

50 Killed as Fighting Between Rival Taliban Groups Continues in Zabul

QALAT - At least 50 Taliban militants were killed in southern Zabul province after Taliban rival groups started fighting each other, officials said on Monday.

Mohmand Nasratyar, district governor of Arghandab said the clashes have started between the groups since Saturday in Arghandab and Khak districts.

Nasratyar said that the clashes have occurred between Mullah Mohammad Rasool militants, the Taliban splin-



ter groups new supreme leader, and Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Mansoor fighters and still continues.

According to the sources nearly 40 militants belong to the Taliban breakaway faction has been killed and nearly 20 others have been arrested alive by Mansoor's fighters while only ten fighters belong to Mansoor is killed.

Local officials say there is no report on civilian casualties.

Taliban group has yet to make any comment about the incident. (ATN)

Inzamam-ul-Haq Signs 1 Year Contract with ACB



KABUL - The former Pakistani cricket captain Inzamam-ul-Haq on Monday has signed a contract with the Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) as head coach of the Afghan team.

ACB said Saturday that the contract with Inzamam was extended for another one year following the Afghan team's performance against Zimbabwe under Inzamam's coaching experience.

Afghanistan clinched historic series wins against Zimbabwe by winning both the One Day International (ODI) and Twenty20 series last month.

It was Afghanistan's first full International Cricket Council (ICC) member nation. The ODI series was won 3-2 and followed that up by emerging victorious in both T20s.

Having one and half of cricketing experience, Inzamam had originally agreed to coach Afghanistan on a temporary basis ahead of the ODI and Twenty20 series against Zimbabwe. He has winning both the One ... (More on P4)...(8)

12 Insurgents Killed in Dasht-E-Archi Operation



KUNDUZ CITY - At least 12 Taliban insurgents were killed in the operation conducted Saturday night in Dasht-e-Archi district in northern Kunduz, officials said Sunday.

Seven insurgents were also wounded in the operation conducted by Afghan security force members.

Security officials said in a statement that the operation still continues in Dasht-e-Archi of Kunduz - which fell to Taliban about two months ago.

The Taliban have however not yet commented on the casualties they suffered.

The security forces about two weeks ago eventually took control of Dasht-e-Archi after two years. (Tolonews)

Women Among Seven Beheaded in Zabul

ZABUL - All seven kidnapped passengers, including three women have been beheaded by Daesh militants in southern Zabul, said the security officials on Monday.

They were the residents of Ghazni province and were kidnapped in Zabul a few months ago when they were on the way to their province, said Jailani Farahi, police chief of Zabul.

According to him, Daesh militants decapitated the abductees in Arghandab district in Zabul.



"These passengers were with Daesh militants who beheaded them," Farahi said. "We were able to receive their bodies with the help of tribal elders."

However this was the first time that women are being beheaded in the country.

"Among those beheaded were three women whose necks were brutally cut," head of Zabul provincial council Atta Jan Haq Parast said. (Tolo News)

Traffic Accident in Kabul-Mazar Highway Leaves Nearly 50 Casualties



KABUL - Nearly, 50 passengers were killed and injured in a traffic accident in Kabul - Mazar highway in northern Samangan province on Saturday night.

Police in Samangan province has said that the accident has occurred last night when a 404 bus which was travelling from Mazar-e Sharif to Kabul city crashed with a lorry.

"Four passengers including three children were killed as a result of the incident and the number of casualties may increase," Abdul Munir Rahimi, provincial police spokesman said.

According to the reports injuries have been transferred to the closest hospitals in Aybak and Mazar-e Sharif for treatment.

Police accuse the driver of the bus for reckless driving. (ATN)

Six Militants Killed as Taliban Attacks Security Check points

ASADABAD - About six militants were killed after Taliban militants attacked security checkpoints in Kunar province on Sunday, provincial police chief said.

"Unknown number of militants attacked the security posts in surrounding areas of Marawara district at early hours of the day. The security forces fought back, killing six militants and injuring 15 others," General Abdul Habib Sayyedkhal told Xinhua.

Sporadic clashes continued for hours in the district bordering Pakistan, the police chief said, adding that one security force member was



slightly wounded during the clashes. The mountainous province, with Asadabad as its capital some 180 km east of Afghan capital of Kabul, has been the scene of clashes over the past couple of months. The Taliban militant group has yet to make comments. (Xinhua)

For Afghan Women, Driving a Car Brings both Fear and Freedom



KABUL - Since Rokhsar Azamee began driving the streets of Kabul last year, she has endured condescension, ridicule, and even threats to her life with some men deliberately causing "accidents" to harass her.

But she will not be deterred.

The 23-year-old journalist learned to drive to avoid aggravation from men in the street as she waited each morning for a taxi with a driver who would not hassle her on the way to work.

But even the purchase of her own car has not shielded her from condemnation in the male-dominated, ultra-conservative society of Afghanistan.

"For many men," she says, "it is a new thing to see a woman drive a car, they will harass you. One way to do so is by causing an accident."

Once as she was heading ... (More on P4)...(9)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You are extremely appreciative of an old friend who continues to stand by you through thick and thin. You are inclined to tell others how you feel today, but you could be so insistent about expressing your emotions that your sentiment sounds forced. Your attempt at self-disclosure doesn't have to be an elaborate performance.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

It's all too easy to be distracted by your own larger-than-life ideas during these chaotic times. Although you strive to find peace of mind today, you still may overdo an activity that makes you feel good in the present moment. Thankfully, you are not a big fan of knee-jerk reactions or taking major chances. However, current circumstances continue to remind you that all actions have consequences.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You might be more self-assured these days, but your overconfidence at the wrong time can land you in a heap of trouble. You don't have to be so eager to please just because you want to show off your big heart. Instead of setting up a situation that requires too much of your time and effort, limit your involvement today before you're in over your head. It makes more sense to maintain autonomy now than to untangle yourself from an emotional drama later on.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You don't like it when people disagree for no apparent reason. Acting as a peacemaker is one path to smoothing over ruffled feathers, but resolution may seem easier than it actually is. You could have the very best of intentions today, but someone might misconstrue your actions and think you're trying to control them. Rather than changing anyone else's behavior, shift your own attitude instead.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Too many things to consider in the active pursuit of a relationship prevent you from making up your mind today. You really don't want anyone else to perceive you as being wishy-washy, so it's easier to withdraw than to try and explain your ambiguity. Ironically, if you share your current dilemma now, your friends might push you to hurry up and decide.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Although you attempt to limit your activities today, you could be enticed into participating in someone else's agenda. You might ignore another person's idea at first, but as the plan begins to sound better, you become more tempted to jump on board. Even if you resonate with an innovative concept now, it still may be smarter to say no to another obligation. Focus on your priorities until you have more free time to help out others without compromising your own goals.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You may be unnervingly quiet today, but others can still appreciate what you have to offer now that the reflective Moon is shining in your peaceful sign. Everyone seems to naturally understand that your strengths are reinforced by a spiritual belief that you can't put into words. Thankfully, you don't have to say much at all; your integrity is apparent when your actions are aligned with your heart.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You're a champion at connecting with life's subtle mysteries and you're willing to dig as deep as necessary now to uncover the answers. The Moon's current visit to your 12th House of Privacy could have you slipping back into your past to find the inspiration you need to handle current events. Nevertheless, your realizations may be so entangled with memories that you cannot easily explain.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Preaching about moderation is one thing, but following through with sensible behavior can be a real challenge now. You are familiar with the concept of emotional detachment, but your feelings are dragging you all over the map today. You might be willing to risk your social stability in order to shift a relationship dynamic in your favor. But seeing interpersonal interactions as a competition is counterproductive to your personal growth.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

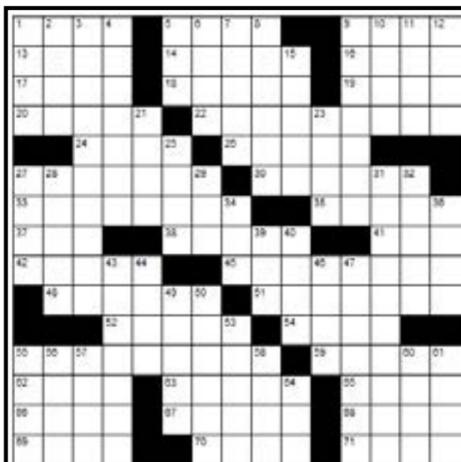
Staying on task is easier when waves of optimism give you new hope. However, the notion of getting something for nothing isn't very appealing to you industrious Goats, motivating you to work for what you want. Fortunately, this ambitious strategy will likely bring you the rewards you seek as long as you singularly focus on your goals. The fastest way to reach your destination.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

This may be a day of reckoning if your resources are overextended. Unfortunately, you might have reached too far by spending too much energy on a project or buying an expensive item that you didn't even need in the first place. Recent actions are recycled and catch up with you now as you struggle to regain firm footing. Even if you don't immediately see positive results from your efforts to reestablish control,

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You're tempted to behave in an overly demanding manner today because you may believe that you deserve more recognition from those you love. Unfortunately, the squeaky wheel doesn't always get the grease first; you could receive a greater reward by practicing patience, instead. You can be quietly aware of your needs without shouting them from the rooftop. Satisfaction is sweeter when others acknowledge you on their own accord.



Across

1. Small freshwater fish, 5. Wanes, 9. Convenience, 13. Greeting at sea, 14. Classifies, 16. Focusing glass, 17. A Greek territorial unit, 18. A large ladle, 19. Anagram of "Sire", 20. Enough, 22. Television tube, 24. City in Peru, 26. Inclined, 27. Unceasing, 30. Sags, 33. A precious stone, 35. Goodwill, 37. Beer, 38. Bonkers, 41. Directed, 42. Sounds of bells, 45. Gliding, 48. Morals, 51. Flattery, 52. Quickly, 54. Barely managed, 55. Urgencies, 59. Our planet, 62. A jaunty rhythm, 63. Fathers, 65. Achy, 66. Iridescent gem, 67. Long stories, 68. Portent, 69. Declare untrue, 70. French for "Head", 71. Recent events.

Down

1. Early 20th-century art movement, 2. Throat-clearing sound, 3. Praise, 4. Anagram of "Seedily", 5. S, 6. A very strong lager, 7. Grill, 8. Under the influence of narcotics, 9. Voter, 10. Relating to aircraft, 11. Trim, 12. Being, 15. Lance, 21. Send forth, 23. Kiss, 25. Nameless, 27. Food thickener, 28. Negate, 29. African antelope, 31. The same backward as forward, 32. Display, 34. And so forth, 36. Jittery, 39. Weep, 40. Harvard rival, 43. Horrible, 44. Tastes, 46. Rice beer, 47. Treachery, 49. Stimulate, 50. A written version of a play, 53. Creepy, 55. Trudge, 56. Fully developed, 57. Dash, 58. Religious offshoot, 60. An old spelling of "True", 61. Female chickens, 64. South southeast.

Yesterday's Solution

aids, another, ante, block, budge, building, candy, center, change, cough, count, crease, definition, does, erode, fable, foot, foreign, found, frank, friend, garden, great, here, joker, lease, lights, locker, mark, motor, player, racer, reason, safe, seat, sere, special.

