



Key Taliban Member Killed in Logar Raid

KABUL - Security forces have killed a key Taliban figure during a raid in the Charkh district of central Logar province, a statement from the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said on Wednesday. The raid was conducted by the General Command of Police Special Unit (GCPSU) in the Mullah Alam village Tuesday night. The dead Taliban member was involved in organising several terrorist attacks through suicide bombers. Security forces seized various types of weapons, ammunition, explosives and maps as well. The Afghan National Defense and Security Forces have stepped up Counter-Terrorism operations to suppress the insurgent activities of the terror groups. (Pajhwok)

Militants Involved in Destructive Activities Arrested in Nangarhar

KABUL - Two militants involved in destructive insurgency activities were apprehended by the Afghan security forces in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan. The provincial government media office in a statement said the two militants were arrested in separate operations conducted by the security forces. The statement further added that the insurgents were arrested in the intelligence operatives operations in Jalalabad city, the provincial capital of Nangarhar. One of the militants detained during the operations has been identified as Matiullah who was involved in insurgency activities under the direct leadership of Taliban commander Khadem in Shirzad district, the statement said. Mati was arrested from the vicinity of the 7th police district of Jalalabad and he was also involved in collecting Zakat from Sherzad district residents. The provincial government also added that the intelligence operatives arrested the other militant from the vicinity of the 6th police district of the city. The detained militant has been identified as Hokomran, the statement said, adding that ...*(More on P4)...*(18)

2 Media Workers Killed, 6 Wounded in Kabul Blast

KABUL - At least two media workers, including a TOLO TV staff member, were killed in Wednesday's truck bombing in Kabul city. Six other media workers were wounded. Aziz Navin, 22, was killed while on his way to work. He worked in the IT department for MOBY, the holding company of TOLO TV and TOLONews. In addition, a driver for BBC was killed and four other BBC staff members were wounded in the incident. Two ITV employees were also wounded in the attack. A truck bomb was detonated ...*(More on P4)...*(19)

Taliban Reacts at Kabul Bombing

KABUL - The Taliban militants group in Afghanistan reacted at the deadly bombing in capital Kabul that left at least 80 dead, claiming that the fighters of the group have no role in today's devastating attack. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid in a statement said the group has no role in the attack and the Taliban fighters were also not involved in it as they are not allowed to carry out attacks in areas where there are no targets. Mujahid also added that the group strongly condemns today's attack in the city. The Ministry of Interior spokesman Najib Danish said the attack was likely carried out using a truck full of explosives which was detonated close to Zambaq square, place to several diplomatic missions, including some embassies. The Ministry of Public spokesman Wahid Majroh confirmed that 80 people were killed and over 350 others were ...*(More on P4)...*(17)



2-Year 'Green City Program' Launched in Kandahar

KANDAHAR CITY - A two-year 'green and clean city' program was launched on Wednesday in the capital city of southern Kandahar province. Governor Zalmi Weesa, Mayor Eng. Rokhan Walasmal, municipal districts representatives and other officials attended the program's inauguration ceremony here. Mayor Walasmal told Pajhwok Afghan News that the USAID-funded 'Clean and

Green City' scheme was being implemented by UN-Habitat and the Kandahar Municipality. He said establishing recreational areas in municipal districts of Kandahar city, extraction of gunshots, public awareness about urban culture and others constituted main parts of the program. According to him, the scheme would be implemented in two years at a total cost of \$1.8 million, providing many job op-

portunities to people. Governor Weesa appreciated the municipality for launching vital programs and projects aimed at facilitating people. He said urban development wasn't only the duty of municipality, but people had also a lot of responsibility in this regard. UN-Habitat representative, Nadar Shah Zaghham, said the project's main focus would ...*(More on P4)...*(20)

Huge Fire Sweeps through 75 Houses in Nangarhar Province

KABUL - A huge fire swept through dozens of houses in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan, incurring huge financial and collateral loss to the local residents. The local government officials are saying that the incident took place in the vicinity of Kot and Rodat districts due to the negligence that resulted into the spread of the fire in at least 75 houses. The officials further added that the huge financial loss has been incurred to the local residents but no loss of life has been reported. At least fifteen houses were burnt in ...*(More on P4)...*(22)



At Least 7 US Citizens Injured in Kabul Blast

WASHINGTON - At least seven US citizens were injured in the suicide bomb blast in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Wednesday, according to two US officials. At least three of the injured were US government personnel,

according to the officials. Sources cautioned to CNN that the number of US citizens who were injured could change as more information becomes available. At least 80 people were ...*(More on P4)...*(23)

Poppies Destroyed on 300 Acres of Samangan Land

AIBAK - More than 300 acres of land has been cleared of poppy crop as a result of an ongoing eradication campaign in Dara Sauf Payeen district of northern Samangan province, an official said on Wednesday. The district police chief, Abdullah Zafari, said police destroyed poppies in ...*(More on P4)...*(21)



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You're willing to go along with someone else's idea now because you see the wisdom in adopting a more methodical approach. Without the involvement of others, you might just rush ahead -- thinking you can make decisions on the fly. You are thankful that a coworker actually created a step-by-step plan.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You could fall in love with something as ethereal as a rainbow today. Its beauty is not in question, but the practicality of this love is non-existent. It's not wise to make any impulsive commitments now, since you're all too willing to overlook faults you might consider a deal-breaker on another day. Your key planet Venus is receiving strong support from karmic Saturn, empowering your common sense.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You might have thought you were close to escape velocity, only to discover reality is going to restrain you for a while longer. Only you know how much work you've already completed, but you're probably closer to your goal than you realize. Like it or not, today is all about hard work. Luckily, you can find mental satisfaction participating in mundane activities now.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You're so hopeful that your hard work and dedication will be rewarded with a promotion or a raise that you go the extra mile in all that you do today. Although the ambitious Venus-Saturn trine grounds your 6th House of Efficiency and your 10th House of Career, this practical aspect influences more than your current work habits. Whatever you seek in life is worth your time now.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your heart is set on taking a long-awaited vacation. You may have chosen an exotic location that now seems out of reach. However, changing your mind is a bad idea; it's not time to admit defeat and give up on your dream. In fact, the cosmos is inviting you to improve your current plans instead of throwing them away.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You intuitively know just what to do, but you're not adhering to any kind of schedule today. Preparation is currently a state of mind. It's not about winning now; simply remain open and show up. Others are busy figuring out their next steps, leaving you to your own devices. Demonstrate your courage, throw down your crutches, and follow your internal GPS.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

The tables are pleasantly turned today and it seems as if everyone is being extra nice to you. In fact, there's a hint of love in the air and there may be more going on now than what you see. If you're interested in romancing a special person, be certain to ascertain their feelings before you move too fast with your own. Nevertheless, it's really not complicated; just

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You might worry about something you did in the past that possibly alienated someone. Now, you have a rare chance to readdress the issue so you can heal the rift and let it go. But it's not helpful to simply stab in the dark as you tell your personal story, hoping it will straighten out any misunderstandings.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You appear as if you're emotionally reserved today, but you're actually calculating your chances for success. Your mind is focused on one particular person and you quickly brush everyone else off. You can't wait to reveal your heart because you think there is a special connection between the two of you. But deepening an involvement is a tricky process.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

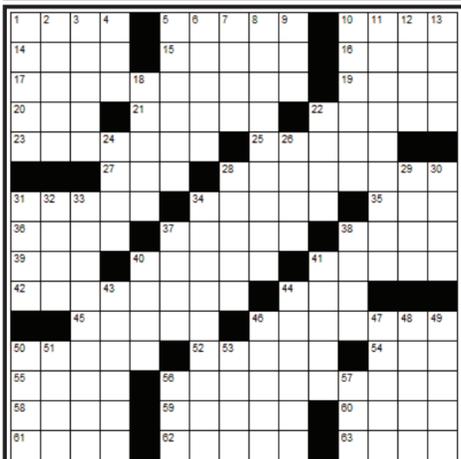
You are among the calmest people in the world, but your appearance doesn't speak your whole truth today. Actually, your desires are powerful and you intuitively know they are still strengthening under the surface. Put your feelings on hold for three or four days until the high-strung energy has rippled on through. Although waiting for a good idea to mature makes sense in theory, it might be impossible in real life.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Your network of friends and coworkers might demand more from you today, and you don't like the idea of being held in check. Fortunately, you understand that their advice comes from a place of love and that it's probably good for you in the long run. Although you're still tempted to resist, change your attitude from defensive to collaborative since the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You want to get ahead in your profession, regardless of how much actual work is on your plate today. The good news is you can put yourself in line for a raise or a promotion, but the bad news is you can't ask for either just yet. You must dance the dance of self-discipline now, for every one of your actions carries extra weight. Buddhist teacher Sakyong Mipham wrote, "Like gravity, karma is so basic we don't even notice it."



Across

- 1. Not Mama, 5. First Hebrew letter, 10. Adjoin, 14. Prima donna problems, 15. Anaglyph, 16. Exposed, 17. Playful, 19. Largest continent, 20. Weep, 21. People who accomplish, 22. Adhere, 23. Pitiable, 25. Drive forward, 27. Big wine holder, 28. Distaste, 31. German iris, 34. Manicurist's board, 35. Spy agency, 36. 53 in Roman numerals, 37. Column of wood, 38. Numerous, 39. Terminate, 40. Not clergy, 41. Davenport, 42. Detestably, 44. Black bird, 45. Expletive, 46. Marsh, 50. Shrewd, 52. Dot, 54. Court, 55. Volumes (abbrev.), 56. Unmoving, 58. Type of sword, 59. To make known (archaic), 60. Backside, 61. A musical pause, 62. Hurt, 63. Existed

Down

- 1. Alight, 2. Ancient Greek marketplace, 3. A small vascular growth, 4. American Sign Language, 5. Greet, 6. Bodies of water, 7. Arab chieftain, 8. In a thoughtful manner, 9. Pig, 10. Wanes, 11. Churches, 12. Relating to urine, 13. Heavy, durable furniture wood, 18. Anagram of "Aside", 22. Agile, 24. 57 in Roman numerals, 26. No more than, 28. Friendliness, 29. Pig sound, 30. Negatives, 31. Margarine, 32. Peel, 33. Treats with contempt, 34. Seizure sufferer, 37. Back talk, 38. Whimper, 40. Attraction, 41. Philippine tribal chief, 43. Beginning, 44. Turned down, 46. Strong flexible twig, 47. Cognizant, 48. Like the Vikings, 49. Elder, 50. Affirm, 51. Make do, 53. Pledge, 56. Calypso offshoot, 57. Apprehend,

Yesterday's Solution

FLAK	ELAND	DOPE
RANT	MIMEO	USED
OVVAL	BLITS	STERING
GALLERY	TERRERE	
JAY	OARED	
LOBO	TOMIZED	GAL
GKARS	GIVING	GALE
ORBS	FLIPS	RULE
TAU	SLEEP	BOSON
	PUSSY	FOTED
PASTE	ELM	
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PAIN	KILLER	ALGA
ERNE	ASIDE	TORR
RATS	REVET	EYED

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