

61 Insurgents Killed in ANSF Military Operations

KABUL - At least 61 insurgents have been killed and six others injured in a series of coordinated operations over the past 24 hours by the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said in a statement on Monday. In addition, 72 others were injured and another was arrested. The operations were conducted in Kunduz, Badakhshan, Zabul, Uruzgan, Badghis, Nimroz and Kandahar



provinces, the statement said. "During the same 24 hour period, Afghan National Police discovered and defused nine different types of IEDs placed by enemies of Afghanistan for destructive activities in Baghlan, Balkh and Paktiya provinces," it said. The MoI, however, did not comment on whether any security force members were injured during the operations. (Tolonews)

9 Rebels Eliminated in Faryab Clash

MAIMANA/ ASADABAD - At least nine insurgents, including two Uzbek fighters, were killed and 15 others wounded in clashes in the Qaisar district of northwestern Faryab province, an official said on Monday. The gun battle erupted after militants mounted attacks on security forces' check posts, spokesman for 209th Shahin Military Corp said. Security officials and civilians escaped unhurt in the clashes. But Ahmad Javed Qaisari, an elder of the locality, said a rickshaw driver was killed and a 12-year-old girl wounded when a rocket hit a house in the area. Elsewhere, Taliban gunned down a teacher in the Asmar district of eastern Kunar province, Education Director



Syed Jamaluddin Hussiani said. He added Taliban kidnapped the slain teacher four days ago and his body was recovered Sunday night with a letter in which the slain teacher was accused of spying. Governor Wahidullah Kalimzai confirmed the incident and termed it an un-Islamic and inhuman act. (Pajhwok)

Daesh Fighters Join Taliban in Farah

FARAH CITY - After weeks of attacks against each other position in western Farah province, majority of Daesh fighters have joined Taliban's ranks in Anar Dara district of the province, an official said Monday. Daesh or the so called Islamic State (IS) fighters had bases in Khak-i-Safid district of the province, but they were forced to retreat to Anar Dara district after heavy clashes between the two groups. According to local officials, Taliban also mounted attacks on Daesh hideouts in



Anar Dara that resulted in heavy casualties among both sides. Iqbal Bahir, Farah police spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News more than 70 Daesh fighters had taken refuge in Anar Dara. He added Daesh had lost more than 13 fighters in latest clashes and 12 of them had been seriously wounded. The rest, he added, surrendered to Taliban along with their weapons and ammunition. According to... (More on P4)...(20)

25 Taliban Insurgents Killed in Kandahar Airstrike

KANDAHAR - At least 25 Taliban insurgents were killed and 45 others injured in a military airstrike in southern Kandahar province on Sunday afternoon, Provincial Media Office said in a statement on Monday. The airstrike took place in Ghorak district of the province after the air force targeted Taliban insurgents who were gathered in the area, the statement said. After the airstrike, the police forces launched a clearing operation in which two



policemen were also injured during clashes with insurgents, the local officials said. The police seized some small and heavy weapons during the operation, according to officials. There were no civilians casualties during the operation and airstrike, the officials added. However, the Taliban have not yet commented on the airstrike. (Tolonews)

Insurgents' Group Joins Peace Process in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Salim Khan Kunduzi, the governor of eastern Nangarhar province, on Monday asked militants to join the government-initiated peace process and shun violence in larger interest of the country. He expressed these views after a 16-member militant group joined peace and



renounced violence. He said a group of militants headed by leading commander re-nounced violence and pledged to refrain from anti-state activities... (More on P4)...(21)

Nangarhar Police HQ Attacked Overnight

JALALABAD - Nangarhar police headquarters came under attack on Sunday night after a suicide car bomber detonated explosives, clearing the way for insurgents to enter the premises. A four-hour long clash ensued between insurgents and police. All insurgents involved were eventually killed by police.



The attack took place at about 11:00pm local time in Jalalabad city the capital of the province after a suicide car bomber detonated his explosives near the entrance gate of the police headquarters and opened way to other attackers, a spokesman for the Provincial Governor, Ahmad Zia Abdulzai said... (More on P4)...(22)

Work on Wardak Road Begins After 4 Years Delay

MAIDAN SHAHR - Construction work on 17-kilometer road of Chak district in central Maidan Wardak province has been started after four years delay, an official said Monday.



Attaullah Khogyani, acting governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the road connecting Kabul-Ghazni highway would be constructed in one year. In addition, building a 500 meters embankment wall, 80 small and four big bridges were... (More on P4)...(24)

4 Smugglers Held With 287 Kg Drugs in Parwan

CHARIKAR - Police said four smugglers were arrested with 287 kilograms (Kgs) of narcotic drugs in central Parwan province on Monday. Brig. Gen. Mohammad Zaman Mamozai, police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the contraband was being smuggled to Ka-

bul, which was concealed in compartment of a vehicle. However, he did not reveal the identity of smugglers. Another opium smuggling bid was foiled when a large truck carrying the substance to Country Capital Kabul from Takhar province. (Pajhwok)

Nearly 200 Illegal Weapons Seized in Khost

KABUL - Security forces have seized a cache with nearly 200 different types of weapons in Khost province. Mohammad Zaman Adil, a senior official at the governor house of this province said that the cache was seized during a raid conducted based on intelligence information in Spina Pyala area of

Alishir District. He said that there were 40 Kalashnikovs, 157 pistols, PK machinegun, ammunition and other materials used for weapons in this cache. Adil said that the weapons were planned to be transported to other regions from Khost but luckily the plan has been foiled by the security forces. (KP)

3 People Arrested for Using Fake Notes in Paktika

SHARAN - Three people have been arrested for using fake currencies in Bazzars of Paktika provinces. National Directorate of Security (NDS) - Afghanistan's intelligence agency - had arrested these people eight days before but due to investigation they

were not shown to media until yesterday. NDS has confiscated 100,000 Pakistani Rupees and 35,000 Afghani in fake notes from the possession of these people. The arrested culprits have confessed to their crimes. The group said they had brought these notes from Lwargi area across... (More on P4)...(23)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You must be ready to shift gears on a moment's notice, since your plans are likely to expand with the Sagittarius Full Moon magnifying your 9th House of Big Ideas. Until now, you believed your own story and knew where you were going, but your world is dramatically changing now. Thankfully, you're up for the challenge as long as you can keep the conversations flowing.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You may need to reevaluate your strategy when you discover that your allies aren't as committed to your success as you thought. But it's still wise to conserve your resources until you determine how your current actions fit into the larger picture. Don't immediately rush to remedy a potential problem while the Sagittarius Full Moon destabilizes your 8th House of Shared Resources.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It might seem as if people are being emotionally demanding today as the Sagittarius Full Moon lights up your 7th House of Others. You're forced to reevaluate your relationship options, motivating you to grow in ways that can actually ease the current pressure. Unfortunately, pretending everything is fine only makes matters worse. Take a risk and start a conversation about what you need to feel more secure.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Maintaining your boundaries at work can be tricky as the Sagittarius Full Moon floods your 6th House of Routine. Your dreams are so vivid now that they overflow into your waking life, impacting your job and everyone around you. You might be annoyed that your current employment isn't emotionally satisfying or intellectually challenging.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You Lions like to shine your light with the brilliant radiance of the Sun, but now you're encouraged to express your feelings as the Sagittarius Full Moon emphasizes your 5th House of Romance. Sinking further into the emotions is essential if you truly want to intensify a relationship. Although you might think a rational approach will keep you safe, logic only takes you so far when it comes to love.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You're rather pensive today, but you're still ready to act on a thought that's been running around in your head for a few days. However, you can feel the palpable tension between your spoken words and your unexpressed desires. But the two are hopelessly entangled while the optimistic Sagittarius Full Moon illuminates your 4th House of Roots. Knowing where you want to go is more important now than knowing how to get there.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You may be questioning everything you know, but the current cosmic energy indicates you're probably traveling on the right path. The philosophical Sagittarius Full Moon amplifies your 3rd House of Communication, presenting you with another layer of an irresolvable paradox. Return your attention to your immediate environment where you can directly influence the dynamics.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You've been sitting on an emotional volcano and you could be tempted to release the tension as today's Sagittarius Full Moon activates your 2nd House of Values. If you feel as if you're ready to explode, it's more prudent to take a deep breath first and reexamine how your basic beliefs are influencing your current frustration.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Your emotions are running amok, forcing you to follow your instincts rather than common sense. Fortunately, today's Full Moon in your sign enables you to experience brilliant flashes of awareness like strikes of lightning in a storm. Don't withdraw from those closest to you just because the situation is uncomfortable. Instead, continue to share your feelings with those you trust most.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Someone may throw you a curve ball as the boisterous Sagittarius Full Moon lands in your 12th House of Privacy. Hidden emotions are brought out into the open, whether you approve of the disclosure or not. You might believe that keeping up appearances is the best way to handle the current awkwardness. However, staying light on your feet enables you to successfully navigate any unexpected changes.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Your exhilaration is irrepressible, you have people to see and places to go while the Sagittarius Full Moon energizes your 11th House of Social Networking. You're eager for a significant change and you could receive clear signals about your future. Everything that occurs now is just one more clue to the puzzle. But you still must connect the dots for the current picture to make sense.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your ambitions to get ahead could generate electric sparks in a business relationship as the Sagittarius Full Moon triggers your 10th House of Career. However, your professional objectives seem to be dynamically opposed to the simple pleasures of home and family life. Although peace and quiet may be hard to find, open and honest discussions are the grist for the mill that ultimately creates the emotional foundation you seek.



Across
 1. Gambol, 5. Frolics, 10. Cushions or mats, 14. Dwarf buffalo, 15. Soup server, 16. Send forth, 17. Chime, 18. Underline, 20. Failure to be present, 22. Mixture, 23. Arctic bird, 24. Wrath, 25. Slums, 32. Wrongs, 33. Ancient unit of dry measure, 34. Liveliness, 37. Bothers, 38. French for "Morning", 39. Be dressed in, 40. N N N N, 41. Seminal fluid, 42. Mix together, 43. Violation, 45. Spanish for "Friend", 49. Writing liquid, 50. Sea cow, 53. Killer wave, 57. Graniteware, 59. Twin sister of Ares, 60. Not a single one, 61. Waste conduit, 62. Peddle, 63. 3, 64. Sea eagles, 65. A period of discounted prices.

Down
 1. Epic, 2. A round handle, 3. Charged particles, 4. Ceremonies, 5. Spunky, 6. Alley, 7. Sum, 8. Anagram of "Lyme", 9. Arid, 10. Smooth brown oval nut, 11. Amidst, 12. Sad song, 13. Drive, 19. Gash, 21. Cashews and almonds, 25. Anagram of "Ties", 26. Trumpet, 27. Boats, 28. League members, 29. Chose, 30. Snivel, 31. Indian bread, 34. Smut, 35. Therefore, 36. Equal, 38. Japanese apricot, 39. Impulsiveness, 41. Clobbered, 42. List of options, 44. Penny pinchers, 45. Catkin, 46. Country estate, 47. Absurd, 48. Smelling spoiled, 51. If not, 52. Pitcher, 53. Tall woody plant, 54. Region, 55. Foundry, 56. Small island, 58. Barley bristle.

Yesterday's Solution
 atlas, blight, boast, border, brain, chaff, does, dross, fashion, floor, friend, frog, grain, leave, literature, mumble, mutter, nurse, orient, peace, person, pit-ies, plot, pride, reef, refine, romances, school, selfish, snow, spear, special, stare, value, weep, wheat, worry, yard, yeast.

