

Five Civilians Reportedly Killed in Logar Airstrike



KABUL - At least five civilians were killed in an airstrike by Afghan forces in the central province of Logar on Monday evening, a number of Logar residents claimed.

The residents, who talked to TOLONews on Tuesday, also claimed that the airstrike left 11 civilians wounded. They said that children were also among the victims.

An Army Commander in Logar, Colonel Abdul Matin Hassankhail, said the airstrike targeted a Taliban gathering in Kamalkhail village on the outskirts of Pul-e-Alam, the center of Logar, which killed 25 Taliban members including their key commanders and wounded 11 others.

Colonel Hassankhail did not reject civilian casualties in the airstrike and said there might be some civilians at the Taliban gathering.

The Ministry of Interior Affairs said in a statement that the airstrike in Kamalkhail village in Logar killed 22 Taliban fighters, including their key commander Nematullah.

Taliban has claimed that the airstrike has left 24 civilians dead and 10 others wounded.

This comes after a sharp rise in civilian casualties in the Afghan conflict. A fresh figure by Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) indicates that 596 civilians were killed and 1,892 others were wounded in clashes between government forces and the Taliban and other attacks by militants in Afghanistan since the beginning of the current solar year which coincides with March 21, 2019.

The CEO of the AIHRC, Musa Mahmoodi, told TOLONews on Monday that 733 of the victims are children who have either been killed or wounded in the conflicts during the period. (Tolo news)

25 Rebels Killed in Drone Strike



PUL-I-ALAM - At least 25 Taliban insurgents and two civilians have been killed in a drone strike in central Logar province, an official said on Tuesday.

Ahmad Shakeel Tasal, spokesman for the 4th brigade of the army, told Pajhwok Afghan News that local and foreign forces conduct-

ed an air-and-ground operation in the Kamalkhel area of Pul-i-Alam on Monday night.

He said the insurgents hiding near a mosque came under drone strike. At least 25 militants, including four notorious commanders, were killed and 10 others wounded, he claimed.

Dedar Lawang, the governor's spokes-

man, confirmed the security operation against the rebels. He said three notorious commanders were among the fatalities.

Mullah Habib Akhwandzada, Mullah Niamat and Mullah Hamid were identified as dreaded commanders. He said two civilians were also killed in the offensive. *...(More on P4)...(10)*



Fighting Intensifies in 6 Districts of Kandahar

KANDAHAR CITY - Taliban insurgents have intensified attacks in some districts of southern Kandahar province, an official said on Tuesday.

The militants have stepped up their activities in Maroof, Khakrez, Shah Walikot, Nesh, Ghorak and Maiwand districts.

Police chief Maj. Gen. Tadin Khan told Pajhwok Afghan News: "Everyone knows plots are hatched across the Durand Line and militants are being told to escalate fighting."

He said reinforcements had reached the districts to prevent possible insurgent attacks there.

Governor Hayatullah Hayat expressed concern over intense clashes. However, he believed the militants were seeking to strengthen their position at peace talks.

"The Taliban have intensified clashes to show their power and seek to speak from a position of strength in the peace talks."

Last week, the rebels conducted two deadly attacks in Maroof district and inflicted casualties on security forces. *...(More on P4)...(11)*

5 Killed, 1 Wounded in Nangarhar Roof Cave-In



JALALABAD - Five members of a family were killed and a sixth wounded as a result of a roof collapse in the Pachiragum district of eastern Nangarhar province on Tuesday, an official said. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the casualties happened in the

Pas Pachir area of the district in the morning.

Two men, as many children and a woman were killed and at least one woman wounded in the incident, the official explained.

Khogyani added the injured were in critical condition. (Pajhwok)

Explosion Foiled in 12th District of Kabul City



KABUL - The Afghan forces foiled a bomb explosion in the 12th district of Kabul city, the interior ministry said. The Ministry of Interior (MoI) in a statement said the militants had planted an improvised explosive device in Mahbas Square located in the 12th district. The statement further added

that the Taliban militants had planted the bomb to target the ordinary civilians. However, the interior ministry said the Counter-terrorism Task Force personnel managed to discover and defuse the bomb before noon time today. The Taliban group has not commented in this regard so far. (KP)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Jul 17, 2019 - Money worries might have you more on edge than usual, Aries. While you may be doing well, you could still be insecure enough to think that your funds might not stretch far enough. Consider the situation objectively. You will probably be relieved by what you find. Others' demands on your time might irritate you more than usual. The best way to relieve the tension is to work out or take a walk.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Jul 17, 2019 - More than usual, you're probably craving solitude today, Taurus. Although you may have committed to attending a party or get-together, now the idea may seem irritating. You may rather work on some tasks or projects, or you might want to go for a workout and release some of the tension you feel. The latter idea is good. If you exercise early, you might feel like going out later.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Jul 17, 2019 - Although you're normally a sociable person who feels most comfortable in the company of others, Gemini, today you may prefer to be alone. You could feel a little under the weather, or you could be stressed from job-related worries. You probably need rest, but you might also benefit from taking a walk to work off some tension, get the endorphins going, and help you feel like your-

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Jul 17, 2019 - You tend to enjoy solitude, Cancer, but today you might feel more reclusive than usual. Friends could invite you out, but you aren't likely to accept the offer. You might even feel a little irritated. This is a great day to work out or throw yourself into your own projects. Your concentration is good and the physical activity will get relieve the stress.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Jul 17, 2019 - There might be tension in the air for no discernible reason today. Family members might seem preoccupied with problems they can't define. Your natural inclination could be to try to cheer them up, Leo, but it probably won't work. Don't be annoyed if they don't respond. It isn't them. Blame the planets. This is a great day to jog, take a cardio class, or

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Jul 17, 2019 - Some mysterious telephone calls might come your way - wrong numbers or hang-ups. Other people might seem less communicative than usual, Virgo, and you may be preoccupied. You might feel a bit more nervous than usual, but that should go away if you take a walk or get some other exercise. If you've been thinking about doing some writing, this is the day to start.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Jul 17, 2019 - Confusion over money matters might arise, Libra. You may need to check your records to shed light on past transactions. Don't worry. All should be well once you ascertain the facts. You might have some intense dreams tonight. Write them down. You will want to remember them later, because they might reveal a lot about your current situation. They may also inspire future projects.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Jul 17, 2019 - Someone close to you might seem more preoccupied than usual, Scorpio, and perhaps a bit difficult to deal with. Don't take this personally. It has little, if anything, to do with you. This person has troubles of their own that they don't want to share. You might be feeling a bit tense and jumpy, but again, this is nothing to worry about. Take a walk or work out at the gym.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Jul 17, 2019 - You might feel a bit tense, Sagittarius, and you probably won't understand why. The reason? The planets. You might jump at unexpected noises or take offense where none is intended. Relations with others might be a little strained, necessitating some communication about how you're feeling. Try to work off the tension by taking a brisk walk or perhaps working out at the gym.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Jul 17, 2019 - You probably aren't going to feel like socializing even though friends want you to go out with them. Your patience could be worn a bit thin, Capricorn, and you may get annoyed at incidents that normally wouldn't bother you. This isn't a good day for group activities or parties. It might be best to get a good workout and then rest. You will feel much better afterward.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

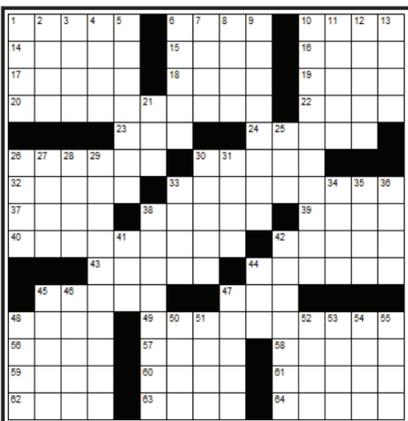


Jul 17, 2019 - Uptight is the mood for today. You might be the center of attention at some point. While you normally wouldn't mind, Aquarius, today it might make you nervous. When everyone looks at you and expects you to say something, say it. Keep it short and then withdraw. You aren't in the mood. Walk to the library and throw yourself into reading about subjects that

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Jul 17, 2019 - Today you may want to be left alone with your thoughts. Relaxing with a good book could be at the top of your agenda, Pisces, and you aren't likely to want to be interrupted. Noise and requests that don't usually bother you might irritate you, so it's best to spend some time alone and make the effort to be your usual considerate self when with others. Take a brisk walk to relieve the tension.



Across

- Beguile, 6. Conspiracy, 10. Publicize, 14. Eagle's nest, 15. Adriatic resort, 16. Sea eagle
- Slop, 18. Pearly-shelled mussel, 19. Violent disturbance, 20. Act of showing affection,
- Achy, 23. Gist, 24. Good person, 26. Respectful deference, 30. Extreme happiness
- Pee, 33. Abuses, 37. An international trade agreement, 38. Front parts of human legs
- Cocoyam, 40. Sledding, 42. Contemptuous look, 43. Impertinent, 44. Floating in water
- Mantelpiece, 47. Cover, 48. At the peak of, 49. Help, 56. Boor, 57. Wreaths
- Alcoholic, 59. Indian dress, 60. At one time (archaic), 61. Complete, 62. Ear-related
- Drunkards, 64. Tale, ,

Down

- Carryall, 2. Axed, 3. Desiccated, 4. Anger, 5. Mixture, 6. Perpendicular, 7. Connects two points
- Norse god, 9. Someone's foot, 10. Stubbornly unyielding, 11. Heavenly hunter, 12. Sound of contempt, 13. French for "Head"
21. Regret, 25. American Sign Language, 26. Embraces, 27. By mouth, 28. Small amount, 29. Disinfectant, 30. Brackish, 31. Breathing organ
33. Fashionable, 34. Bright thought, 35. Biblical garden, 36. Classify, 38. Shambles
41. Woman
42. They love to inflict pain, 44. Zero, 45. Brown ermine, 46. Nymph, 47. Enumerates
48. As well, 50. Relating to aircraft, 51. A box or chest, 52. Horn sound, 53. Car, 54. Russian emperor, 55. Evasive, ,

Yesterday's Solution



- alive, arrest, change cigar, commercial darkness, dental, disease dozen, earn, fresh, load, mace, magnify myself, nutrient, obstinate, , option, origin, person, plate, promise, relieve, reply, retirement

