

63 Militants Killed in past one week in Nangarhar: Gen. Rahimi

KABUL - At least sixty three militants have been killed in various counter-terrorism operations in eastern Nangarhar province in the past one week. The provincial police chief General Abdul Rahman Rahimi told reporters Friday that the militants were killed in parts of Nangarhar. He said at least ten militants were also wounded during the same operations and at least 30 people were arrested on various charges during the same period. According to Gen. Rahimi, the militants were killed or wounded



during the nine clearance operations. He also added that the security forces confiscated 450 kg of Hashish, 108 bundles of explosives wires, 4,300 explosives charges. Gen. Rahimi also presented a number of other suspects arrested on different charges from the vicinity of Jalalabad city, the provincial capital of Nangarhar. Nangarhar is among the relatively calm provinces in eastern ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Concern Raised over Local Goods being Sold as Foreign Products



KABUL - Local manufacturers have raised concern over the lack of regulations and guidelines to market domestic products which has resulted in a number of products being sold in the name of other countries. According to them, furniture and plastic goods are key items being manufactured in Afghanistan but sold to domestic and international markets as products from other countries.

They blame the problem on the lack of a trade mark and the lack of marketing regulations for domestic products and also say that these items are being sold on domestic markets at inflated prices. "We know that a number of our items that are produced in the country are being sold on our markets in the name of Iran, Turkey or even Arab countries and this shows ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

1 Dead, 2 Injured in Overnight Kabul Firing

KABUL CITY - One person was killed and two others, including a policeman, was wounded in the overnight firing by dacoit in capital Kabul, an official said on Saturday. Police spokesman Baseer Mujahid told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident happened at a check-point --- the limits of 17th police district --- when a group of wanted robbers opened firing at police and civilians before being stopped on Friday night. He said one civilian was killed and a ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Policemen among 4 Dead in Farah Firefight

FARAH CITY - Two policemen and four Taliban fighters have been killed, while 11 others, including four policemen wounded during a clash with Taliban in western Farah province, an official said on Saturday. Mohammad Nasir Mehri, the governor's spokesman told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash erupted when Taliban insurgents stormed a security check post in Zahkan area of Anar Dari district late on Friday night. The clash continued until 4:00am, he added. The injured security ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

Taliban Set Free 4 Tribal Elders Kidnapped in Logar

PUL-I-ALAM - The Taliban have released four tribal elders after keeping them in captivity for months in the Azra district of central Logar province, a public representative confirmed on Saturday. Earlier, the town's administrative chief Hameedullah Hameed said the tribal elders had been taken hostage by the Taliban for cooperation with the government. The elders belonged to Akbarkehel locality. He identified the elders as Abdul Sattar, ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

Masoud against Idea of Sending More US Troops

KABUL - Former advisor on tribal affairs Shahzada Masoud on Friday said the United States instead of sending more troops to Afghanistan should strengthen the Afghan forces.

Talking to Pajhwok Afghan News Masoud said the Afghanistan security situation was heading towards its worst-ever form. He said the country was passing through a critical juncture and a loya jirga if convened would help resolve the crisis. Masoud said the unity



government had failed to deliver on its promise of amending the constitution by calling into session a loya jirga.

"The unity government fears it will lost legitimacy if it convenes the loya jirga." The former advisor to

former president Hamid Karzai urged politicians and civil society groups to play their role in convening a loya jirga. He also opposed the suggestion of a number of US senators to President Donald Trump to send thousands more troops to Afghanistan to break 'the Afghanistan stalemate.' Masoud said instead of sending more troops, the US should further equip and provide heavy weaponry to the Afghan security and defence forces. (Pajhwok)

16 Daesh Rebels Killed in Nangarhar Offensive

JALALABAD - Sixteen Daesh militants have been killed during security forces operation in the Kot district of eastern Nangarhar province, a statement from the 201st Selab corps said on Saturday.

The operation was conducted on the outskirts of Kot district with the support of US fighter jets in the past 24 hours, the statement said. During the operation Daesh rebels were purged from different areas of the district and four landmines have been



recovered, the statement said. Security forces and civilians suffered no casualties during the operation.

Daesh militants have not yet commented about the overnight offensive. (Pajhwok)

Afghans, others Detained in Pakistan's Security Crackdown

KABUL - Security forces in Pakistan have arrested dozens of suspects, including Afghans as part of an ongoing nationwide crackdown against extremist groups. The raids came as fresh militant attacks killed three security personnel. Hundreds of suspects have been detained in the military-led crackdown that started when a string of suicide bombings across Pakistan left nearly 130 people, mostly civilians, dead in February. The



outlawed Pakistani Taliban and local affiliates of Islamic State claimed responsibility for the violence. A military statement

Friday said "joint search and intelligence-based operations" in several cities, including the national capital ...*(More on P4)...(24)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



The world is starting to look brighter by the minute as you throw open the windows of your mind. Nothing seems off limits when it comes to how you fashion yourself, modeling different styles and attitudes like you try on new clothes. They're undoubtedly outside your usual image since chic Venus is retrograde in your sign, but the good news is that experimentation without decision is a safe move.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You may be harboring secret passions that no one else would guess today. Your inner world is extremely colorful when curious Mercury joins artful Venus in your 12th House of Fantasy, but you're unwilling to share your wildest dreams with just anyone. Only those in your closest circle are allowed a peek now, and even then it's only for a moment.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



It feels as if the chains of your daily grind are falling away and you're eager to kick up your heels and make up for lost time. Although some of your friends might have slipped off your radar, older ones are coming back into the picture. Reaching out to an old or new buddy is the perfect way to start the weekend as the cheerful Sagittarius Moon harmonizes with chatty Mercury in your 11th House of Networking.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You're ready to shake off the blues and do something useful today. Sometimes the best way to give yourself an energetic boost is to get your blood pumping; making the time for a walk or even a fun workout is favored as the sassy Sagittarius Moon bounces through your 6th House of Wellbeing. Even if fitness isn't your speed, any activity that ignites your enthusiasm is sure to bolster your sense of self-worth.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



The limitless possibilities of worlds beyond your own hold a strong fascination. You want to intellectually sample all kinds of exotic when delectable Venus joins interactive Mercury in your 9th House of Adventure. Some things may be so stimulating that you wish to give them a permanent place in your bag of tricks, but there might not be enough room in your suitcase.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



There's a lot weighing on your mind and it's easy to get frazzled by all the recent changes. But today you have a chance to settle in and process your feelings while the affirming Sagittarius Moon resides in your 4th House of Security. A supportive lunar contact to rational Mercury makes analyzing your psychological riddles less daunting now, allowing you to see them through a wider lens. Although you still want to resolve these issues as soon as possible.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



You don't have to look far to introduce some levity into your day. There are a few juicy stories to share when talkative Mercury bumps into amorous Venus retrograde, who is backtracking through your 7th House of Relationships. Although unusual recurrences may be happening in your love life, sometimes laughter is the best way to navigate emotional drama.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



It's the little things that catch your eye today. However, rather than dwelling on what is wrong, it's more fun to only acknowledge what's right. As the optimistic Sagittarius Moon trines analytical Mercury in your 6th House of Minutiae, it's easier to see how the details figure into the life you want to build.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Dawn breaks in your personal world as you breathe in the crisp air of a new day. You're enthusiastic about taking off the training wheels and debating your skills. But don't overestimate your proficiency or your passion just yet. Although the cavalier Moon in your sign encourages ardent Venus to run wild in your 5th House of Self-Expression, her retrograde motion indicates you will probably play the field even more before deciding what makes you tick.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Oddly enough, you can ascertain more information from behind the walls of your fortress than out in the field today. It's almost as if you're able to see with your eyes closed as the far-sighted Sagittarius Moon traverses your 12th House of Invisibility. Although conversation flows freely, it's most likely regarding lingering family issues. Staying close to home allows you to sort out matters of the heart.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Your mind is quick to grab onto any brilliant idea passing by today. Fortunately, there are plenty to go around now that mental Mercury and resourceful Venus are teaming up in your 3rd House of Information. Many of the concepts appear to have the potential to morph into marvelous plans, but determining which are just diversions is a challenge now.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Although your preferences are rearranging themselves before your eyes, today ushers in an ease with which you can ponder this mental evolution. A favorable alignment between the expansive Sagittarius Moon and a passionate Mercury-Venus pairing emphasizes your 2nd House of Values, opening your mind to the ways your emotional needs align with your material goals. Prosperity begins with a state of mind.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-71.

Across: 1. Ales, 6. Lairs, 10. Grumble, 14. Audio communications, 15. Way out, 16. District, 17. Genus of health, 18. A Maori club, 19. Nonvascular plant, 20. Charmed, 22. Leave out, 23. Smudge, 24. Large lizard, 26. Awestruck, 30. Yes to a sailor, 31. Buffoon, 32. Wings, 33. Purges, 35. Drosses, 39. Windlass, 41. Live together, 43. Muse of love poetry, 44. Jail (British), 46. Babylonian goddess of healing, 47. In the past, 49. Pal, 50. French for "State", 51. Zany, 54. Flower stalk, 56. Away from the wind, 57. Burn, 63. Mentally irregular (slang), 64. Many millennia, 65. Thorny flowers, 66. You (archaic), 67. Chinese mafia, 68. Advances, 69. Articulates, 70. Terminates, 71. Delete.

Down: 1. Broth (Scottish), 2. Acquire deservedly, 3. Modify, 4. Wealthy, 5. Rise rapidly, 6. Positioning, 7. Extolled, 8. Anagram of "Tine", 9. Artist's workshop, 10. Disguise, 11. Bouquet, 12. Varnish ingredient, 13. Noodles, 21. 3-banded armadillo, 25. Deep cut, 26. Dash, 27. Winglee, 28. Dad, 29. Possessing a hard shell, 34. Reconnoiterings, 36. Adjoin, 37. Arizona river, 38. Immediately, 40. Roman robe, 42. Bygone, 45. Elope, 48. Narcotic, 51. Milkshakes, 52. Hello or goodbye, 53. Lure, 55. Mix together, 58. A noble gas, 59. Lion sound, 60. Largest continent, 61. 10 10 10 10, 62. Being.

Yesterday's Solution: IRISH APFED GORD, GAINOE WAXIVY GBOE, GOURNENXIE NOUN, NEARBY FUR FETA, SEIERS RISER, ACED EVELID, DOLEFUL DISEASE, DOISER FEINER, SPECIES FENCING, ENAMEL EDDO, SAINT EXULT, WILD DAP VOYAGE, AITIA ORIGINATOR, PLAN PERU AGORA, SECT EOEN LIMES

align, annoy, brick, bright, constraint, crab, craze, crook, denial, destruction, dirty, disturb, empty, erratic, ether, focus, gauge, gone, heard, humor, idiot, index, liquid, mate, money, mumble, need, parades, poet, print, prison, rocket, script, stand.

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