

# Taliban Suffer Heavy Casualties in Uruzgan Air and Ground Raids

KABUL - The Taliban militants suffered heavy casualties in the ground and airstrikes conducted by the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) in southern Uruzgan province.

According to the local security officials, the militants suffered the casualties in the past 24 hours in the vicinity of the strategic Tarinkot city, the provincial capital of Uruzgan.

The officials further added that their information indicate at least 24 militants were killed during the operations.

The 205th Atal Corps of the Afghan National Army confirmed the report and said several weapons, ammunition, and explosives of the militants were also destroyed during the



operations. The Taliban militants group has 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 last 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. (KP)

## Afghan Migrant Attack Bible-Reading Woman with Knife in Austria

KABUL - An Afghan migrant attacked a Bible-reading woman in a refugee camp in Austria, it has been reported.

The 50-year-old woman was reportedly attacked by a 22-year-old Afghan migrant whose identity has not been disclosed by the authorities yet.

According to the local media reports, citing the po-

lice authorities, the man has confessed he attacked the woman and described 'personal issues' as the motive behind the attack.

The woman was invited to read Bible by some residents of the Asylum center which apparently angered the migrant.

The authorities have said the woman sustained ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

## Gang Killing Female Airport Employees Arrested

KANDAHAR CITY - A four-member gang that killed five female airport employees and their driver in southern Kandahar province has been arrested, an official said on Sunday.

Of the detainees, three were paraded before reporters at the police headquarters in Kanda-

har City, the provincial capital. They confessed to their crimes.

Kandahar deputy police chief, Brig. Gen. Rahmatullah Atrafi, told Pajhwok Afghan News that police detained the four individuals on Sunday in connection with the killing of four woman employees ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

## Man Gunned Down, Robber Wounded in Samangan

AIBAK - Unidentified gunmen have shot dead a man in the Dara-i-Suf Payan district while a thief attempting robbery was injured by the owner of the house on the outskirts of Aibak, the provincial capital, officials said on Sunday.

District Chief Fakhru-

din Mubarez told Pajhwok Afghan News Syed Sikandar, 40 was killed in Dashtak locality on Saturday night.

There was no arrest made in connection of the man killing.

Separately, one of the three intruders was ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

## Nephew Kills Taliban Commander in Takhar

TALOQAN - Local security officials on Sunday said a Taliban militant has killed his commander in northeastern Takhar province.

Takhar police spokesman, Maj. Abdul Khalil Aseer, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban commander was gunned down in Yangi Qala district on Saturday night.

"The killer's name is Naeem who killed Commander Mullah Abdul Majid who was his uncle," he said.

Aseer added the assailant had joined a pro-government local commander in Yangi Qala after the incident.

Majid was commander of several militants and had been operating against the government.

Emran, a resident of Yangi Qala district, said many areas were under Taliban control in the district. However, he was unaware about the incident.

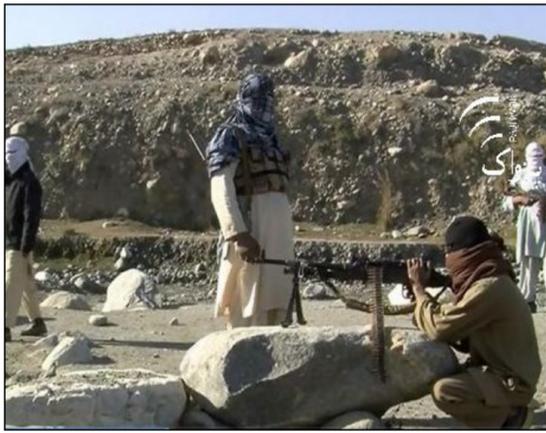
There has been no word from the Taliban about the incident. (Pajhwok)

## 5 Militants Killed, 8 Injured in Sar-I-Pul Clash

SAR-I-PUL - Five Taliban gunmen were killed and eight others wounded during a clash with security forces in Sancharak district of northern Sar-i-Pul province, the governor said on Sunday.

Mohammad Zahir Wahdat told a press conference here that the clash that lasted 12 hours in Taghai-Khwaj and Tabir localities resulted in the killing of five militants and injuring of eight others.

Two notorious insurgent commanders named Sayed Adil and Nimat were among the dead, he said, adding



two uprising members were also killed and as many wounded during the fire-fight.

He asked high-ranking government authorities to launch a huge clearing operation to drive rebels away from the district.

However, Taliban spokesman, Qari Zabihullah Mujahid, denied security officials claims, saying the fighters killed two public uprising commanders namely Hasham and Amanullah. He claimed the rebels captured three check-posts from security forces as well. (Pajhwok)

## Jawzjan Clash Leaves 2 Rebels Dead, 8 Wounded

SHIBERGHAN - Two Taliban militants have been killed and five others wounded during a clash with security forces near the capital of northern Jawzjan province, an official said on Sunday.

Mohammad Raza Ghafoori, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News militants stormed security check posts in Zoqum, Jakdalk, Shirkel and Tofan villages of Shiberghan at around 7pm on Saturday.

He said the ensuing clash on the Shiberghan-Sar-i-Pul highway lasted two hours, leaving two rebel fighters dead and five others wounded while security ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

## Traffic Officials Fail to Ban Right-Hand Drive Vehicles

KABUL - Right-hand drive vehicles are still being driven in capital Kabul and provinces despite six months after the deadline banning them all.

Recently, a number of right-hand drive vehicles had been imported to Afghanistan, an act against the country's traffic laws, which resulted in more accidents.

The council of ministers distributed five-year licenses to such vehicle back in 2011 and the period expired six months earlier.

The traffic official had said the grace period for the right-hand



drive cars would end on April 21.

Brig. Gen. Syed Mahmood Sadaat, traffic department head, acknowledged right-hand drive vehicles caused more accidents in Afghanistan. In line with the traffic law, only left-hand drive vehicles are allowed to ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

## 2 Heroin Labs, Arms Depot Destroyed in Nangarhar

KABUL - The Ministry of Interior (Moi) on Sunday said two huge heroin-producing and processing laboratories and an arms depot have been destroyed in eastern Nangarhar province.

A statement from the Moi said counter-narcotics special police unit detected and destroyed two heroin labs during a special operation on Saturday night.

The drug factories were located in Tarmi village of Khogyani district. Drugs seized from the sites included 5,500 kilograms of opium, 10 kilograms of hashish, 10



kilograms of heroin, two power-generators, 24 boilers and some chemical material used in producing drugs. The drugs were torched on the spot, it added.

Meanwhile, a joint operation by Afghan Local Police (ALP), Afghan ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

## Taliban Kill Man in Faryab

MAIMANA - The Taliban have beaten up a man with rifles butt and barrel until his death in the Gerizwan district of northwestern Faryab province, local officials and residents claimed on Saturday.

District Police Chief Maj. Abdul Sammad said: "Abdul Khaleq who was brutally killed by the Taliban was a poor, neutral and common man who returned from Iran few months back."

The 35-year-old was killed by the Taliban in Tagabshan locality of Gerizwan, he said, adding Abdul Khaleq have five sons.

A resident of Tagabshan, wishing anonymity said: "A few days earlier a faction of Taliban planted a roadside bomb in front of Abdul Khaliq's residence. He informed another Taliban splinter group ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

### Outlook Horoscope

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



You are about to embark on a great spiritual quest that will carry you through the year ahead. But your energy is mushy as self-directed Mars wobbles into ethereal Neptune in your 12th House of Destiny. Rather than assuming a know-it-all attitude, you can derive great benefit by revealing your vulnerability. Forcefully plowing ahead isn't your best strategy now.

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



It's only natural to dream about the future on this first day of the New Year. Happily, the progressive Aquarius Moon invites you to look ahead rather than ponder the past. Your desire for deep and meaningful friendships intensifies while ardent Mars energizes idealistic Neptune in your 11th House of Social Networks. However, you may become less certain about your destination but more insistent about getting there.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You're driven to achieve success in the outer world as you look forward to an as-of-yet unformed year. But it's challenging to distinguish between fact and fancy when insistent Mars joins imaginative Neptune in your 10th House of Career. Unfortunately, your enthusiasm waxes and wanes as diffusive Neptune dissipates your excitement as quickly as it comes. Hold steady and let the discouragement pass without taking any setbacks as personal defeats.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You're happy to set aside this first day of the New Year for a fantastical escape of imagination and adventure. A dreamy Mars-Neptune hookup in your 9th House of Big Ideas is a cosmic reminder that the magic is within you. Nevertheless, an inspired relative or a free-spirited friend shows you that there's no need to struggle to make your dreams come true.

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



Your tenderness is both a blessing and a curse. Your interactions with others could be quite inspiring when can-do Mars joins compassionate Neptune in your 8th House of Deep Sharing. Although you may be duly impressed with someone's emotional or financial riches, what you're seeing and hearing might not reflect reality.

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



Someone's sweet but misleading behavior may lure you down a garden path today. However, you can easily misjudge the intentions of others by assuming you understand them because you share an emotional connection. Nevertheless, a shape-shifting Mars-Neptune conjunction falls in your 7th House of Relationships, making it so difficult to tell what's real that you could exhaust yourself trying. Don't let your idealism become a trap that entices you to believe the impossible.

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



Surprisingly, having fun today may be quite challenging if you see chores that need to be done around the house. However, being productive is a bit like nailing jelly to a tree when macho Mars pushes elusive Neptune into starting a project. Unfortunately, positive feedback might not be forthcoming and evaluating your progress objectively could be a daunting task.

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



Your imagination enables you to see all kinds of potential where none exists today. However, there's no need to struggle for control while enterprising Mars connects with nebulous Neptune. Thankfully, taking time off to connect with your friends or family is a perfect use of this magical planetary alignment that makes adversarial relationships.

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



Although you like the idea of participating in a holiday celebration, you might feel as if you're just spinning your wheels today without doing anything of significance. Nevertheless, you want others to see you striving for something more in life, but pursuing unrealistic goals or playing out the role of a martyr can be exhausting. Luckily, the wizardly Mars-Neptune conjunction casts an enchanting spell.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Ironically, you're good to go today as long as you don't attempt to accomplish something practical. Your stamina is running low and you might feel discouraged as courageous Mars bumps into confusing Neptune in your 3rd House of Communication. Although this planetary dance bodes well for artistic endeavors or flights of fancy, it's frustrating if you can't transform your high intentions into the physical plane.

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



Relying on blind faith can lead you astray unless your core beliefs are so strong that they become the primary motivational force in your life. Avoid forcing a situation or committing to a group activity that's likely to deplete your energy today. Acts of creativity and charity can produce lasting inspirational value. Invest in doing whatever touches your heart and you'll find continued momentum to carry your ideas across the threshold.

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



Taking charge of your life by being more physically active makes good sense now. Although you're eager to act, your intentions are muddled, so don't push yourself too hard or too fast. Luckily, your imagination and compassion can melt obstacles in your path when the supernatural Mars-Neptune conjunction sizzles in your 1st House of Self. Although reality may slip through the cracks, your compelling stories convince others to buy into your dreams.

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**Across**

1. Snake sound, 5. Shower alternative, 9. Hawaiian strings, 13. "Do \_\_\_ others..", 14. Scallion, 16. Rubber wheel, 17. Flower stalk, 18. Keno, 19. French for "State", 20. Aspirations, 22. Incorrectness, 24. Rich soil, 26. Territories, 27. Alterations, 30. Unbending, 33. Navigational aid, 35. Moved by the wind, 37. Terminate, 38. Lengthways, 41. Prefix meaning "Modern", 42. Periods of seven days, 45. Oaths, 48. Fears, 51. Laughable, 52. Rubber wheels, 54. Terminates, 55. Divulged, 59. Relating to the Netherlands, 62. A D-Day beach, 63. Fondled, 65. Former Italian currency, 66. Beige, 67. Besmirch, 68. Annoying insect, 69. Transport commercially, 70. Countercurrent, 71. Hens make them.

**Down**

1. Silence, 2. Within, 3. Folding portable ladder, 4. Any unspecified person, 5. Go up and down, 6. Again, 7. Crown, 8. Awards, 9. Implement, 10. Go fly a \_\_\_, 11. Historical periods, 12. Collections, 15. A nine-piece musical group, 21. Droops, 23. Dress, 25. Anagram of "Meat", 27. A ball of yarn, 28. Sharpened, 29. A single-reed woodwind, 31. Comprising, 32. Not quite a teenager, 34. Tear, 36. Schnozzola, 39. Genus of macaws, 40. Fail to win, 43. Tomato sauce, 44. Travel on water, 46. Subconscious, 47. Pamper, 49. Plummet, 50. Benni, 53. Stitched, 55. Membership fees, 56. Skin irritation, 57. Indian dress, 58. Deceased, 60. Outcropping, 61. Derbies or berets, 64. Not wet.

**Yesterday's Solution**

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OFFBEAT	LINEAGE	
MESAS	ELIAN	SKUA
USURPER	ELITE	SEER
CANCEL	THUS	
AMAH	AFTER	TASTE
SATE	TOUR	UNLED
TZAR	EGG	MOUND
GELLY	OTIC	PARTY

amusement, beer, better, born, city, confetti, dime, expectations, family, festivities, future, games, goat, halt, happy, hope, improve, lights, numb, nuts, party, port, positive, proper, resolution, shindig, social, sore, spirit, teen, time, toasts.

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