5 Civilians Killed, 10 Injured in Helmand Airstrikes

LASHKARGAH - At least five civilians have been killed and 10 others wounded as a result of airstrikes in the Ghorak district of southern Helmand province, sources said on Monday.

Mohammad Ibrahim, a resident of Zambly area, told Pajhwok Afghan News at Emergency Hospital in Lashkar Gah City that three hoes came under attack around 4:00am. "My house also was attacked. Two of my family members were killed and four others injured," said Ibrahim, seeking justice for the victims.

Jahan, another resident of the locality, said: "My house also came under attack. Two of my family members were killed and four others injured."

Abdul Hakim, also an inhabitant of Zambly area, told Pajhwok the airstrike destroyed his house and injured three of his neighbors.

According to information from locals, children and women were among the casualties.

Omar Ziaei, the governor's spokesman, said three civilians were killed and eight others wounded in Zambly area. He had no information on how the casualties happened.

Maj. Abdul Qader Bahadorzai, spokesman for the 25th National Military Corps, said foreign forces conducted airstrikes in Ghrak, Marjeh and Qala district on Sunday night.

He said 27 militants were killed and several hid in the surrounding areas.

The factory was completely destroyed and three killed the statement added.

On the other... (More on P4,OLI)

SEBEHRGAN - The family of two sisters allegedly raped by gunmen in northsouthern Fayyaz province has demanded the government provide them assistance in the matter.

The victim family told Pajhwok Afghan News in a telephonic conversation that the incident occurred in Yousef Mirzaee village of Qaramaz district which is under the Taliban control.

The Taliban militants confirmed the attack but said no other militants were not their members.

The rebels said they were investigating the incident.

Father of the daughters told Pajhwok that on the first night of the ongoing Ramadan month a number of armed men forced their way into his house.

The gunman broke his home's windows mirror, cut off electricity and then starting beating them. During the raid they took his two daughters — 14 and 16 years old — to the house guest room and raped them by six individuals.

He said he recognized two of the six armed men and he and his wife begged them a lot not to touch their daughters, and tied them up and locked them into a room.

"With very difficulty, I united my feet and hands and broke the room's door, and made my way from the room," he said.

The daughters said, "We saw the armed men beating our parents, then took us to our guest room and then sexually abused us by six persons, but we know nothing about that." He said, adding: "My wife and eldest daughter..." (More on P4,OLI)

3 Police Killed, 3 Wounded in Talibain Attack in Kabul

KABUL - At least three policemen were killed and three others wounded in a Taliban attack in the Wazir Akbar Kahn area on Monday.

Police spokesman Basir Misihal told Pajhwok Afghan News that two motorcycle-riding the attackers attacked a check-post in Darghahab area of the 7th police district at around 7:00am on Sunday evening.

He said two policemen were killed and three others wounded. Taliban claimed a suicide attack.

Zahidullah Misihal, the group's spokesman, claimed killing of eight police personnel and capturing their weapons by fighters. He said two rebels were also injured in the clash.

Nine Taliban Militants Killed in Farah Attack

KABUL - At least nine Taliban insurgents were killed in an operation conducted by foreign forces in western Farah province, the Afghan army said on Monday.

Husain-ul-Malat Allah, a spokesperson for the army's 207th corps, said in a statement that 10-12 Taliban militiamen were killed and nine others wounded.

"The military provided them justice in the battlefield and six armed men and he and his wife were killed, and 10 others wounded," he said.

"We will need to acquire 5,000 acres of industrial land to complete all SEZs in the country in order to generate equal business opportunities for all," he said.

The SEZ in Hattar was also a priority for the US, said Saffar, adding, the power supply issue delayed the completion of the facility.

"The US has not made a comment about the industrial zone yet," Saffar said, adding the province was also a significant destination for investors from different countries.

Farash is among the insecure province due to the Taliban insurgents operate in a number of its districts. (ANJ)

Outlook Horoscope

Today is your day, Gemini! Do your best to outdo yourself, grabbing attention without even meaning to. You will be considered very attractive. Don't be surprised if your ex-partner or Taurus (May 21-Jun 20)

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You may feel that certain values in your life are worth more than you've perceived. Perhaps you should try to be more the way you are, instead of trying to be more like you think you should be. (More on P6,OLI)

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

"You can make some really great changes. It's likely to open new horizons for you and others will be intrigued by your new look." (More on P7,OLI)

You're definitely going to appreciate the harmony today, Scorpio. After the day's arguments you'll be ready to find a way to squirm to safety. (More on P8,OLI)

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 22)

There are some wonderful surprises in store for you, Virgo. They could include the realization of a new career opportunity. (More on P9,OLI)

Virgo (Aug 22-Sep 22)

You may have a day full of satisfaction, Libra. You may have made a strong impression on someone around you and you are likely to have some sense of purpose. (More on P10,OLI)

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