

Taliban Suffer Heavy Casualties in Baghlan Raids, 21 Killed, 20 Wounded

DAND-E-GHORI - The Taliban militants suffered heavy casualties during an operation led by the Afghan National Army (ANA) forces in northern Baghlan province. The 209th Shaheen Corps of the Afghan National Army said the operations were conducted in the past 24 in SurkhKotal area of Dand-e-Ghori



district. According to the 209th Corps, at least 21 militants were killed and 20 others were wounded during the operations supported by the Afghan Air Force. At least two key commanders of the Taliban group identified as QariBakhtiar and Mullah Sahwali were among those wounded. ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Taliban's Shadow Governor for Ghazni Killed

GHAZNI CITY - The Ministry of Interior (MoI) on Saturday said Taliban's shadow governor for southern Ghazni province was killed by Afghan forces along with three accom-

plices - a claim rejected by the militants. A statement from ministry said the Taliban-designated governor, Mullah Qasim, was killed in an airstrike in AabBand district. Two other insur-

gents were injured in the incident. Police chief, Brig. Gen. Aminullah Amarkhel, confirmed the airstrike in Paindakhel area of the district on Friday night. Qasim, a Taliban leader,

was killed in the raid. Jan Mohammad, a resident of Paindakhel area, said they heard heavy blasts in the village last night. He added two civilians were ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Police Killed Would-Be Suicide Bomber in Ghazni Province

GHAZNI CITY - The Afghan National Police (ANP) forces shot dead a would-be suicide bomber before he manage to carry out an attack in southeastern Ghazni province. The Ministry of Interior (MoI) said the suicide bomber was looking to detonate a motorcycle packed with explosives in Shakhook village of Andar district. MoI further added that the bomber was identified and shot dead by the police forces before he manage to carry out an attack. According to MoI, the Afghan police forces and the ordinary civilians have not suffered any casualties. The anti-government armed militant group have not commented regarding the report so far. This comes as a suicide bomber was shot dead by the Afghan security forces before he manage to carry out an attack in central Logar province of Afghanistan. The Taliban militants have been attempting to carry out attacks across the country since they announced their spring offensive earlier in April ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

3 Militants, Including 2 Haqqani Members, Detained

KABUL - Three militants, including two members of Haqqani network, had been captured in Afghanistan's eastern province of Khost, the command of Afghan Special Forces said on Saturday. "One unit of Afghan Special Operation Force conducted an operation in Lakan village, Matun district on Friday, detaining three militants," it said in a statement. The trio was busy in building explosive devices in a compound before

being held, the statement noted. As a Taliban-linked group of militants, the Haqqani network mostly operating in eastern provinces and capital Kabul, has been responsible for many high-profile attacks against security forces. The network, which was designated as terrorist group by the United States in 2012, has yet to make comments. Earlier Saturday, one child was killed and two civilians were wounded after a mortar ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Lawmaker's Bodyguard Gunned Down in Kapisa

MAHMOOD RAQI - Lawmaker Iqbal Safi's bodyguard has been shot dead by unidentified gunmen in central Kapisa province, an official said on Saturday. Qais Qaderi, the gover-

nor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the shooting took place in Mahmood Raqi, the provincial capital, on Friday night. He said Daud Shah, bodyguard of ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

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IFB Title: DESIGN, SUPPLY, CONSTRUCTION, ERECTION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF 220KV/110KV NOOR-EL-JAHAD SUBSTATION IN HERAT

- Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS), Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, will be funding from Internal Resources, On Budget Funding for the DESIGN, SUPPLY, CONSTRUCTION, ERECTION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF 220KV/110KV NOOR-EL-JAHAD SUBSTATION IN HERAT IN One Lot for Completion Project. The project is expected to be executed in one lot.
- DABS ("the Employer"), is inviting sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction of the DESIGN, SUPPLY, CONSTRUCTION, ERECTION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF 220KV/110KV NOOR-EL-JAHAD SUBSTATION IN HERAT Bids should cover all incidental expenses thereto as described in Section 6 of this BD and as noted below:

Lot #	Item	Place/Places of Delivery	Description	Bid Security (USD)
Lot 1	1	Herat Province, Afghanistan	DESIGN, SUPPLY, CONSTRUCTION, ERECTION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF 220KV/110KV NOOR-EL-JAHAD SUBSTATION IN HERAT	USD 225,000.00

- Time to complete the plant and services from the effective date specified in Article 3 of the Contract Agreement for determining time for completion of pre-commissioning activities is 12 (Twelve) months (expected Three (3) months for design and preliminary construction, expected 9 (Nine) months for construction and pre-commissioning, bidder to determine their own schedule, but the time to complete is set by these bidding documents). Bids offering time for completion in excess of these specified time requirements shall be rejected. See, also, Section 3 Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, Paragraph 1.2.2 Time Schedule, page 3-3.
- Bidders shall quote for the full quantity of goods and construction services specified in one lot on a single responsibility basis. All quotes shall be inclusive of the security costs. Bids that are not compliant with the terms of this BD will be considered non-responsive and will not be eligible for consideration for award.

- Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedure specified in the Public Procurement Law and Circulars, and is open to all Bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Public procurement law.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the below mentioned address and also from the Procurement Unit, DABS and may inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm during holy month of Ramadan and from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm after Ramadan on any working days from Saturday to Wednesday.
- A complete set of bidding Documents in English may be obtained by interested bidders by contacting at e-mail address zabihulrahman.rahmani@aop.gov.af; shekiba.hajizada@aop.gov.af, and copy to tenders.dabs@dabs.af. Standard Bidding Documents in English are available for free download in electronic data room hosted by NPA and DABS which are www.npa.gov.af and www.dabs.af. Requests for access to the electronic data should be sent to the following email address zabihulrahman.rahmani@aop.gov.af; shekiba.hajizada@aop.gov.af and tenders.dabs@dabs.af -stating the name and address of party making the request. The clarifications and amendments if any will also be posted in the PDF format for free download in the same websites. Bidders are urged to regularly check the NPA and DABS procurement website for RFI responses, possible amendments, pre bid meeting schedule and other tenders announcements.
- A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 hours (local time) on June 25, 2016 at the DABS Headquarters in Kabul at the address below. All interested bidders are encouraged to attend. Interested bidders should monitor the NPA website (www.npa.gov.af) and DABS Procurement website (www.dabs.af) for possible change of venue, date and/or time of this pre-bid meeting.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 10:00 Hours (local time) on July 12, 2016. Electronic bids will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline of bid submission, at the same place of bid submission in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person.
- All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount specified under Paragraph 2 above that will remain valid for 28 days over and above the validity period of the bids, that is, the bid security is to be valid for 148 days (i.e. up to December 08, 2016). A Bid Security Declaration is not acceptable. Copies of the Bid Security documentation shall be included in the original and in the copies of the Technical Bid packages. The original Bid Security document shall accompany the original Technical Bid package.
- The address (es) referred to above is (are):
 - 1st Floor
 - Place: CFO's Office,
 - Da Afghanistan
 - Breshna Sherkat (DABS), H.Q Chaman Houzouri,
 - Kabul, Afghanistan
 - Telephone: (+93)0752002063

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)

You have little patience for anyone who can't keep up with you today. It's not that you mean to be rude, but you can appear as if you don't care what others are going through. After all, your directness is legendary; you're already off to the next thing once you're done in your mind. However, your timing may be off now, along with your assessment of how much energy to apply toward reaching your goals.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)

People may push you too hard today as they try to convince you to join forces with them. In fact, others will realize the futility of their ways once you dig your hooves into the ground. Nevertheless, demonstrating your power of persistence can be quite convincing as long as you don't let your resistance for change get the best of you.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You're not known for your desire to retreat from social interactions but there's been so much noise in your life recently that you're longing for a well-deserved break. There's nothing wrong with just saying no and staying home for a change. Simply let people know that you need some time to recharge your emotional batteries so you can take on the world again next week.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Ambition is admirable but you have so many things on your schedule today that you can't do it all. However, too many commitments on your calendar block your creativity and prevent you from making the best use of your time. Open up your schedule by canceling non-essential appointments. Remaining flexible today is your key to success.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You expect to be in charge of your own space today, but your authority may be challenged on the home front. Unfortunately, you could jeopardize your chance to run the show if you let arrogance overshadow practicality. Establishing clear boundaries helps you navigate the uncertainties of interpersonal dynamics.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Minor conflicts with people who are close to you won't create lasting rifts, but they could be irritating enough to sour your day. Oddly enough, others don't seem to be as worked up about your disagreements as you are today. In fact, your aggressive stance now might be the primary factor in the arguments that appear to be started by everyone else. When you realize that competition is unnecessary, people around you suddenly become more cooperative.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You are willing to work very hard today in order to achieve your goals, but your efforts may not be very consistent. Unfortunately, running hot and cold now is not nearly as effective as maintaining a constant temperature. Nevertheless, once you make up your mind, you can move mountains, change the course of rivers or even modify your work habits. According to an old Chinese proverb, it's wise to "be not afraid of going slowly; be afraid only of standing still."

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)

You don't like losing your temper because it requires so much energy to reclaim your center. However, you may create conflict where there is none today in order to assert your power. Unfortunately, aggressive behavior will not garner any support; in fact, people might distance themselves from you if your actions are of questionable intent.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 20)

You may be hesitant to show all your cards today, especially if you're grappling with a sudden loss of confidence. You might even choose to work alone now to hide your current struggle from others. However, your brilliance shines for brief moments like a flash of lightning that is gone as quickly as it appears. Nevertheless, total isolation isn't the healthiest strategy for rebuilding your self-esteem.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan 19)

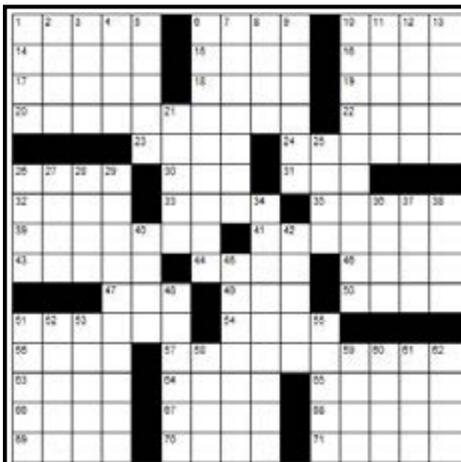
Accepting your peers as they are can be an uphill battle today, especially if they promise one thing and do something else. People might assume that you are rigid in your thinking, but you can adapt to change as well as anyone. But you don't appreciate it when someone tells you a story just because they think it's what you want to hear. You don't demand perfection from your friends, but you do require loyalty and honesty.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb. 18)

You want to be king of the hill today and will work extra hard to demonstrate your dominance. However, those who know you well might see through the bravado that you are using to cover a deeper insecurity. Thankfully, an unplanned conversation can sink beneath all the superficialities and bring a hidden truth into the light.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

The strength of your convictions is so compelling now that you can't separate yourself from your conclusions. You are all fired up today and ready to turn your passionate beliefs into decisive action. This lack of perspective can create sudden discord and it's nearly impossible to discern your role in encouraging a clash of ideas. Just because you're given an opportunity to get angry, doesn't mean you have to take it.



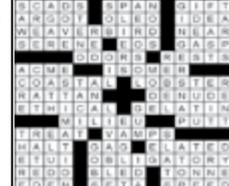
Across

- Kind of lily, 6. Constellation bear, 10. Adjoin, 14. Be in trouble with, 15. Non-existent, 16. List of options, 17. Very slow in tempo, 18. Dwarf buffalo, 19. Entice, 20. Landowner, 22. Car, 23. Countertenor, 24. Dominate, 26. Box, 30. Morning moisture, 31. Female sib, 32. Away from the wind, 33. Sea eagle, 35. Braised meat stew, 39. Armed conflict, 41. Sewing tools, 43. Unemotional, 44. A small wooded hollow, 46. 1 1 1, 47. Mesh, 49. It is (poetic), 50. Unusual, 51. Catch in a net, 54. Keen, 56. Disable, 57. Rejuvenate, 63. Digestive juice, 64. Not closed, 65. Hollowed out, 66. Not odd, 67. Used to be, 68. Mimicking, 69. A musical pause, 70. Require, 71. Rental agreement.

Down

- Young cow, 2. At a distance, 3. Wisdom, 4. Olympic sled, 5. Hello or goodbye, 6. Unchanged, 7. Decrepit, 8. Blackthorn, 9. Warning device, 10. A diplomat of the highest rank, 11. Doozie, 12. Come together, 13. Coach, 21. Not younger, 25. Assistant, 26. Wood-cutting tools, 27. ___ du jour = Meal of the day, 28. Relating to aircraft, 29. Purification, 34. Invigorated, 36. Forearm bone, 37. Ale, 38. Being, 40. Air force heroes, 42. Shoemaker's awl, 45. Knickknack holder, 48. Tossed, 51. Glowing remnant, 52. Unsophisticated, 53. Units of distance, 55. Sticker, 58. Type of sword, 59. Lasso, 60. Operatic solo, 61. 10 10 10 10, 62. Border.

Yesterday's Solution



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