

5 Militants Killed, 2 Wounded in Uruzgan Airstrike

KABUL - At least five militants were killed and two others were wounded in an airstrike in Uruzgan province. The Ministry of Defense (MoD) said the Afghan Air Force carried out the airstrike in Chora district of Uruzgan. The anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban insurgents have not commented regarding the report so far. Uruzgan is among the relatively volatile provinces in southern Afghanistan where the Taliban insurgents and militants belonging to other insurgent groups are actively



operating in a number of its remote district. The Afghan security forces launched an operation in this province earlier this month amid ongoing efforts by the militants to stage attacks in some key parts of the province. The security officials said the operations were launched with the support of the Afghan air force and other security institutions and at least 18 militants were killed during the first days of the operations. The Afghan forces have stepped up counter-terrorism operations against the group in this province after they ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Dor Baba Residents Want Education, Health Facilities



JALALABAD - Collective efforts by security forces and residents of locality helped improved security situation in Dor Baba district eastern Nangarhar province, but health, education and other issues still existed which needed to be resolved, said the residents on Saturday. They complained no governor visited the district and proper attention to the social security issues was not paid in the past 15-year. Haji Farman Gul Shinwari, a local elder, told Pajhwok Afghan News security situation in Dor Baba was stable, but no quality education and proper health facilities were provided to them. He said the roads were in dilapidated conditions, there were no bridges and culverts and in case of rain they remained disconnected with other parts of the province. Regarding the condition of schools he said, the school buildings were in bad condition. "There are no windows, no roofs and no surrounding walls." Another tribal elder Malak Kaftar Khan said the residents of Dor Baba district had no access to healthcare facilities. He said many people could not transfer their patients to other places for treatment due bad condition of roads. Some died on ways to clinics. Rana Gul Shinwari, head of the youth council, said the youth faced multiple issues. There were no education, health and entertainment ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Kidnappers Free Iranian Citizen in Herat

HERAT - Security forces on Saturday rescued an Iranian national from his kidnappers and transferred him to the Iranian diplomatic mission in western Herat province, an official said. According to local officials, the Iranian had been abducted three-days back from the Herat-Islam Qala Road. He was freed today. Herat Governor Mohammad Asif Rahimi told reporters here the Iranian national was a truck driver who was abducted last Wednesday. He said police in Kabsan dis-



trict and influential people in Qodus City were able to secure the release of the Iranian national. Rahimi said five suspected kidnappers including the gang leader, Ajab Gul, had been detained in connection with the incident and they were ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Woman Found Mysteriously Dead in Logar

PUL-I-ALAM - A woman has been found dead under mysterious circumstances in the capital of central Logar province and police have arrested her husband. Crime investigation department head Col. Mohammad Jan Abid told Pajhwok Afghan News that police found dead body of a woman in Pul-i-Alam's Alingar area last night. He said the 25-year-old woman had been shot dead using a firearm. Police in connection with the murder had arrested her spouse, Abid said. Abid said the accused had claimed his wife had committed suicide but he provided no reason. A resident of Alingar area, Azizullah, ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Would-be Suicide Bomber Detained in Paktika

KABUL - The Afghan security forces have captured a would-be suicide bomber in eastern province of Paktika, foiling a terror attack there, the National Directorate for Security (NDS) said Saturday. "Abdul Barri has been detained following a recent joint operation launched by personnel of NDS and Afghan special operation police force in Paktika province," the intelligence agency confirmed in a statement. The captive was instructed by a Taliban suicide attack coordinator named Malangyar to conduct a suicide bomb attack on provincial police department in Sharan city, capital of the province, the statement said, adding one suicide bomb jacket was also recovered after the raid. The statement added that the timely arrest of the man has foiled a major terror attack and saved the city, some 155 km south of the Afghan capital ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Policemen Among 12 Dead in Farah Clash

FARAH - Five policemen and seven Taliban were killed during overnight attack by the Taliban in western Farah province, an official said on Saturday. Governor Spokesman Mohammad Mehri told Pajhwok Afghan News, militants launched an attack on police check-post in Shamalgah locality of Farah City, the provincial capital on Friday night. He added, 5 policemen and 7 Taliban were killed and



4 other militants were injured during the attack. According Mehri, this clash continued for 3 hours. The militants eventually fled the area after reinforcement arrived. Mohammad Munir, the resident of locality, said seven of 10 ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Zabul Roadside Blast Kills 4 Policemen

QALAT - According to the officials the blast happened when the police vehicle hit a roadside mine. one policeman was wounded. At least four policemen were killed in a roadside blast Saturday morning, Zabul police said. The blast occurred in Ghabargah Weyala area in Qalat city of Zabul province. According to the officials the blast happened when the police vehicle hit a roadside mine. One policeman was wounded. No group including the Taliban has claimed responsibility. (Tolonews)

Afghan Child Died at Torkham after Being Denied Entry to Pakistan

KABUL - Afghan boy suffering from thalassaemia has died at the Torkham border after being denied entry to Pakistan for treatment, a media reports said Saturday. Darya Khan arrived with his mother at the Torkham on Thursday morning with his mother hoping to take him to Peshawar city to change his blood and related medication, according to dawn. The two-year-old died in his mother's lap. They were hailing from Marko locality in Batikot dis-



trict of Nangarhar province and were denied permission by Pakistani border guards due to lack of travel documents. The report said the denial for the sick boy came despite Pakistani authorities announced travel relaxation for ailing Afghans a week ago. The authorities had appointed ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You secretly worry that a crowd of loud relatives or friends might be too much noise for you today, but you won't let that stop the festivities from going on around you. You may need to hide your preferences during the holiday season, but thankfully, you can stick to your principles without compromising your individuality.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You want to hold tight the people who are dearest to you and enjoy the comfort of their presence today. The emotional atmosphere may be complex, but happily, family and friends are able to put aside differences and successfully avoid contentious conversations. Congenial discussions grow even more exciting throughout the day, creating opportunities for a meeting of the minds.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You may feel slightly resentful about committing to someone else's schedule when you wish you could do things your way. Despite a moody undercurrent today, your trademark wit is in high gear and you can turn a sticky situation into a thought-provoking conversation before it escalates into an argument. A little bit of diplomacy goes a long way toward making everyone feel welcome, no matter their beliefs or customs.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You are in touch with your need to express just how deeply you care for all your loved ones and friends today. Nevertheless, complicated emotional eddies push and pull you through strange waters. Fortunately, no harm is done as a cosmic moratorium is in place between traditional Saturn and revolutionary Uranus.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your colorful personality is toned down considerably today as feelings that might usually be fleeting stick to you like glue. It may seem like this cosmic restraint will never end; luckily, the provocative Scorpio Moon makes a multitude of favorable contacts, preventing your emotions from stagnating for too long.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

It's easier than ever to get hung up on small details and overreact to slips of the tongue or other minor communication mishaps. Do whatever you can to release your attachment to the words said today, as they probably aren't as loaded as they sound. You may be quietly shocked if discourse with relatives is friendly, and free from skepticism or righteousness. You could even surprise yourself with a fresh new take on a topic that seems almost divinely inspired.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

The notion of family values is a common theme around this time of year as you reassess those things you cherish the most. You may notice that you are a tad overcontrolling when it comes to your resources and your relationship with finances might be slightly convoluted today. Try to let go of your fear and enjoy the holiday spirit without attaching monetary worth to the experience.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You are more enigmatic than ever today as the moody Moon stalks through your mysterious sign. However, you are not the only mystery unfolding now that sexy Mars forms a fated connection with cerebral Mercury. This interplay may turn dinner conversation into something that's completely out of the ordinary.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You might want to momentarily pull the covers back up over your head today because you're missing your regular dose of sunshine and optimism. Luckily, the pace quickly picks up once you are on the move and you find yourself increasingly excited to participate in the festivities. There seems to be a temporary cease-fire between your desire to shake things up and your wish to stabilize interpersonal interactions.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

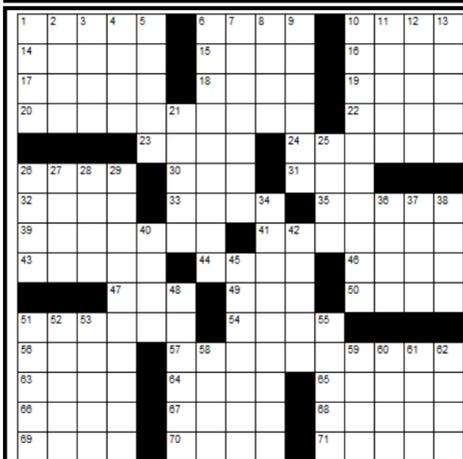
There's a strange vibe that follows you around today, prompting you to remain slightly withdrawn and introspective. You don't want to say anything because everyone else seems to be a little more reactionary and emotionally invested in the day's events than you are for some reason. Luckily, the intuitive Scorpio Moon's favorable aspects assist you in maneuvering through the turbulent landscape.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You made up your mind and you plan on sticking to it now, with no thought of backing down. Although a headstrong approach often works when you're trying to accomplish career goals, a special event with family or friends presents a different kind of challenge. Fortunately, any lingering holiday tension is mitigated by a cosmic calm and discussions are unlikely to stray far into tempestuous territory.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Regardless of religious beliefs, the very act of gathering with loved ones with purpose and intention can be a spiritual endeavor. You may feel things very deeply today, and the regenerative Scorpio Moon's presence in your 9th House of Higher Truth inspires you to explore the larger meaning of the season. Sometimes dissension and contention embitter the holidays, but everyone seems to be on their best behavior this year.



Across

1. Preen, 6. Sow, 10. Charity, 14. Audio communications, 15. Winglike, 16. Parasitic insect, 17. Redress, 18. Headquarters, 19. Mountain pool, 20. Tools for star gazing, 22. Send forth, 23. Abominable Snowman, 24. Layers, 26. Babylonian goddess of healing, 30. One of the tribes of Israel, 31. Swerve, 32. Angers, 33. Matured, 35. Trainee, 39. A prominent attribute, 41. Large flightless bird, 43. Claw, 44. Swill, 46. Have the nerve, 47. Pen part, 49. Arrive (abbrev.), 50. Swing around, 51. Respectful, 54. Utilized, 56. Anagram of "Sire", 57. Wilderness, 63. Plate, 64. Cocoyam, 65. Keen, 66. Competent, 67. Dribble, 68. Frighten, 69. Misdled, 70. Sailors, 71. Goat antelope.

Down

1. Buttocks, 2. Be worthy of, 3. False god, 4. Not yours, 5. Verse, 6. Subverts, 7. Pertaining to cobra-like snakes, 8. Leisure, 9. Fancy, 10. Subsequently, 11. Andean animal, 12. Excellence, 13. Father Christmas, 21. A type of tree, 25. Diplomacy, 26. Present, 27. Component of urine, 28. Loyal (archaic), 29. Astounded, 34. Door wedges, 36. Found on rotary phones, 37. Beige, 38. You (archaic), 40. Module, 42. Binge, 45. Wash, 48. Bidding, 51. Foot lever, 52. Small African antelope, 53. Fine thread, 55. Put on clothes, 58. Notion, 59. Shoestring, 60. Food thickener, 61. Roman emperor, 62. Sketched.

Yesterday's Solution

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HONOR LOCO EGOS
OUTRAGEOUS PUNT
DREAMY FAIT REDO
FIANCE ALE SOP
BRIG EMERGENTIC
AUDIBLE RADIATE
STERRA MEAGER
ENSLAVE WESTERN
FIANCE ALE SOP
ACORN TABLE
MINI WIN IGUANA
BRIE ACCIDENTAL
TICON DEER SITOMP
TIEND TIDIE TOMES
candies, chimney, Christmas, coal, crib, decorations, eggnog, family, father, gifts, jolly, last, lights, lists, love, merry, milk, pile, presents, reindeer, rooftop, rots, Santa, shopping, sleepless, sleigh, stores, tale, teen, tone, tree, winter, wishes.

