

# Uruzgan Offensive: 70 Besieged Soldiers Rescued

TARINKOT - As many as 70 Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers have been rescued from the Taliban's siege in central Uruzgan province, an official said on Thursday.

Ahmad Sadiq, spokesman for the 205th Atal Military Corps, told Pajhwok Afghan News the troop were under the Taliban siege from the past 10 months in the Meharabad area of Tarinkot, the provincial capital.

He said the besieged soldiers were rescued after days of operation. Over 60 militants were killed and 20 other injured in the offensive.

It is pertinent to mention the some ANA bases in Tarinkot were under the Taliban siege from the past one year. Troop in some units surrendered and the Taliban captured the bases.

The Taliban have not yet commented about the recent development. (Pajhwok)



## Poet among 2 Gunned Down in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Unidentified gunmen shot dead two civilians, including local Poet Esmatullah Bashari, in the Khogyano district of eastern Nangarhar province on Friday, and official said.

Governor spokesman Attaullah Khogyani told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident happened in the Zor Bazaar area before noon.

He said investigation into the incident had been launched to ascertain who killed Bashari and Qudratullah and what the cause of their killing was.

Lal Mohammad Durrani, the deputy head of provincial council, said Bashari was shot dead in Kagi Bazaar when he was going to a shop. (Pajhwok)

## Mortars Kill 6 Children in Baghlan, Zabul

QALAT/PUL-I-KHUMRI - Six children have been killed and another three injured in two separate incidents of violence within 24 hours in northern Baghlan and southern Zabul provinces.

Baghlan police spokesman Zabihullah Shuja said four children were killed on Wednesday evening when a mortar shell they were playing with went off in Barkah district.

Separately, two children were killed and as many others wounded ... (More on P4)... (20)

## Foreign Forces Convoy Attacked in Parwan

CHARIKAR - A roadside blast hit foreign forces convoy in the Bagram district of central Parwan province, an official said on Friday.

Alozai Ahmadi, security forces coordination department head, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident happened in the Turkman area when foreign forces convoy was passing through the area hit a roadside bomb. Forces cordoned off the area and no one was allowed to close to the site of blast. There was no information about the casualties in the blast, he said.

Malak Torab Khan, the resident of locality, said the explosion was powerful and broke the windowpanes and inflicted losses to the grape farms in the area. Foreign forces stationed in Afghanistan acknowledged the roadside blast hit their convoy but asserted no losses inflicted in the blast. (Pajhwok)

## 6 Civilian Killed, 14 Wounded in Uruzgan Overnight Raid

TARINKOT - Six civilians have been killed and 14 others injured in security forces night raid in central Uruzgan province, residents and hospital sources said on Friday.

Afghan Special Forces have conducted a raid Thursday night in the Sajawal locality of Tarinkot, the provincial capital.

Earlier in the day Zainullah, police commander, told Pajhwok Afghan News 18 Taliban, including notorious commanders, were killed in the overnight raid.

But hospital sources and residents of locality claimed civilians also suffered casualties in the last night raid.

Adam Khan, the resident of locality, who was with one of the injured civilian at the hospital, said he was family member of innocent civilian injured in the overnight raid of security forces.

He said during the operation security forces opened fire on them as a result six civilian were killed and 14 injured.

He said among the dead and injured were women and children.

Tarinkot Civil Hospital Head Dr. Ziurahman said among the injured civilians were four women three children and some men.

He said critical injured had been shifted to Kandahar. (Pajhwok)

## Ulema Role Vital for Peace and Stability in the Country: Hekmatyar

KABUL - Head of the Hizbi-Islami Afghanistan (HIA) Gubadin Hekmatyar has said ulema could play an important role in ending the decades old conflict and bringing peace and stability to the country.

Hekmatyar expressed the view during a meeting with a group of people from the Yousufzai council, a statement from HIA office said on Friday.

Religious scholars and ulema role would be productive in strengthening peace effort and would help end



the war, Hekmatyar said. The HIA leader hailed sacrifices rendered by the Yousufzai tribe during Jihad and asked them to stand by him in bring peace and stability to the country. Hekmatyar said fighting was not in the interest of Afghanistan but benefited other players the most. (Pajhwok)

## ALP Forces in Faryab Accused of Killing 7 Villagers

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Tribal elders from Dawlatabad district of northern Faryab province on Thursday accused Afghan Local Police (ALP) forces of killing seven civilians and torching their houses.

The residents of Khairabad village in the district said ALP forces sudden entered their village on Wednesday morning and started searching houses.

Ghawsuddin, a resident of the village, told Pajhwok Afghan News the ALP



forces searched homes despite there were no militants in the area. "They also torched our houses, took our motorcycles and killed innocent people," he said.

He said the ALP forces killed seven young villagers and took five others with themselves while eight others were still missing. The ALP forces refused to leave the area until their demand ... (More on P4)... (21)



## All-Girl Afghan Robotics Team Cleared to Compete in United States

KABUL - A team of Afghan girls are on their way to compete in an academic robotics competition in the United States after American officials agreed to allow them to enter the country despite initially denying them visas.

"We were disappointed, and we were feeling bad, but now we are very happy that they have given us a chance to go," 14-year-old Fatemah Qaderyan said as she and five teammates arrived in the Afghan capital Kabul on Thursday. The girls are hoping to receive the documentation there that they need to travel to the United States.

The reversal reportedly came at the request of U.S. President Donald Trump, who has been embroiled in controversy over his efforts to restrict immigration from several Muslim-majority countries.

Afghanistan itself is not on the list, and Team Afghanistan's robot had already been allowed entry to the United States.

"We are so happy from the support of the Americans and Mr. Trump, and we thank them for providing us visas to allow us to travel and attend the competitions," Qaderyan said.

A spokesman at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul said he could not publicly comment on individual cases, but officials in Washington ... (More on P4)... (19)

### Outlook Horoscope

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



You might believe you possess superhero powers, enabling you to succeed at almost anything you wish. Thankfully, you can turn a disagreement into a lovefest of mutual admiration by focusing on the positive potential rather than falling into the competitive trap. The answers are not floating around on the surface now.

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



You're excited because there are so many different things to do today that sound like fun. However, you also like the idea of staying home and relaxing. You might feel as if you're caught in the middle, unable to decide whether to head out in search of a new experience or hide out away from the maddening crowds.

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



Surrounding yourself with friends and family is a perfect way to pass the time today. You're looking forward to resuming interesting conversations with people you admire while sharing some fine food and drink. There's nothing wrong with a little self-indulgence now as long as you don't overdo it. Although you can't tell anyone else what to do, you can respect your personal limits.

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



You may try to deflect some of your current feelings because you don't want to put yourself in an emotionally vulnerable position. Although your preferences are very strong today, going along with someone else's plan could be logistically less complicated. Nevertheless, it's a smart idea to let others know what you want without expecting them to take responsibility for your needs.

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



You can't contain yourself today because every thought that crosses your brain leads you on an exciting journey of unlimited possibilities. Paradoxically, you might be quite satisfied without attempting to turn any single idea into reality. Your greatest adventure is the one that takes place between your two ears.

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



Friends and family seem to look to you for guidance, expecting you to play the role of social director today. However, you are not inclined to take control, especially if you don't have a specific agenda in mind. In fact, you might choose a different sort of indulgence and head off on a little shopping spree. Rather than seeking joy in the company of others, you could find a sliver of happiness by acquiring something beautiful that will serve a lasting purpose in your life.

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



People may seem overly assertive today, prompting you to question everyone's motives. However, their behavior might turn passive-aggressive, denying that they expect anything from you. Although you can see through their claims of innocence, you really don't want to confront anyone further and end up in a protracted confrontation.

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



You are bored by the thought of running errands today in the same old way you do all the time. You wish you could turn your tedious routine upside down simply to alleviate the monotony. Unfortunately, you might make more work for yourself than necessary by taking your need for freedom of expression too far. In the long run, it's smarter to aim for efficiency rather than inventiveness.

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



Your imagination is on fire today, yet you're not content to just sit back and dream. You're eager for some action but might not have anything solid on your schedule yet. Thankfully, you're open to anyone's invitation if it sounds like a fun distraction. Just be careful about taking your search for adventure to extremes; agreeing to join someone on a nature walk is substantially different than embarking on a survival expedition.

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



You might be willing to step into uncharted emotional territory today, as long as you're the one calling the shots. You can see the positive potential of exploring your feelings with a trusted friend or lover now. However, you quickly grow anxious if someone else is in control and you're ready to change the subject.

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

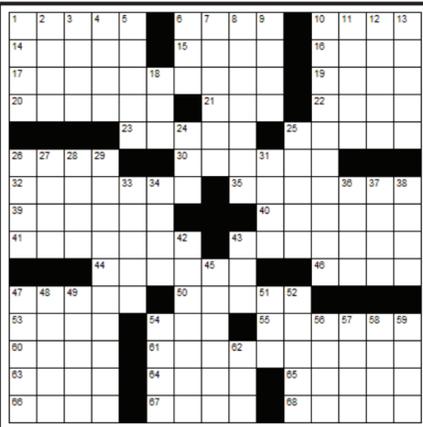


Relationship issues can be complicated by your conflicting desires today. Your apparent confidence and direct communication style signal your willingness to open your heart during an intimate chat. However, you are more self-protective than you seem, leading others to move the conversation along faster than you prefer.

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



Participating in a group activity could be very stimulating, but you might prefer to enjoy some quiet time alone today. You love hanging out with your friends, but you have mixed emotions that need to be sorted out before you lose yourself in the noise of a social event. Ironically, you could overcompensate by displaying an air of bravado now because you feel guilty about your choice to exclude others. Poet Rupi Kaur wrote, "You must



**Across**

1. Thick woolen fabric, 6. Anagram of "Sage", 10. Flat float, 14. Long-limbed, 15. 5280 feet, 16. Type of sword, 17. Unbeatable, 19. Acquire, 20. A hot spring, 21. Offer

22. At one time (archaic), 23. Sysadmin, 25. Mosquitoes, 26. Wise men, 30. Underwrite, 32. Sickness, 35. Green gem, 39. Queasiness, 40. A small skullcap, 41. Mark for misconduct, 43. Despise, 44. Environment, 46. Female sheep (plural), 47. Loosen, as laces, 50. Small drum, 53. Wood that is cut, 54. Passenger vehicle, 55. Any unsaturated aliphatic hydrocarbon, 60. Largest continent, 61. Voters, 63. A certain trade agreement, 64. Man, 65. Not fulfilled, 66. If not, 67. Backside, 68. Considers,

**Down**

1. Trigonometry (abbrev.), 2. Diminish, 3. Covetousness, 4. Auspices, 5. Units of force

6. French for "Friend", 7. A lesser ape, 8. Oval, 9. Sow, 10. Rejuvenate, 11. 3-banded armadillo, 12. A belligerent little mongrel dog, 13. Canvas shelters, 18. Weep, 24. Female sib, 25. The color of grass, 26. Subconscious, 27. Wings, 28. Dour, 29. Sow, 31. Part of an ear, 33. Creepy, 34. Travel on water, 36. Again, 37. Citrus fruit, 38. Lairs, 42. Existing in name only

43. A baby bear, 45. Artists' workstands, 47. Habitual practice, 48. Twangy, as a voice, 49. Nincompoops, 51. A parcel of land, 52. Not silently, 54. Chancel, 56. Sea eagle, 57. Notability, 58. Bit of gossip, 59. Catches, 62. C,

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