

Drone Strike Kills Taliban Shadow District Governor in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - A drone strike carried out the coalition forces in eastern Nangarhar province has killed a Taliban shadow district governor, Ministry of Defense and Nangarhar's police HQ announced on Wednesday. According to a statement released by the ministry, Qari Salim the so-called governor for Gushta District and one of his companions was killed in Mohmand Dara District on Tuesday. "two militants were killed in an airstrike in Dabila area of Mohmand Dara District around 5 o'clock yesterday, among them is a so-called district governor of armed militants," a statement released by



Nangarhar police HQ's spokesperson Colonel Hazrat Hussain Mashriqiwal. Yesterday's air strike was at least the 3rd one carried out by Unmanned Aerial ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Quake-Damaged Roof Collapses in Kunar Leaving Three Killed



ASADABAD - Roof of a house that was slightly damaged by the 7.5 magnitude earthquake in eastern Kunar province on Wednesday collapsed leaving three people killed. Afghan Red Crescent Society says the incident took place in in Surkano District which also left eight others members of the same family wounded. The victims include women and children. The earthquake struck Afghanistan in October resulting the deaths and injuries of hundreds of people which also left more than 7,000 houses completely or slightly damaged. Besides, Kunar, other heavy-hit provinces include Nangarhar, Nooristan, and Badakhshan, the epicenter of the earthquake. According to the government figures, at least 7630 homes, 20 mosques and nine government offices were damaged. Promises have been made for rebuilding these houses but the process looks extremely slow amid aftershocks and severe raining. *(KP)*

NDS Foil Coordinated Suicide Attack in Kandahar



KANDAHAR - A coordinated suicide attack plot on Kandahar provincial government compound was on Wednesday foiled with the detention of two suspected militants. According to the local government officials, the two suspects were arrested during an operation by the Afghan Intelligence - National Directorate of Security (NDS) operatives. The officials further added that the two suspects belonged to Taliban commander Mullah Bozorg who are actively operating on Kandahar-Helmand highway and within the Kandahar city. The two suspects were identified as Lal Mohammad who is originally a resident of Panjwai district of Kandahar province and Abdul Wali who is a resident of Zherai district. According to the officials, the two militants were instructed to detonate a rickshaw vehicle packed with artillery shells in front of the entrance of government compound. The Taliban militants group has not commented regarding the report so far. Kandahar is among the relatively volatile provinces in southern Afghanistan where anti-government armed militant groups are actively operating in its various districts and often carry out insurgency activities. This comes as at least six people, including four militants and a suicide bomber were killed after launching an attack in Arghandab district last week. *(KP)*

Mass Grave Found in Kabul District



KABUL - Residents of Gosfand Dara area in Bagrami district in Kabul said Wednesday they found the remains of numerous bodies buried in a mass grave. Rozdin a resident of Bagrami said: "We were picking up plastic when we found bones and clothes. We took them out and laid them on the ground in another area." The remains reveal that there might be six or seven bodies which were buried in a mass grave, probably during the civil war. Assadullah, another resident of Bagrami, said: "There were six or seven pairs of shoes and jackets and it might be bodies of six or seven people." This is not the first time that mass graves have been discovered in the country. Earlier this year mass graves were found in Pul-e-Charkhi Prison in Kabul. These bodies were also found to have been buried there during the civil war - in the early 1990s. *(Tolonews)*

Eight Children Killed in Kabul Blast Buried

KABUL - The eight children killed in an apparent mortar explosion in Se Bangi area of Kabul were buried on Wednesday in Kabul. The incident happened when the children apparently found the unexploded device, believed to have been left over from the civil war, while playing at a construction site. Six of the eight children were related. One mother who lost two sons in the blast was clearly devastated by the deaths of Ali Reza and Ramin, her 13 and 14-year-old boys respectively. The father of another victim, Massoud, said: "In yesterday's blast I lost my son and my two cousins." The mother of yet another victim, Amanullah, said: "Yesterday, before the incident, my son come and asked



me for bread and today was his last day of exams at school. He was in grade five." In addition to the deaths, two other children were badly injured and are both in hospital. Speaking to TOLONews, ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

81 Development Projects Completed in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - National Solidarity Programme of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD/NSP) completed 81 uplift projects worth Afs 149,079,000 -in the Bahsod, Kama and Sorkhrod districts of Nangarhar province, a press statement stated. According to NSP Provincial Manager in Nangarhar province, these development projects encompass the construction of Protection walls 3091 meters in length,



construction of 1630 meter, irrigation Canal, water reservoir irrigation and water dividers, pathway 16631 meter, retaining wall 7,942 meter, Road 25.812 kilo meter, Side Ditch 1,281 meter, construction of community center three door, construction of school boundary walls 165 meter and excavation of 139 ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

7 Taliban Including Shadow Governor Killed, 5 Captured

KABUL - Afghan security forces during series of operations against Taliban militants killed seven armed insurgents including a shadowy district governor and captured five others including a Taliban appointed district chief on Wednesday, officials said. In latest crackdown against the Taliban fighters, government forces launched cleanup operations in Khawja Bahawadin district of the northern Takhar province with Taluqan city as its capital 245 km north of Kabul early Wednesday and have killed seven Taliban fighters including a shadowy district governor, police spokesman in the province Sunatullah Timori said. "Security forces launched



cleanup operations in Khawja Bahawadin district Wednesday morning and so far seven militants including Taliban shadowy governor Lang Kamal and group commander Mullah Abdul Rahim have been killed," Timori told Xinhua. Four more insurgents sustained injuries in the fighting which is continuing, according to the official. The official also admitted that two police personnel have received injuries in the clash. Timori added that the government forces would soon launch massive offensive to recapture Darqad district from Taliban militants. Taliban militants, who captured ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Being nice to yourself is one thing, but over-indulgence is an entirely different story. The playful Gemini Full Moon activates your 3rd House of Communication, encouraging you to involve others in your mischief. Unfortunately, reality is filtered by your biases today, presenting you with only part of the truth. Nevertheless, you're still compelled to direct everyone else based on what you think you know.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You are dazzled by all the bright lights and brilliant ideas while the witty Gemini Full Moon floods your 2nd House of Self-Worth. But recognizing the value in other people's perspectives doesn't have to threaten your own. Thankfully, there's no reason to go into denial about your feelings just because you're going along with the crowd.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You can sense the cosmic pull of your emotions, but transforming your feelings into action isn't as straightforward as it sounds. The Full Moon falls in your sign and opposes stern Saturn in your 7th House of Others, magnifying the tension in relationship dynamics. It helps to remember that you can lose perspective now by giving too much importance to your changing moods. Wait until the storms pass before taking any extreme measures.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

The current emotional high tides can bounce you around on the seas of change, even if others can't see your inner turmoil on the outside. You are like a chameleon as you absorb the energy of the reflective Gemini Full Moon in your 12th House of Invisibility. Rather than hiding your colorful dreams from view, reveal a secret to someone close to you.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You can't be everything to everyone today, even if you try with all your might. The Gemini Full Moon highlights your 11th House of Social Networking, fueling your desire to be accepted and admired by the group. Unfortunately, you can become too involved too quickly if you let your personal responsibilities slide. Consider a temporary retreat from the situation if you find yourself in too deep.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

The complexity of too many conflicting plans at work may have your stomach tied up in knots. You are hoping the dynamics will return to normal soon, since you're stretched far enough in too many directions. You want your old life back, but it probably won't happen for a while because the insatiably curious Gemini Moon accentuates your 10th House of Career. Manage your day by making whatever necessary adjustments you must to keep the peace.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Sharing your aspirations with close friends is a lovely pastime while the chatty Gemini Full Moon brightens your 9th House of Distant Horizons. Although your emotions may not be consistent now, you still remain doggedly fixed on the general direction of your personal plot. Keep in mind that it might not be productive to make long-range plans today.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Your mind is hyperactive with so many thoughts today that you can't discern the useful ones from the superfluous noise. It's as if you're compelled to run through every possible trajectory for each relationship in your life. The friendly Gemini Full Moon shines in your 8th House of Intimacy, strengthening your resolve to make the most of every personal connection.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Your patience is pushed to the limit by close friends and coworkers who seem to change their minds every few minutes today. You can't keep up with all the drama while the restless Gemini Full Moon agitates your 7th House of Others. Unfortunately, you are very susceptible to the chaos all around you and might allow it to distract you from your work. But don't isolate yourself from those who could benefit from your honest opinion.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

There are so many variables at work today, it's nearly impossible to map out a sensible strategy. Your associates may be making demands on your time, whether spoken or implied, but you can't tell what they really want. The scattered Gemini Full Moon's presence in your 6th House of Details complicates the dynamics even further, but you won't solve anything by just walking away.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You love riding a creative high, except there's so much going on in your world now that you might begin to feel panicky. The flighty Gemini Full Moon lights up your 5th House of Spontaneity, but you're afraid that following your bliss isn't productive. Instead, your nagging insecurity drives you to put everything in your life back into a manageable order.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Taking on extra responsibilities is one way of demonstrating your commitment to your peers. But the inquisitive Gemini Full Moon occurs in your 4th House of Foundations, reflecting the light back into your private world. You don't like feeling the pressure to maintain control of outer events when the inner realms are calling your name so convincingly. Ultimately, it could be beneficial to surrender to the whims of your imagination today.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-62.

Across: 1. Nosed (out), 6. Apex, 10. Wild hog, 14. New Zealand native, 15. Cow sounds, 16. Feudal worker, 17. Graphic symbols, 18. "Wise" birds, 19. Connects two points, 20. Re-beautify, 22. A feudal vassal, 23. Smell, 24. Almost, 26. Close, 30. Clunker, 31. A late time of life, 32. Old stories, 33. Being, 35. Heart artery, 39. Disentangle, 41. Social department, 43. Prepared, 44. Blabs, 46. Half-moon tide, 47. Poetic dusk, 49. Greatest possible, 50. Austrian peaks, 51. Funeral vehicle, 54. Perishes, 56. Ends a prayer, 57. Transliterate, 63. Used to be, 64. Anagram of "Note", 65. Cowboy movie, 66. Twin sister of Ares, 67. Plenty, 68. S-shaped moldings, 69. Colors, 70. Anagram at "Seek", 71. Lure.

Down: 1. Arab chieftain, 2. Small European freshwater fish, 3. Well-behaved, 4. Sea eagle, 5. Popular dance music, 6. In a romantic manner, 7. Fearful people, 8. Exuviate, 9. Ancient ascetic, 10. Deadly nightshade, 11. Willow, 12. Undo, 13. Slender, 21. More peculiar, 25. Distinctive flair, 26. Disparage, 27. Sharpen, 28. Constellation bear, 29. Affection, 34. Void, 36. Bobbin, 37. Snare, 38. Vipera, 40. Yeses, 42. Fire residues, 45. A moderately slow tempo, 48. Urticate, 51. Hemmed and, 52. Manicurist's board, 53. Eagle's nest, 55. Dash, 58. A chess piece, 59. Anger, 60. Bit of gossip, 61. Horn sound, 62. At one time (archaic).

Yesterday's Solution: agency, answer, attrition, came, carry, chess, chick, clad, climax, confide, device, duplication, en, core, factory, forge, glide, hand, hire, lens, local, merge, month, perfor, mance, pledge, preserves, react, relax, relay, sheep, smoke, speed, surround.

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