

Heavy Clashes Reported Among Top Taliban Leaders

HERAT - Heavy clashes have been reported on Tuesday among the top Taliban leaders in western Herat province. According to a security official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, clashes erupted among the supporters of Mullah Akhtar Mansoor and another Taliban leader Mullah Mohammad Rasool. The official further added that clashes started around



5:00 am local time in Shindand district and heavy gun fire still continue between the supporters of two sides. The clashes between the supporters of top Taliban leaders comes amid reports regarding the death of Mullah Akhtar Mansoor who was injured in a gun battle in Quetta city of Pakistan. There are no reports regarding the casualties as a result of the clashes and the Taliban group yet to comment regarding the incident. (KP)

At Least 12 Injured in Car Bomb Explosion

JALALABAD - A car bomb exploded near the district governor's compound in Surkh Road district in eastern Nangarhar province early Monday, injuring 12 people including security force members, local officials said. The incident took place at about 6:30am at a market near the compound after an explosives-laden vehicle was detonated, said local officials. Tolonews reporter, Zir Khan says that ambulances have converged on the area and that numerous shops have been damaged in the blast. However, no group including the Taliban has so far claimed responsibility for the blast. (Tolonews)

Daesh Afghanistan Presence Exaggerated: Expert

KABUL - Despite some media reports claiming that Daesh has seized parts of the Afghan territory, the presence of the terrorist group is not that significant for now and has been exaggerated, a political expert, Hasan Abdullah, said Monday. "ISIL is present in Afghanistan and in Pakistan but its significance is exaggerated, political analyst and journalist Hasan Abdullah told Radio Sputnik recently, referring to the Daesh terrorist group also known as ISIL or ISIS. 'When we talk in particular about the Nangarhar province, we find a number of former Pakistani Taliban splinter groups who have a leaning towards the so-called Islamic State. Their number has been close to 3,000 or so, and they have been a nuisance for Pakistan and for the Afghan government there, but the fact that they have shifted their allegiance to ISIL will not have such a significant difference,' Abdullah said. Daesh has reportedly captured four districts in eastern Afghanistan as 1,600 local militants pledged allegiance to the terrorist group, The Times newspaper reported. The camp is most likely in the Nangarhar province in the east of Afghanistan, The Long War Journal reported. But according to the analyst, the move by Daesh in ... (More on P4)... (17)

US Soldiers Expected to Get Penis Transplant

KABUL - Doctors in United States are expecting to perform a rare penis transplant surgery on a young soldier who sustained horrific genital injury in Afghanistan in an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) explosion, it has been reported. The surgery which is considered as unprecedented in United States is expected to be performed in the next couple of months by surgeons in Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, according to a report published in New York Times. With only two transplants reported globally so far, including a successful and failed surgery, the doctors are expecting to develop urinary function, sensation and, eventually, the ability to have sex by attaching the organ which will come from a deceased donor. The decision to perform the surgery comes as nearly 1,367 US military service members have sustained genital wounds while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan from 2001 to 2013. According to the Department of Defense Trauma Registry, the wounds include partial and total dismemberment of the penises or testicles and the victims were all reported to be under 35 years old who sustained injuries mainly by homemade bombs, commonly called improvised explosive devices, or IEDs. At least 60 transplants are expected to be performed after doctors were given permission by Johns Hopkins with the results to be monitored by the university as the surgery is considered as experimental and the decision to make the surgery standard will be taken afterwards. Bleeding, infection and the possibility that the medicine needed to prevent ... (More on P4)... (16)

Key Taliban Members Arrested in Takhar

TALEQAN - Two key Taliban members were arrested by the National Directorate of Security (NDS) in Takhar province on Monday, the NDS said in a statement. The statement said that a Taliban member who was supplying weapons to insurgents and another one, who was collecting zakat (alms) from the people, were arrested



in a military operation in Taliqan, the capital of the province. The arrested Taliban members confessed that they were involved in the insurgency, the statement said. However, the NDS did not provide further details about them. The Taliban has not yet commented. (Tolonews)

Kyrgyzstan Seizes Large Batch of Afghan Drugs

KABUL - Kyrgyzstan's State Service for Drug Control seized a large batch of Afghan hashish (18.37 kg), the press-service of the agency reported Monday. According to it, a Tajik citizen, born in 1967, and a citizen of Kyrgyzstan, born in 1979, were detained in the village of Beshkent of Lyailyak district of Batken region. During personal search there were found 17 bundles with the substance of dark brown color with a specific smell of hashish. A criminal case is opened. The investigation is being conducted. (Agencies)

Afghan Military Kills 16 Insurgents

KABUL - The Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) have killed 16 Taliban insurgents across the country since early Sunday, the Interior Ministry said on Monday morning. "In past 24 hours, the ANSF conducted several anti-terrorism operations to clear some of the areas from terrorists and enemies of peace and stability of Afghanistan, killing 16 armed insurgents and detaining five others," the ministry said in a statement providing daily operational updates. The raids were launched in Nangarhar, Samangan,



Takhar, Kunduz, Faryab, Balkh, Kandahar, Zabul, Ghazni, Paktika, Paktia and Helmand provinces, according to the statement. The joint forces also discovered and confiscated rounds of light and heavy ammunition, the statement said. But it did not mention if there were any casualties on the side of the security forces. The Afghan security forces has beefed up security operations against militants recently as the Taliban militant group has been attempting to take territory and consolidate its positions ahead of winter in the Central Asian country. (Xinhua)

Fire in Kabul Market Inflicts Millions of Dollars of Losses

KABUL - Fire erupted in the footwear section of Kabul Mandawi market on Saturday morning and left 370 shops in ashes. According to latest reports, the fire has inflicted millions of dollars of losses to traders. The fire was reportedly caused by an electric short-circuit and was controlled after five hours of hectic efforts. The fire was also spread to adjacent Habibullah Market and 26 shops were burnt. The Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCI) have sent their assessment team to determine



the exact loss. ACCI deputy chief Khan Jan Alokozay requested the government to exempt affect traders from taxes until they returned to their earlier situation. Fire insurance has been made mandatory on all local and foreign companies and businesses. However, a limited number of companies have bought insurance to cover their businesses against fire and other perils. Lack of insurance culture ... (More on P4)... (18)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You want to squeeze as much out of life now as you possibly can, and are willing to do whatever is necessary to maximize your experiences. Thankfully, your perceptions are razor sharp and you manage your time with great finesse today. But don't waste precious energy talking about your plans. The early bird gets the worm

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You're not sure why everyone makes the simplest tasks so complicated today. It's much easier for you to function effectively when you can singularly focus on your work, prompting you to avoid unnecessary emotional drama. You might not have much to add to the conversation, but playing the strong-and-silent type doesn't work in your favor now. Without judgment or malice.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You possess the power to take charge of a situation today, even if everything seems to be running amok. It's not only that your words carry extra weight now; you can also immediately grasp the current complexities, formulate a viable plan and persuade others to do their part. Fortunately, adopting a practical approach enables your coworkers to trust your intentions. Although finishing a job is important.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You might be a happier camper if only you could stay at home and turn off the phone today, but you'll feel more like yourself once you get out in the fresh air. In fact, you could be highly productive now if you temporarily set aside your desire for solitude. Don't worry; you can sneak in a bit of private time this evening to indulge in your fantasies.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Set aside your childish ways and take yourself more seriously today. You might not have your feet as firmly planted on the ground tomorrow, so focus on practical matters while you have the chance. Set attainable goals and then channel all of your energy toward achieving them. Encountering uncertainty doesn't mean you're on the wrong track now.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Although you may have many things to do now, it's crucial to set clear priorities and eliminate all but the most essential tasks. Thankfully, you are well-equipped to cut through the fuzzy dreams, sort through the noise and hone in on the critical pieces of the puzzle. Fortunately, there's no urgency to complete everything today; you only need to decide what's most important and the rest will easily fall into place.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You might have stepped out of line recently or had to deal with someone who let you down. Either way, you must find the inspiration to put things back together today, with or without help from anyone else. You're not interested in achieving lofty goals now; accomplishing something that has an immediate impact on your life is more gratifying.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You wish everyone would just leave you to your own devices today, unless they have something constructive to offer that's pertinent to your current activities. However, you probably won't take the time to inform anyone of your plans because you're afraid to disperse your energy. Luckily, your attraction to your unexpressed dreams and your powerful intention.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

A well-intended colleague may ask you what's wrong today because it seems as if you are acting out of character. Although you might not express the effusive warmth that people often expect from you, it's only because you're preoccupied with important matters now. Thankfully, you have enough sense to realize there is a narrow margin for error and your disinterest in trivial pursuits stems from your desire to give your very best performance.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Your peers are perceptive enough to look right past your smile today because they can tell something's bothering you. Although you might attempt to give off a casual air at first, you begin to realize how much effort is required to sustain your cheerful facade. Fortunately, your logical thinking enables you to understand that others don't necessarily share your ambitions.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You attempt to steer clear of abstract thinking today, but keep getting pulled back into your orbit of dreams. Normally, you like to push the edges of the intellectual envelope, but you could take it too far now. Rather than becoming lost in fantastic concepts and unrealistic visions, bring every idea into sharp focus with the question, How can this be applied in the present moment?

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You're looking forward to stealing some time away from work to pursue an amazing adventure. Nevertheless, your impatience can get the best of you now because you have responsibilities to fulfill before you're allowed to escape. Embracing the order of things graciously makes the difference between happiness and frustration. Your methodical approach to your work early in the day all.



Across
1. Klutz's cry, 5. African virus, 10. Canine tooth, 14. Sharpen, 15. Fool, 16. Dwarf buffalo, 17. Former Italian currency, 18. Gasping, 20. Fluffy egg dish, 22. A childhood disease, 23. Enemy, 24. Slender, 25. Grocery store, 32. Office worker, 33. Entices, 34. Lyric poem, 37. 1 1 1 1, 38. A tart fruit, 39. Small songbird, 40. Armed conflict, 41. Nobleman, 42. Coming up, 43. Removals, 45. Clobbered, 49. Dawn goddess, 50. An ocean, 53. Violent disorder, 57. Resembling incest, 59. Quaint outburst, 60. See the sights, 61. Chopin composition, 62. Govern, 63. Makes a mistake, 64. Dishes out, 65. Observed.

Down
1. "Wise" birds, 2. Buckeye State, 3. South American country, 4. Employees, 5. Insignia, 6. Drill, 7. Mineral rock, 8. Rich soil, 9. Blind (poker), 10. Not true, 11. Anoint (archaic), 12. Nuzzled, 13. Bloated, 19. Stags, 21. Not a spoon, 25. Flat-bottomed boat, 26. Forearm bone, 27. Equal, 28. Warning, 29. Gossip, 30. Swedish money, 31. Poetic dusk, 34. Chocolate cookie, 35. University administrator, 36. Terminates, 38. Lenient, 39. Rustlings, 41. Complaints, 42. "Smallest" particle, 44. Stops, 45. Malice, 46. Country estate, 47. Come to pass, 48. Layers, 51. Bit of gossip, 52. Adorable, 53. Boorish, 54. Chills and fever, 55. Storm, 56. Biblical garden, 58. Not in.

Yesterday's Solution
affairs, battle, blame, boot, carrier, cartoon, defenseless, delay, deliver, destroy, detect, entry, fight, final, giant, nick, patrol, peril, planes, practice, press, prevent, protect, radar, relay, revenge, rind, sits, skill, sneak, state, sweep, torn.

