

Over 40 Militants Killed in Military Operations

KABUL - Some 41 militants were killed in military operations across Afghanistan in the past 24 hours, reports said Monday. The Interior Ministry said that 41 militants were killed and 16 others wounded during military operations in Takhar, Kunduz, Faryab, Sare-Pul, Baghlan, Paktiya Kandahar, Uruzgan, Helmand and Zabul provinces. Security forces also defused 10 Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) placed by the militants, the



statement added. Meanwhile, four policemen were killed and two others wounded after Taliban attacked a number of security check posts in Khushmand District of Paktika province late on Sunday. Nabiullah Peerkhil, the spokesman for the police headquarters of Paktika province, confirmed the report. Meantime, five Army soldiers were killed in IED explosions and militant fire while on duty, the Defense Ministry said. (FNA)

3 Killed in Parwan, Uruzgan Violence



CHARIKAR/ - Afghan Local Police (ALP) members shot dead a civilian in Siahgard district of central Parwan province while a couple was killed by unidentified gunmen in Uruzgan province, residents and officials said. Some people of Siahgard district staged a protest and blocked Parwan-Bamyan Highway for traffic. Some of the protesters came arrived in the capital of Parwan carrying corps of the slain civilian identified as Yama Gul. The victim's cousin Sardar Khan in Charikar City, the capital of the province, told Pajhwok Afghan News that his cousin was beaten to death by an ALP commander after bomb blast hit an ALP vehicle in Surkhi area of the district. He said the ALP commander Mushtaq along with his supporters forced their way inside Yama Gul house and beaten him and his brother severely. Sardar Khan said that Yama Gul succumbed to injuries on his way from Parwan to Kabul hospital. Sardar Khan added that the ALP commander believed the bomb was controlled from the home

of Yama Gul whose house was located close to the incident area. He said he had shared the issue with the deputy governor Shah Wali and he was assured by the governor to investigate about the incident. However, Parwan police chief rejected the claim that ALP killed a civilian and said that a civilian identified as Yama Gul was killed during a clash between ALP members and rebels. He said the clash took place after a bomb targeted an ALP vehicle that left two security personnel wounded. According to another report a couple was killed by unidentified gunmen in Tarinkot City, the capital of Uruzgan province. The first police district chief 2nd Lt. Gul Agha said the incident took place in Sajawal area of the city last night. He said unidentified gunmen had entered a house and killed woman and her husband and left one of their children injured. The attackers managed to flee. Police have started investigations to nab the killers. (Pajhwok)

Militants Block Main Highway to Kajaki Town

LASHKARGAH - Taliban militants have blocked the main road to the Kajaki district of southern Helmand for the last two months, creating problems for local residents. Abdul Majid Akhundzada, a member of the provincial council, told Pajhwok Afghan News the security situation had worsened in the district. He said the Taliban



militants had blocked the main road for the last two months, making it problem-

atic for local residents to shift their patients to hospital besides causing severe shortage of food items. A 50kg bag of flour was sold for 6000 afghanis, Akhundzada said, adding that people taking flour bags home were administered oath by the Taliban not to give the bags to police. The security situation remained...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Khost Residents Complain of Slow Internet Speed

KHOST CITY - The residents of southeastern Khost province complained low-quality internet services by telecommunication companies. The mobile operators functioning in the province included Roshan, AWCC, MTN, Salaam and Etisalat, which provide telephone as well as internet services to some extent. The residents of the area complained all mobile operators were providing almost same but low quality internet services which were causing interruption in their work. Haider Khan, a resident of the province, told Pajhwok Afghan News he had activated internet packages of all mobile companies but none of them



was effective. "The internet is very slow. It opens Facebook and some other websites after a long time. It cannot open emails within 10 minutes or download or upload anything," he said. Zabit Khan, a computer store owner, in Kausar Market of Khost city, said that 3G service which previously activated by MTN was also as slow as 2G service...*(More on P4)...(22)*

Taliban- IS Clash, Drone Strike Kill 13 Rebels

KABUL - At least ten rebels have been killed in fierce fight between two groups believed to be Taliban and the self-styled Islamic State (IS) groups while three other insurgents were targeted by US drone in eastern Nangarhar province, provincial police spokesman said on Monday. Maj. Hazrat Hussain Mashrafiwal told Pajhwok Afghan News that the US unmanned



aircraft fired a missile on a hideout, leaving three militants dead who were hailing from Chaparhar district. Separately, he said that 10 in-

surgers were killed and two others wounded in a firefight between two groups in Nangarhar district. During the course of...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Drone Strike in Nangarhar Kills 3 Insurgents



JALALABAD - At least three insurgents were killed in a foreign troops' drone strike in eastern Nangarhar on Sunday, local official said. The strike targeted a gathering of Taliban insurgents in a village in Chaparhar district, a spokesman for Nangarhar

Police Chief, Hazrat Omar Mashriqiwal said. "Insurgents had gathered to plan an attack when they came under the strike of foreign forces," he said. The Taliban have not yet commented on the incident. (Tolonews)

Unknown Gunmen Killed Couple in Uruzgan



TRINKUT - A couple has been killed by unidentified gunmen in central Uruzgan province. The incident took place in Sajawal area of Uruzgan's capital Tureen Kot last night. Gul Agha, a police officer said that a group of armed intruders forcibly entered into a civilian house during the middle of Sunday night and sprayed bullets

on those inside. He said the attack left a husband and his wife dead and their child wounded. An investigation has been initiated the incident but officials suspect personal dispute as the result of the shooting spree. The child who sustained injuries in the attack is now battling for his live in the hospital. (KP)

1 held with 13 Kg of Heroin in Samangan

AIBAK - Police in northern Samangan province detained an alleged drug smuggler and recovered 13 kilograms of heroin in his possession, an official said on Monday. Col. Abdul Haq Sherzad, director counternarcotics, told Pajhwok Afghan News the contraband was concealed



in a car, which was recovered by police in the Larchan village of Aibak, the provincial

capital. The diver has been detained, he said, adding that the illicit material was being transferred to Balkh province from Takhar. The official said 286 kilograms of heroin, 28 kilograms of opium and 94 kilograms of hashish had been seized in the province during the ongoing year. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You truly thought business was handled and everyone was on the same page, but now it appears you're sadly mistaken. You may have misread the situation or someone might have purposefully misled you. Either way, a disagreement flares back up as unexpressed feelings rush to the surface. Although you believe you're engaged in a fight to the finish, the Moon's

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

The cosmos is handing you a well-deserved moment to retreat and recuperate today, but this mellow phase won't last long. Someone could ambush you with their personal demands, but luckily, you have a clever defense to defuse a potentially volatile conversation. Unfortunately, the obvious solution isn't likely the right one. Rather than confronting the situation head-on now,

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You may feel like time is running out, accentuating your sense of urgency to achieve your goals. You're trying to connect with the right people, but seem to be fighting an uphill battle of crossed messages and incomplete conversations. This is fleet-footed Mercury's last day of his extended visit to your curious-minded sign, adding a frenetic buzz to your thinking. Thankfully, understanding the source of your anxiety helps

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Lately you have been lulled into a false sense of security, but the game is currently changing faster than you might realize. Relationship dynamics are shifting, and you may already be using your crablike pincers to attempt to cling to the past. But your fears of the unknown are misplaced since the days ahead will likely be an improvement over the past. Cleaning up

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You're ready to pack your bags and head off into the sunset with your favorite traveling companion, but your timing may be off. Matching your schedule with someone else's can be more challenging now than you expected. When you discover that your friend can't accompany you on your big adventure today, you might waste your energy persuading them to

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You may not be making as much progress on your career path as you prefer. Climbing the ladder of success isn't easy because there are others playing supporting roles on your ambitious journey. Unfortunately, your associates might not even share similar goals, further complicating the current dynamics. Communication can be infuriating today; it's as if you're each reading from different scripts. Your best bet may be to take a hiatus and

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Someone is pushing your buttons today and you're likely to take it very personally. But even if your assumptions are built on facts, you still may be overreacting. People have a variety of agendas and are motivated for a wide range of reasons. You might be jumping to an erroneous conclusion if you believe anyone is purposefully trying to thwart your efforts. Sometimes compromise is a four-letter word, espe-

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

No matter how hard you try, you just can't seem to please anyone today. But it's as if reality is testing you to determine which obstacle irritates you most. Your gut reaction is to push back with even more determination so you can get the results you know are possible. Unfortunately, you won't win by increasing your effort now, even if your willpower is strong. Stop strug-

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Your creativity may be off the hook today, but others don't seem to have an inkling of the artistic message you're trying to convey. You pour your heart into painting a picture or writing a song and, naturally, are quite proud of your production. But somehow your peers respond with puzzled smiles, and needless to say, you feel like an unappreciated artist. Ultimately, art is subjective and there's no telling who will find your work meaning-

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Too many trivial tasks keep you from focusing on your long-term aspirations today. Your frustration mounts because the daily noise seems to just get louder no matter what you try to do to shut it down. Under normal circumstances, you might be able to just shrug it off and return to your work. However, you're reaching a breaking point now that someone's emotional intensity is pushing you to

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You don't need any external distractions today, especially if your own thoughts are running amok. There are so many colorful ideas dancing in your head that it's nearly impossible to concentrate on your work. Nevertheless, responsibilities call and you must answer. It's time to stop and get serious about your obligations. Fortunately, you're capable of extraordinary mental feats; you can al-

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your core values are shifting to reflect your new philosophical perspective, but you're not sure how to make the transition real. Part of the problem is your current lack of direction. It's as if a fog has descended, preventing you from clearly seeing the path right in front of you. You might overcompensate by speeding up to hide your uncertainty. Unfortunately, a strategy built on denial will only court disaster as you run off

Across

1. Plod along, 5. Lawful, 10. Coarse file, 14. Vagabond, 15. Got up, 16. Dwarf buffalo, 17. Frosts, 18. Pilotage, 20. The science of matter and energy, 22. Helps, 23. Citrus drink, 24. Verse, 25. Immersion, 32. Tall woody plants, 33. A low-mass chargeless particle, 34. Legislation, 37. End ____, 38. Accomplishing, 39. Hindu princess, 40. Indian bread, 41. French for "Room", 42. Pertaining to the oceans, 43. Compulsively, 45. Strict, 49. Consumer Price Index, 50. Diadem, 53. A punch of sweetened ale, 57. Deductive, 59. Protagonist, 60. Distribute, 61. A kind of macaw, 62. God of love, 63. Not amateurs, 64. Tall structure, 65. Male offspring.

Down

1. Transport commercially, 2. Lake, 3. Comply with, 4. Diaphanous, 5. Cavalry member, 6. Historical periods, 7. Governor, 8. Largest continent, 9. Lower limbs, 10. Relative magnitudes, 11. Licoricelike flavor, 12. Lampblacks, 13. Large-flowered plant, 19. Type of tree, 21. Midmonth date, 25. Render unconscious, 26. Constellation bear, 27. Existed, 28. Prisons, 29. Banish, 30. 31. Sprocket, 34. Wash, 35. A Freudian stage, 36. Cunning, 38. Apply gently, 39. Enchants, 41. Lad, 42. Bites, 44. "Rascal", 45. Little rascal, 46. Laser printer powder, 47. Muse of love poetry, 48. Parts portrayed, 51. French for "State", 52. Novice, 53. Merchandise, 54. Relating to aircraft, 55. Press, 56. Not a win, 58. Bird call.

Yesterday's Solution



angle, arrange, aspect, assistance, battery, branch, casserole, clash, clear, cloth, comic, comma, conversion, cream, crush, direct, doubt, effect, elect, final, handle, hiccup, line, mania, moist, pasta, power, register, rests, rotor, seer, sins, spark, store, taut.

