amuse yourself while staying at home. However, setting aside a chunk of time for some serious contemplation might be part of a deeper change of heart.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You might believe that you can fit a lot more into your day if you carefully make a detailed schedule. Unfortunately, too much planning could backfire on you now if one little change early in the day causes the entire house of cards to tumble down. Nevertheless, you still could make the most of your day if you're willing to let some activities fall to the wayside.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Although you can't escape your regular duties today, you can still find plenty of time to play. You might try to chase a dimming light, afraid you won't be able to reach it before it goes out. But the fun and games aren't over just because the radiant Sun has left your expressive sign for the more restrained realms of Virgo. Don't complain.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

These are the days you've been eagerly waiting for as the iridescent Sun embraces generous Jupiter in your sign, illuminating your 1st House of Self. Although you may be giddy with anticipation, it's tough to wrap your brain around the potential changes ahead. Nevertheless, you have a rare opportunity to expand your outlook on life through travel, education or even a relationship. Just be sure to assimilate the lessons in bite-sized amounts.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Taking a break from mundane responsibilities enables you to maximize the Sun's visit to your 12th House of Spiritual Mystery. Instead of initiating new projects, you're wise to tie up loose ends and schedule time for soul-searching rather than running off to find the next big adventure. The good news is that your current endeavors are blessed by hidden helpers, whether they are well-intentioned friends or invisible angels.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You are loyal to your closest friends and you tend to demand a lot from them while the Sun is shining in your 11th House of Social Networking. Thankfully, others tend to come through for you now as long as you don't carry unrealistic expectations. However, you may be thinking in generalities and must clarify your needs before anyone else can jump in to help.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Your thoughts are shifting to your career objectives as you reevaluate your overall life path. The Sun's month-long presence in your 10th House of Status attracts the attention you crave, gracing you with long overdue recognition. However, don't let your newfound popularity go to your head or you'll end up losing the respect you just earned. Although they're quite easy to confuse, fame and success are two very different beasts.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

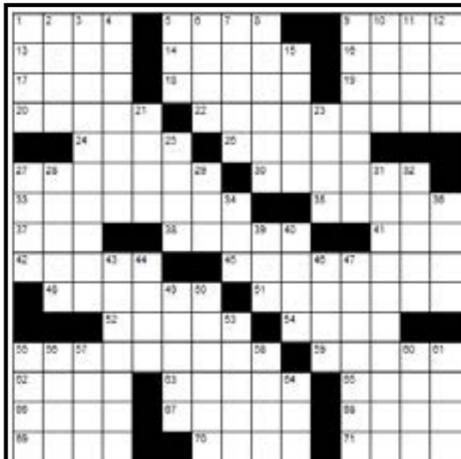
Playing the role of the visionary suits you now because your view of the future is ultimately a practical one. Nevertheless, you still can get carried away with the most pragmatic ideas today, blowing them out of proportion until they have no value at all. The best way to put sensible constraints on your agenda is to set aside specific times for free-floating meditation.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Your confidence is on the upswing these days with a flurry of social activities penciled in on your calendar. However, you are uncharacteristically drawn to examine your feelings today, leading you to choose an intimate discussion with a confidant over the chance to engage in a philosophical debate with friends. Luckily, your psychological deep diving will be rewarded as the Sun.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your world view is expanded through your relationships while the Sun warms your 7th House of Companions. It's hard to make a bad judgment call since happy-go-lucky Jupiter is busy blessing all types of partnerships now. Happily, compelling people show up at your doorstep with interesting opportunities in tow. However, the danger in saying yes to every good idea you hear is spreading yourself so thin you fall short in all your endeavors.



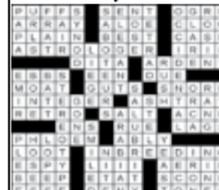
Across

1. FFFF, 5. Shade trees, 9. Misprint, 13. Kaolin, 14. Prosperous periods, 16. Not sweet, 17. German for "Mister", 18. Dye with wax, 19. Desire, 20. Fertile area in a desert, 22. Malodorousness, 24. Ancient Peruvian, 26. Latin name for our planet, 27. Luggage, 30. Flower part, 33. Something transitory, 35. Drunkards, 37. Make lace, 38. A dish of tomatoes and greens, 41. African antelope, 42. Construct, 45. Killer, 48. Canny, 51. Fundamental or central idea, 52. Birch relative, 54. Mousses, 55. Egotistical, 59. Impudent, 62. Out of control, 63. Bay window, 65. Anger, 66. Plunge, 67. Virile, 68. Chew, 69. Celebrity, 70. Expunge, 71. Hens make them.

Down

1. Reflected sound, 2. Parasitic insect, 3. Presbyopic, 4. Hypodermic, 5. Diminish, 6. Unit of bread, 7. Sacred song, 8. Hits, 9. Killer wave, 10. Bygone era, 11. Dogs of a dwarf breed, 12. Mining finds, 15. Circumvent, 21. Fraud, 23. Sketch, 25. How old we are, 27. Mend, 28. 3-banded armadillo, 29. Historic period, 31. Fascinating, 32. A nine-piece musical group, 34. A high alpine meadow, 36. Certain, 39. Arctic bird, 40. Remnant, 43. A thin crisp wafer, 44. Lacquered metalware, 46. Colors, 47. Make larger, 49. Manner of speaking, 50. Foursome, 53. French for "Queen", 55. Scoundrels, 56. Leave out, 57. Exploded star, 58. A small wooded hollow, 60. Smelting waste, 61. Evergreens, 64. Alkaline liquid,

Yesterday's Solution



alert, allies, arrest, basket, bells, blight, carpets, certificate, change, chore, cite, clean, dare, empire, escape, exercise, familiar, fantasy, fences, force, hart, jewel, justice, lane, laundry, notch, noun, punch, salad, sate, search, select, sleet, today, trace, tryst.

