

Pakistani Taliban Commander Sanja Killed in Khost

KABUL - An American drone strike on Wednesday killed a senior commander of the Pakistani Taliban in Afghanistan, near the border with the North Waziristan region of Pakistan, according to Pakistani intelligence officials in the tribal belt. The commander, Khan Sayed, also known as Sajna, led a breakaway faction of the Pakistani Taliban. The drone strike occurred in the Damma region in Khost Province, near Shahadianu Patala, a Pakistani town in North Waziristan, the Pakistani intelligence officials said. They said the strike had killed 12 other militants



and wounded 20. Another Pakistani intelligence official, speaking on the condition of anonymity also reported that the commander had been killed in the ...*(More on P4)...*(16)

Forensic Experts to Examine Mass Grave Remains

KABUL - Police officials said Thursday that the bodies found a day earlier in a mass grave in Kabul have been sent to forensic experts in order to determine whether the deceased had been victims of a crime. Officials said the remains were found when locals started excavating in the area. According to them, evidence that might have been there could have been destroyed as the remains were moved by the locals and not experts. They said this could hamper their investigations. "Unfortunately, the site of the mass grave and the remains have been damaged due to arbitrary excavations and this could affect our investigation," head of Criminal Activities of Kabul Police Headquarters, Fraidoon Obaidi told TOLONews. "Despite this, we have found some evidence and have sent it to forensic experts," he added. Locals meanwhile said that a couple of pairs of shoes, papers and coins were found with the bodies. They said the coins are those ...*(More on P4)...*(20)

NDS Arrested 4 IS Insurgents in Paghman

KABUL - National Directorate of Security (NDS) has arrested four members of the Islamic State (IS) group in Paghman district of capital Kabul. According to NDS, the detained militants wanted to target the vehicle of police commander Sher Agha by detonating an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) planted under a culvert in Zarashkh area of Paghman. During the investigation, the detainees confessed that they are member of Islamic State. Many IS group leaders have been killed in drone strikes over the recent months including Mawlawi Shahidullah Shahid and Hafez Saeed, senior leaders of IS group in Afghanistan and Pakistan, which is known as 'Khorasan region'. (ATN)

Afghan Gets Life Sentence for Raping, Murdering Girl in Finland

HELSENKI - An Afghan national was sentenced to life imprisonment for raping and murdering a 17-year-old girl in Finland, reported Finnish News Agency STT on Thursday. The man was also asked to pay compensation totaling some 60,000 euros (63,638 U.S. dollars) to the girl's mother and other family members, and another 69,000 euros of compensation for destroying a building. The crime happened in Pori, western Finland in January. Police said the Afghan national, who has lived in Finland for some time, was the ex-boyfriend of the girl. The girl left the man and he got angry and disappointed. The man was convicted of murder, aggravated rape, aggravated damage to property and traffic offenses. He said he will file an appeal. (1 euro=1.06 U.S. dollar) (Xinhua)

Taliban Group Commander Gives up Fighting in Afghanistan

GHAZNI - A Taliban group commander along with two of his bodyguards laid down arms and gave up fighting in the eastern Ghazni province, a local news agency, Afghan Vice Agency (AVA) reported Thursday. Without identifying the name of the former dissident commander, the news agency added that the commander also handed over two pieces of AK-47 assault rifles to police in the provincial capital the Ghazni city. Welcoming the former guerrilla commander, Ghazni's provincial governor Mohammad Aman Hamimi called upon Taliban fighters to give up fighting and resume normal life with their communities. (Xinhua)

Tables Groan with Thanksgiving Fare for Troops in Afghanistan

BAGRAM - Long lines of American servicemembers arriving for a Thanksgiving meal at dining halls here on Thursday were greeted by surreal scenes of eagle-shaped ice sculptures, dioramas of Pilgrims and Native Americans and contractors in turkey costumes. In a bid to make troops feel a little bit of home on the Thanksgiving holiday, dining halls went all out with lavish meals of roast turkey, ham, prime rib and tables piled high with pies and turkey-shaped cakes. Troops said their jaws dropped as they saw the loaded tables. "The food was definitely better than every other day," said Airman 1st ...*(More on P4)...*(21)

5 Afghan Refugees Killed in Syria Conflict were Buried in Iran

TEHRAN - At least five Afghan refugees who were killed during the Syrian war have been buried in Iran, it has been reported. The refugees were between 19 to 21-year-old and were part of Fatemyun division comprised of Afghan refugees and has been formed by Iran to fight in support of the Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. The victims were living in Iran and were buried in Tehran - the



capital city of Iran and Damavand, according to a report by Radio Farda which is a part of Radio Free Europe operation from Iran. This comes as reports emerged late in August this year 3,500 Afghans are fighting in Syria in support of Bashar al-Assad. The reports further added that Afghan nationals are lured by the ...*(More on P4)...*(17)

Taliban Insurgents Torch Houses of Policemen: Officials

LASHKARGAH - Taliban insurgents have torched a number of houses belonging to police officers in Marja district of Helmand province, local officials said Friday. Officials in the province said that these incidents took place after Taliban insurgents over ran Camp Bazar in Marja district a few days ago. However, security forces have retaken Camp Bazar but some areas close to Marja district center are still under Taliban control. "When



the insurgents came here they set our houses on fire," a local police officer said. Another policeman said: "We fight the Taliban like men but they commit such actions. They set fire to my brother's garden." Marja district has been the scene of heavy clashes between security forces and insurgents over the past few ...*(More on P4)...*(18)

Security Incidents Claim 24 Lives

KABUL - Afghan militancy and counter-militancy have claimed two dozen lives from both anti-government militants and security forces in the conflict-ridden country over the past two days, officials said Thursday. Air strikes against Taliban militants in the eastern province of Khost alone had left 10 armed insurgents dead and injured 20

others. "U.S. drone pounded the militants' hideout in Ali Shir district of Khost province Wednesday night, killing 10 insurgents including notorious Pakistani Taliban commander Sayed Sajna," a local security official told Xinhua but declined to be identified. Jawed Joshan, governor of Ali Shir district said that U.S. drone targeted the Taliban militants in Babrak Tana area Wednesday night, killing 10 armed insurgents on the spot. It is reported that Sayed Sajna and his Afghan friend doctor Khan were among those killed in the air strike. The restive Ali Shir district borders Pakistan's tribal area of Karam agency where militants often operate across the ...*(More on P4)...*(22)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You may be quite enamored with your clever conversation today. Unfortunately, your mental agility won't help you when it comes to the more pragmatic things in your life, such as the details of your diet and sleep routine. You might sarcastically claim that you shouldn't be bothered with such unimportant matters when you are so busy elsewhere. But taking your own advice isn't such a great idea now.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Stabilizing your finances is an uphill battle because there's no apparent quick fix to your cash flow problems. At first, you assume that spending less money on pleasurable activities is the most obvious way to improve the current dynamics. Although cutting expenses makes sense, it might not be sufficient. Consider doing something tangible now that could increase your income over time.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Making the smallest of decisions is a challenge today because the Moon's presence in your sign triggers your moods to swing one way and then the other. You can't even count how many times you change your mind now. Don't try to force a resolution; instead, continue to watch your thoughts go back and forth like a pendulum until they finally come to a rest. Your temporary uncertainty is a gift that in time will bring the lasting clarity you seek.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You don't want anyone to know what you're feeling today because talking about your emotions can create interpersonal waves that obstruct your progress. However, if you are overly secretive about your plans now, even those closest to you may not tell you their thoughts. Hiding the truth can be contagious - but so can sharing it. When you willingly express what's in your heart.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You prefer to be in the company of others and may seek out colleagues and friends to establish more meaningful connections today. Surrounding yourself with forward-thinking people enables you to enthusiastically share your ambitious plans for the future. But watch out for the networking trap; too much social activity can dramatically interfere with your work.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You wish your coworkers wouldn't depend on you for emotional support now, but they do anyway. Your experience and integrity make you a valuable commodity and you don't want to let anyone down. Just keep in mind that at some point the tables will turn. Others are more likely to be there for you later if you jump in and show up for them now. You never know when you may need an extra pair of hands or a shoulder to lean on.

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)

Meeting someone who can make you laugh is a wonderful distraction today. You might enjoy spending time with such a person now, but lively conversations about trivial subjects may still leave you feeling empty. There's no escaping the fact that you need more depth, intensity and passion in your relationships. Having fun is one thing, but satisfying your heart is another.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You are often happiest heading out on your own, but now you may desire a sidekick while running even the simplest of errands. The many-sided Gemini Moon shines in your 7th House of Partners, opening your world to draw more diverse people into your personal life. Just remember, everyone has their own personal agenda, so don't make others feel guilty if they don't want to join you.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Your mind is on the details at work today, but you may fall short of your goals. Nevertheless, it's in your best interest to accomplish as much as possible this morning while the Moon is finishing up her visit to your 6th House of Daily Routine. Unfortunately, you might not be as effective later on trying to follow up with professional opportunities.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You are rather blasé about working so much today, especially if your heart is set on finding time to kick back and relax. You may be offered a chance to teach or play with youngsters. Or, you might have your own inner child that craves expression. Say yes if presented with an opportunity to let your creativity shine, but don't stand by idly expecting something magical to happen.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Stressful dynamics in your work relationships are stretched to the max now because of responsibilities on the home front. Nevertheless, you can't escape the increasing load of professional obligations. Even if you feel like a bit of a loner today, it's still not wise to venture off on your own, since you'll only grow lonelier without the warm connections with others that you need. You're a happier fish when you're swimming in a school of friends.

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Across
1. Rips, 6. Sneaker or pump, 10. Guns an engine, 14. Perpendicular to the keel, 15. Klutz's cry, 16. Send forth, 17. The creation of goods, 19. Competent, 20. A musical composition, 21. South southeast, 22. Expunge, 23. Sharp blows, 25. Not domesticated, 26. Head honcho, 30. Loan shark, 32. Pillar, 35. A childhood disease, 39. Become aware, 40. On the beach, 41. Notwithstanding, 43. Craftsperson, 44. Ski race, 46. Annoyance, 47. Noble-minded, 50. Iniquities, 53. Not under, 54. Years, 55. Ventilate, 60. Heredity unit, 61. A disorder of memory, 63. Killer whale, 64. Terminates, 65. Travels on water, 66. Flower stalk, 67. "Cut that out!", 68. Gladden.

Down
1. Whacks, 2. River of Spain, 3. A noble gas, 4. Early 20th-century art movement, 5. Fungal diseases of plants, 6. Drunkard, 7. Lifting devices, 8. Nocturnal arboreal marsupial, 9. Feudal worker, 10. The audience of a newspaper, 11. Glowing remnant, 12. Country house, 13. Metal, 18. Bird call, 24. Arctic bird, 25. Banquet, 26. Agent 007, 27. Double-reed woodwind, 28. Collections, 29. Backwash, 31. Back, 33. In a cold manner, 34. Bristle, 36. Fail to win, 37. Historical periods, 38. Dispatched, 42. Chic, 43. French for "Friend", 45. Exaggerate, 47. Corporate symbols, 48. Blatant, 49. Fight with swords, 51. Flee, 52. Feel, 54. Mimics, 56. Genuine, 57. Largest continent, 58. Lean, 59. Alleviate, 62. Venomous snake.

Yesterday's Solution
been, borrow, brave, chime, closet, corner, crowns, decide, demanding, dependable, discs, forgave, fragrant, fume, gentle, imagine, leap, mellow, mister, momentary, pinch, plenty, possess, rejection, rise, sere, servant, silent, smart.

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