

5 Border Police Killed in Kandahar Attack

KANDAHAR - Five border policemen including a commander were after Taliban militants stormed their check-posts in southern Kandahar province, an official said on Sunday. A security official, who wished to go unnamed, told Pajhwok Afghan News militants attacked border police check-posts in Sari-Ghabargai locality of the Arghistan district late on Saturday night. He said dozens of militants were taking part in the attack that resulted in the killing of five bor-



der police including a commander. But the governor's spokesman, Samim Khpalwak, confirmed the killing of only one policeman. He said four policemen and the attackers had also suffered casualties but no exact figures were unknown. Taliban spokesman, Qari You-suf Ahmadi, claimed the fighters killed 13 border police including a commander while confirming the killing of one fighter. (Pajhwok)

5 Killed, 2 Injured in Kabul Accident



KABUL CITY - At least five people were killed and two others injured in a car accident in Shikardara district of the capital Kabul on Sunday, an official said. An official of Kabul traffic department, who wished to go unnamed, told Pajhwok Afghan News that a truck was crashed with a Corolla model car in Qala Murad Big area of the district today morning. The source did not provide more information about the accident but said all the injured were shifted hospital for treatment. (Pajhwok)

Afghan Forces Foil Possible Terrorist Attack in Mazar-E-Sharif City



MAZAR-E-SHARIF - The Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) foiled a possible terrorist attack plot in Mazar-e-Sharif city, the provincial capital of northern Balkh province. Local officials in Baghlan said at least three suspects were arrested as they were transporting rockets and some other military equipment to Mazar city via Baghlan. Provincial police chief in Baghlan Gen. Noor Habib Gulbahari said 5 rockets of the Rocket Propelled Grenade Launcher, and some other military equipment were loaded in a private car as the suspects were looking to transport them to Mazar city. Gen. Gulbahari further added that the suspects were on their way from capital Kabul to Mazar city when they were spotted and arrested by the police forces. No further details were given regarding the possible target of the militants but Gen. Gulbahari said an investigation is underway from the suspects. The anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban insurgents have not commented regarding the report so far. Balkh is among the relatively peaceful provinces in northern Afghanistan but certain districts of the province have recently witnessed the insurgency activities by the militant groups. Numerous clearance operations have been conducted in remote districts of Balkh during the past months as the acting provincial governor Ata Mohammad Noor earlier warned that the loyalists of ISIS terrorist group are attempting to gain foothold in this province. (KP)

Seven Insurgents Killed in Paktika and Ghazni Military Operations

KABUL - At least seven insurgents were killed and 12 others injured in military operations in Paktika and Ghazni provinces, 203 Tander Military Corps said in a statement on Sunday. The first operation was launched in Tormey and Rame districts of southeastern Paktika in which three insurgents were killed, according to the statement. It said that the second operation was launched in Waghiz district of central Ghazni in which four insurgents were killed and 12 others were injured. The operation was launched after the insurgents attacked a police check post in the district, it added. However, the statement did not provide more details about the operation nor on casualties among the security forces. (Tolonews)



Taliban Notorious Commander Killed, 2 Rebels Arrested

JALALABAD - A notorious Taliban commander has been killed during a clash in Lalpoor district while two foreign rebels detained in Achin district of eastern Nangarhar province, officials said on Sunday. Attualuah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the Taliban commander known as Omar was killed during a clash with security forces in Cricket Maidan area of Lalpoor district on Saturday night.



He said that security forces and civilians suffered no casualties during the clash. Separately, two militants linked with Lashkar-I-Islam group were detained in police search operation ... (More on P4)... (11)

Badakhshan Pistachio Harvest 80pc down this Year

FAIZABAD - Pistachio yield declined by 80 percent in southeastern Badakhshan province this year, with gardener calling the low harvest a great loss. Drought and less snowfall in last winter were main reasons behind the decreased production, said Noor Mohammad Noori, an official at the provincial agriculture, irrigation and livestock department. He said only 20 percent of farmers were lucky because their orchards pro-



duced up to 200 tonnes of pistachio this year. He said seasonal wind in Jawza month threw dust on the raw dried fruit, leaving it black and spoiled. The dried fruit production is the sole livelihood for people in some districts, the official said. Last year, pistachio production reached up to 1,000 tonnes owing to plenty snowfall ... (More on P4)... (12)

Nine Killed in Herat Traffic Accident



HERAT - At least nine people were killed in a traffic accident in western Herat province on Saturday evening, local officials said. In addition, one other person was injured. The incident took place on the Herat-Kandahar highway after a car and a truck collided. Herat hospital officials said nine people had been in the car at the time of the crash. They all died. "Seven men and two women are victims of the incident," according to officials. Officials said that traffic police have started investigations into the crash. (Tolonews)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You have a choice to make every time you open your mouth today. People take your words to heart so readily that your message hits home more than you realize. Keep in mind that a calm and measured approach soothes others while a more emotional appeal can be agitating or even upsetting. But don't try to convince anyone your plan will work for every individual.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You're wondering about your place in the world today and whether or not your life has a purpose beyond your little local sphere. You might attempt to demonstrate your wisdom to your friends by telling them what you would do if you were in a similar situation. But don't be surprised if no one seems interested in hearing your suggestions now.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Trying to keep your mouth shut may be a losing battle today because every time someone says something, you have more details to add to the story. Unfortunately, your facts might not be relevant, even if you think it's necessary for everyone to know the entire truth. Oftentimes, he who has the most valuable information wins. Albert Einstein wisely said, "Ninety-nine percent of genius is knowing what's important." All data is not created equal.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your anger is inadvertently stirred when someone tries to elicit your help today. Your negative reaction can be confusing to others because they don't understand the source of your annoyance. They expect you to jump right in with a practical perspective that sheds light on their dilemma. But you're upset that people assume you should drop everything and bail them out with your expert advice.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

It's as if you are using x-ray vision today to see right through someone's carefully constructed smokescreen and into their heart. Unfortunately, you may need to keep the truth to yourself if there's no one around you can confide in. Sometimes, it's a little awkward when you have no choice but to share a secret with a casual acquaintance.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

The less deviation from your routine today, the easier it is for you to stay on track. You might even need to spend your time cleaning up a mess you made yesterday now that the storm has passed. It seems as if everyone is asking you to tell them your plans for the future. Your tendency is to oversimplify a complex array of known facts, but the current interpersonal dynamics remain complicated.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

No matter how many unfinished chores linger on your plate today, you can't explore the exciting lands of relationship karma until you untangle the logistics of the day. Unfortunately, communication channels are blocked, increasing the level of difficulty you encounter when trying to explain your intentions to others. But don't just repeat your story if you're not understood the first time.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

People are drawn in by your magnetic charm without realizing the intensity of your message. Mysterious cosmic currents empower your words with magical healing properties. But some of the power is derived from your lack of specificity today, forcing others to fill in your descriptions with details of their own.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

It's tempting to spend your entire day on one soapbox or another because your words seem to flow eloquently off your tongue. As much as you can sway the opinions of others, you might stir up more of a commotion than you intend. You want everyone to support your position now, but you expect them to fall in line behind you. You're quite surprised when you see that so many people want to start their own parade instead of joining you in yours.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

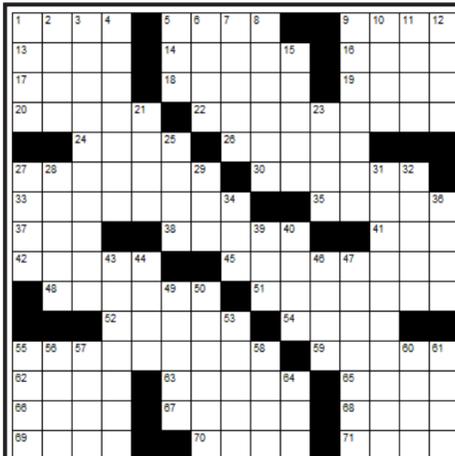
It's as if your finger is on the zeitgeist of your network of friends and family today. You're not doing anything special, but your heightened sensitivity enables you to perceive the thoughts and feelings of others. You have an ethical responsibility to use your psychic powers for the good of all, rather than for personal gain. As Lao Tsu wrote, "A good traveler has no fixed plans, and is not intent on arriving."

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You can feel the stress in your stomach beginning to churn and there doesn't seem to be anything you can do that will calm this anxiety. You're stepping up to the mic and speaking publicly today on issues that concern you, your community and the environment. But you can be so dedicated to your cause that your extremist position could alienate the very same people you want as allies.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You're aiming toward the future and are determined to mold it to your liking. Your main weapon is your ability to communicate and you're not afraid to rock the boat while delivering your message. Nevertheless, persuading others to think just like you is an exercise in futility today. Everyone needs to bring their own perspective to the party and your job is to remind people to be true to themselves.



Across
 1. Exhausts, 5. Dirt, 9. Burst of wind, 13. Two-toed sloth, 14. Keyboard instrument, 16. "Do ___ others...", 17. Not up, 18. Artillery burst, 19. Bearing, 20. Smooths, 22. Highly offensive, 24. Partiality, 26. A religion based on sorcery, 27. Layer, 30. Loathsome, 33. Hotheaded, 35. Slowly, in music, 37. Biblical boat, 38. Ancient Roman magistrate, 41. Type of dog, 42. Adolescents, 45. Conveyed by air, 48. Author, 51. Bishopric, 52. What we pay to the govt., 54. Smack, 55. Flexible, 59. A kind of macaw, 62. A collaborative website, 63. Cages, 65. Weightlifters pump this, 66. Ear-related, 67. Carries, 68. Tidy, 69. Lean, 70. You (archaic), 71. Contributes.

Down
 1. Lather, 2. Dwarf buffalo, 3. A type of lender, 4. Ancient timepiece, 5. Mayday, 6. By mouth, 7. Snow house, 8. Washbasin, 9. Detective (slang), 10. Pearly-shelled mussel, 11. Flower stalk, 12. Anagram of "Note", 15. Well-known, 21. Satisfy, 23. Salute, 25. Certain, 27. Leave in a hurry, 28. Tossed, 29. Central, 31. Not ready, 32. Renders senseless, 34. Spy agency, 36. Curved molding, 39. Cover, 40. Anagram of "Sire", 43. Be overly critical, 44. Immediately, 46. South American weapon, 47. Egg-shaped instrument, 49. Precise, 50. Restart a computer, 53. Indolence, 55. Absent Without Leave, 56. Devil tree, 57. Analogous, 58. Type of sword, 60. Street, 61. Picnic insects, 64. South southeast.

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