

25 Rebels Killed in Ongoing Uruzgan Firefight

TIRINKOT - At least 25 Taliban militants have been killed and several others wounded during an ongoing clash in central Uruzgan province, the Afghan military said on Monday. The Afghan National Army's 205th Atal military corps said in a statement the rebels were inflicted the casualties during an operation in Tirinkot, the provincial capital, and Chora district. It said the ANA soldiers targeted the militants who were planning to attack "Ismail"



military base. About 17 militants including some notorious commanders were killed and several others wounded in Chora district and eight militants were killed in Tirinkot and some bodies of the insurgents remained on the ground. However, Taliban group spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, claimed the fighters had captured the military base and inflicted heavy casualties on security forces in Chora district. (Pajhwok)

11 Taliban Militants Arrested in Parwan Raids

CHARIKAR - Nearly a dozen militants have been arrested during separate operations in central Parwan province, an official said on Monday. Alozai Ahmadi, the provincial coordination centre head, told Pajhwok Afghan News during the 11 militants were arrested during three separate operations conducted in Seyagard and Bagram districts. He claimed eight of the detainees were arrested while distributing \$9000 among them. They had received the money to carry out a suicide bombing, he said. Separately, another militant, planning to carry out an attack in the Bagram district, has been arrested, the official said. The Taliban have not yet commented about the arrests. (Pajhwok)

Man Killed in Blast outside Kabul Mosque

KABUL - One person was killed and another wounded on Monday when a bomb exploded outside a mosque in central capital Kabul, eyewitnesses said. Sousesan, an eyewitness, told Pajhwok Afghan News the blast took place at around 4pm in front of Sheer Shah Souri Masjed (Masque) in the third police district near Kart-i-Char locality. He said a man was killed and another was wounded in the blast. (Pajhwok)

Terminal Inaugurated in Shiberghan, Fire Brigade Building in Zaranj

SHIBERGHAN/ZARANJ - A terminal worth 10 million afghanis has been inaugurated in Shiberghan, the capital of northern Jawzjan province, an official said on Monday. With the capacity to accommodate contain 100 cars at a time, the terminal offers travel facilities to Mazar-i-Sharif, the capital of neighbouring Balkh province, as well as the Aqcha district of Jawzjan. Beheshta Fida, head of provincial ... (More on P4)...(21)

19-Year-old Girl Strangles Herself to Death in Faryab

MAIMANA - Three insurgents were killed and four wounded during a clash with a pro-government militia in northern Faryab province where a 19-year-old girl hanged herself to death, officials said on Monday. Col. Mir Amanullah, deputy provincial police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash between Taliban and pro-government residents ... (More on P4)...(22)

Balkh Man Guns Down 4 Women, Wounds A Fifth

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Four women have been shot dead by a male family member in northern Balkh province, an official said on Monday. The women were gunned down in the Palasposh locality of Balkh district on Sunday night, deputy police chief Col. Abdul Razzaq Qaderi told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said the killer managed to flee the area, but ... (More on P4)...(23)

3 Daesh Militants Killed, as many held in Nangarhar Raid

JALALABAD - The Afghan Special Forces Killed Three Islamic State or Daesh Rebels and Arrested as Many In eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Monday. Lt. Col. Hazrat Hussian Mashriqiwal, the provincial police spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Special Forces carried out the operation in Haska Mena district. The security forces ... (More on P4)...(24)

Uruzgan Governor Wants Australian Troops to Return

KABUL - Worried at security personnel's defection to the Taliban, the governor of central Uruzgan province has urged Australian forces to return to the province. Tirinkot, the provincial capital where Australian soldiers and reconstruction teams worked until late 2014, has been under pressure from the insurgents since September. Governor Mohammad Nazir Kharoti was quoted on Monday by Radio Australia as saying: "The Taliban are coming very close to the city, I can say a kilometre or two in some areas." Dozens of soldiers protecting an isolated security post recently surrendered to the Taliban, the governor confirmed, saying the soldiers had been surrounded at the Mashal base in Chora district. Meanwhile, lawmaker Obaidullah Barakzai told the radio station that Uruzgan security started plummeting soon after Australian troops pulled out in December 2014. "At the moment ... the situation is not good here in Uruzgan because the Australian soldiers have already left. That's why the security situation is becoming bad," he argued. (Pajhwok)



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Taliban Judge among 3 Insurgents Killed in Faryab Assault

MAIMANA - Three Taliban fighters, including a judge of the group, have been killed and four other wounded in the Shireen Tagab district of northwestern Faryab province, an official said on Monday. The casualties resulted from a clash after dozens of Taliban stormed Shash Tapa village late on Sunday, said Syed Luqman Kharik, the town's administrative chief. Mullah Arif, the Taliban judge, and two other militants were killed and four



militants wounded in the hour-long firefight, he added. The slain rebels hailed from Torat Kol locality and their bodies had been transferred to relatives, Kharik said. Najibullah Qati, commander of a local uprising group, said they had organised their fighters when ... (More on P4)...(25)

13 Militants Killed, 4 Drug Labs Destroyed in Khogyani: Mol

KABUL - More than a dozen militants have been killed and four heroin factories destroyed during a raid in eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Monday. At 9,670 kilograms of drugs were destroyed as a result of the raid, a statement from the counter-narcotics department at the Ministry of Interior (Mol) said. The operation, featuring Afghan and foreign forces, took place in Nagorkhel



locality of Khogyani district two days back. At least 13 militants were killed during the raid, which also led to the arrest of one suspected insurgent, the statement added. The detainee is currently under investigation. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You're waiting for someone to say the wrong word today so you can pounce to defend your position. You're probably unaware of your true motives; you're not even conscious of how intense you sound now. Although you are more bark than bite, people still might take your intensity at face value. There's little to gain by protecting your boundaries from imaginary enemies.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

It feels like your loved ones are pushing your buttons today just to see how far they can go before you push back. It seems like it's one thing after another and you are overwhelmed with all their demands on your time. At first, you're eager to demonstrate your good will by rearranging your schedule, but it probably won't be enough to satisfy everyone.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Subjectivity rules the day, making it tough to find common ground in a disagreement over a difference in values. Your two positions couldn't be more opposite today and finding points of understanding may end up being an exercise in futility. The most direct route to creating resolution might be going your separate ways for a while. Walking away takes courage but it's an integral part of the peace process now.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

There isn't even a split second between your thoughts and your reactions today. Being so fast on your feet might be advantageous in a crisis situation but could be problematic for relationships. You might do something foolish before you think about the impact of your behavior. It may sound impossible to do now, but you must stop and reevaluate your present situation before you speak.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You can take a simple comment from someone at work and turn it into a soap opera melodrama. Unfortunately, you're not processing your thoughts; you're just blindly reacting from a place of fear. Don't bite someone's head off if he. Starting the day off with a bit of self-reflection through meditation.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You Virgos know quite a bit about self-sufficiency and your survival skills may be put to the test. Paradoxically, you could feel the loneliest when you're in the midst of a crowded event or a group of friends. However, you might be better off spending time alone and doing things that further your spiritual path. Looking to others for a solution only adds unnecessary stress to your relationships when what you really need now comes from within.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

On the surface it appears that you're just another member of the group, however, you might actually be subtly pulling all the strings. Others don't even realize you're the master puppeteer behind the scenes. Just be careful that you don't lose the plot. Your priorities may need sorting out, but everything will be alright if you remember the collective cause is more important now than your personal dreams.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Your own special version of honesty may be too much for most people to handle today. Even if your intentions are well-meaning, you might harm more than help if you speak before you think. Maintaining a safe distance from others until your blood is no longer boiling seems like a sensible way to minimize collateral damage.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Placing your dreams of adventure temporarily on hold may be necessary because there are the needs of others to take in consideration. Unfortunately, another person's dependence on you is in direct conflict with your current yearning for freedom. You don't like the fact that you can't just follow your bliss. You value your independence, you're willing to accept your current position of accountability to maintain healthy relationships.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

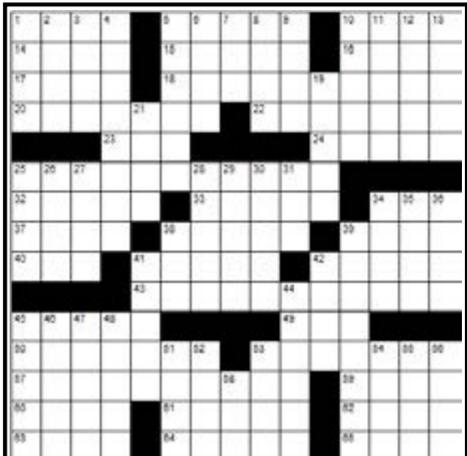
You want to buckle down and take care of your business, but everyone seems to have their own tale to tell. Obviously, you have a personal agenda as well, but your priorities are different. The bottom line is you don't have the patience to deal with people's trivial concerns when there's serious work to be done. In the most diplomatic manner possible, inform everyone that success must be earned.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

There's no denying that you have a lot of chores on your plate. Paradoxically, the more you accomplish, the more there is to do. No matter how hard you work, people expect more. You can't seem to concentrate as you continue to float off into inner space. You might not be able to prevent drifting in and out of focus, you could capitalize on your imagination by applying a splash of creativity.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You're having trouble fitting in with the group today and you're not even sure you want to try. You feel the need to resist the peer pressure to conform because you don't want to lose your creative edge. But don't be afraid to take a risk and try a whole new strategy. You might get away with placating others now, so do whatever you can to accommodate their wishes as long as it doesn't compromise your beliefs.



Across

1. Taps, 5. Platters, 10. Canines, 14. Salt Lake state, 15. African virus, 16. Module, 17. Not less, 18. Relax rules or guidelines, 20. Laud, 22. Attractive, 23. 70 in Roman numerals, 24. Adult male singing voice, 25. Befoulments, 32. Pee, 33. Manicurist's board, 34. Pelvis, 37. Twinge, 38. Rot, 39. Dry riverbed, 40. East southeast, 41. Gauge, 42. Fortuneteller's card, 43. Compulsively, 45. In base 8, 49. Fury, 50. Emit long loud cries, 53. Pocket billiards, 57. Permissiveness, 59. Portuguese folksong, 60. Always, 61. Black-and-white diving bird, 62. Flutter, 63. A musical pause, 64. Tightwad, 65. Collections.

Down

1. Mountain lion, 2. At the peak of, 3. Canvas, 4. Heavy fire of artillery, 5. Luxurious, 6. Footnote note, 7. Weep, 8. A ball of yarn, 9. Indian dress, 10. Coarse edible red seaweed, 11. Scallion, 12. Contraption, 13. Drive 19. Jittery, 21. Spindle, 25. Hoodwink, 26. Historical periods, 27. Satisfactory, 28. Encounters, 29. Master of ceremonies, 30. Approaches, 31. Attempt, 34. Rabbit, 35. False god, 36. Compassion, 38. Cotillion girl, 39. Overshoots, 41. Back tooth, 42. Novice, 44. Transgressor, 45. Not inner, 46. Split, 47. Large bulrushes, 48. Warning, 51. Pack down, 52. Decorative case, 53. Achy, 54. Cabbage-like vegetable, 55. Modify, 56. Decays, 58. Bother.

Yesterday's Solution



armor, Asia, aversion, blind, bribe, carrier, cheat, clover, connive, fodder, harbor, heinous, hide, lagoon, liana, linear, loam, medley, nape, national, negate, obtuse, paper, peddles, plant, proud, range, rate, repugnant, river, site, slang, snooty, straw.

