

# 8 Militants Killed in Air Raids

TRINKOT - Up to eight Taliban militants, including a group commander, have been killed in air raids in southern Afghanistan, the Interior Ministry said on Tuesday.

Aircraft pounded the militants' hideouts outside the Uruzgan's provincial capital Trinkot, 370 km southwest of Kabul, on Monday night, according to a statement issued by the ministry.

A Taliban group commander, Hajji Lala, along with seven of his men, was killed in the raids which also destroyed two weapon caches of the insurgents at the site. Taliban militants have yet to make comments on the report. (Xinhua)



# 12 Taliban Insurgents Killed in Farah Operation

FARAH CITY - At least 12 Taliban insurgents were killed in an operation in western Farah province, local officials said on Tuesday.

In addition, six other insurgents were injured. Iqbal Bahir, a spokesman for the provincial police chief said that the security forces launched a military operation in Balablook district of the province and also seized a number of vehicles and motorbikes belonging to the insurgents. However, Bahir did not



provide more details of casualties among security forces. (Tolonews)

# 527kgs of Drugs Confiscated in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Four men have been arrested separately in connection with 527 kilograms of drugs in eastern Nangarhar province, police said on Tuesday. Nangarhar police spokesman Hazrat Husain Mashriqiwal told a press conference here the drugs were seized during a round-the-clock operation by anti-narcotics police.

He said 499kg of hashish was recovered from two vehicles and two suspected smugglers were detained in Katarghi locality of Rodat district. The substance had been skillfully placed in the vehicles, Mashriqi-



wal said. He said the detainees wanted to transfer the drugs from Rodat district to Ghanikhel district. Meanwhile, police confiscated 28kgs of opium from a Datsun pick-up vehicle in Daronta area of Surkhrod district. A man was detained in connection

with the drugs, Mashriqiwal said. He said the drug traffickers cases had been prepared and would be sent to the attorney's office. A week back, police showed 131kg of different kinds of confiscated drugs to media persons. (Pajhwok)

# Police Kill Drug Trafficker, Seize Drug

GHAZNI - Police during operations in the eastern Ghazni province have killed a drug trafficker and confiscated 375 kg of opium from his possession, provincial police chief Aminullah Omarkhil said Tuesday.

The operations, according to the official, conducted in Andar district Monday night and discovered the contraband from a minibus.

However, he added that the drug trafficker opened fire on police triggering gun battle during which the



trafficker was killed. Police in Ghazni province have confiscated more than one tone illicit drug including

opium and heroin during series of operations since beginning this year, the police official said. (Xinhua)

# 35kg of Heroin Seized in Badakhshan



FAIZABAD - Police have arrested two persons and recovered 35 kilograms of heroin from their possession in Kishim district of north-eastern Badakhshan province, an official said on Tuesday.

Mohammad Ghus Amiri, the provincial appellant court head, told Pajhwok Afghan News the drugs concealed in

70 packages were recovered from a car by counternarcotics police late on Monday. Col. Suhraab Rasouli, the provincial counternarcotics chief, said they had seized more than 1,075kg of drugs including heroin, opium and hashish this solar year, when 38 suspects were detained in connection with the drugs. (Pajhwok)

# ANA Soldiers Blamed for Killing 2 Civilians

KABUL - Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers have been accused of killing two civilians in central Maidan Wardak province, but the troops rejected the claim as baseless.

Sharifullah Hotak, deputy head of the provincial council, claimed the soldiers shot dead two young men in Nirkh district. Hotak was told by some security sources that one of the dead was a civilian while the other had links to



militants. The men riding a bike might have been mistaken for insurgents by the soldiers, he believed, saying a ban had been slapped

on motorcycle ride in the province in line with the National Security Council decision. Hashmatullah, ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

# Taliban Militants Execute 2 Including a Woman

KABUL - The Taliban militants executed at least two militants including a woman in North of Afghanistan Local officials in northern Jawzjan province said the two individuals were executed in Aqcha district.

Provincial police chief Abdul Hafiz Khashi said the militants stormed into the house of the victim and murdered the two individuals including the woman. He said the militants managed to flee the area after killing the couple. The latest incident involving the



murder of the couple in Jawzjan comes as there has been there has been there has been a sharp rise in violence against women in the country.

A young girl in Kabul was shot by me of her relatives in Kabul last week. At least three women were shot dead by unknown ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

# Afghan Boy in Germany Thanks Merkel during Migrant Debate

BELRIN - An Afghan boy called Edris thanked German Chancellor Angela Merkel and shed a few tears in front of her Christian Democrat (CDU) supporters, during an emotional debate on the

migrant crisis. Earlier a CDU activist urged Mrs Merkel to resign, condemning her "laissez-faire" refugee policy as "a burden that we will not get rid of any time soon". (BBC)

## Outlook Horoscope

### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

A conscious connection between purpose and possibility makes it easier for you to find and follow your star. The philosophical Sagittarius New Moon falls in your 9th House of Higher Education, presenting you with a learning opportunity or a chance to discover the world. The spiritual meaning of your life comes into clear focus, increasing your confidence and solidifying your commitment to achieve your goals.

### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

It's only natural to set your goals higher when you are sure you can reach them. However, you can't get away with false bravado when the cavalier Sagittarius New Moon occurs in your 8th House of Regeneration, sending you on a journey of self-discovery. Your emotional antennae are scanning the cosmos for more action, which can distract you from your personal work.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your perspective is changing, requiring you to take a fresh look at relationships when new partnerships and old alliances are put to the test. The Sagittarius New Moon energizes your 7th House of Others now, planting seeds of opportunity for making new connections or taking a current union to the next level. Nevertheless, settling down is unlikely with erratic Uranus in the picture.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Unexpected events at work can be shocking at first, yet ultimately broaden your horizons. The ebullient Sagittarius New Moon accentuates your 6th House of Self-Improvement, revealing unconventional alternatives to dull routines. So many things seem possible where there was previously no path at all.

### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Although your intentions may be honorable, you still could mislead yourself, your partner or a love interest without even knowing it. The extroverted Sagittarius New Moon activates your 5th House of Romance, emboldening you to soar high on the wings of inspiration. An abundance of social activities is invigorating to your soul.

### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You don't have to travel to an exotic place to bring the thrill of adventure into your life now. The Sagittarius New Moon lands in your 4th House of Home and Family, emphasizing domestic activities and reaffirming the love you receive from those closest to you. Nevertheless, a bit of unexpected turbulence is likely today, so hold on tight while the winds are blowing. Author Louise May Alcott wrote, "I'm not afraid of storms.

### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

The atmosphere is electrically charged with anticipation, yet the fun you expect won't likely occur according to your plan. The Sagittarius New Moon sparks brushfires in your 3rd House of Distractions, bringing more excitement than you might want. Circumstances can change in the blink of an eye, but stay cool if chaos is rocking your world. Ben Franklin wrote, "If passion drives you, let reason hold the reins."

### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Rays of sunshine and hope can filter through the clouds to guide you in times of uncertainty while reinforcing your life's purpose. The philosophical Sagittarius New Moon galvanizes your 2nd House of Resources, expanding your sense of self-worth and inspiring a bold new approach to financial matters.

### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

There is an extra bounce in your step and your charisma can charm everyone you meet. You are genuinely enthusiastic about the prospects for the days ahead as the thrill-seeking Sagittarius New Moon invigorates your 1st House of Self. Nevertheless, an edgy Venus-Uranus square amplifies your attractions to weird people, places and ideas. Your wired energy has you moving at speeds that others can't match.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

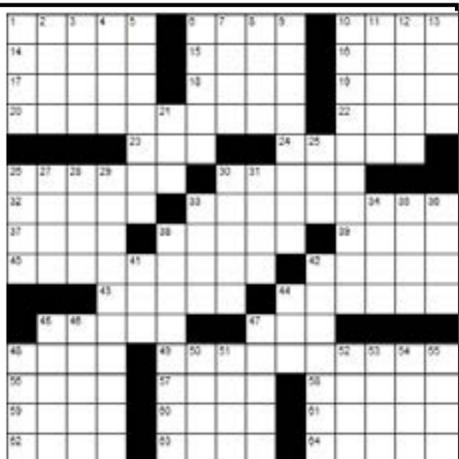
Although you Goats can be extremely goal-oriented, joy is patiently waiting in the present moment. The visionary Sagittarius New Moon plants its inspirational seed in your 12th House of Spirituality, taking your mind off work and shifting your attention to metaphysical dimensions. This planetary ticket to ride can pull you off your schedule and maybe entirely off the grid.

### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Like everyone else, you probably have a lot on your plate now. Nevertheless, set aside some time to revel in the camaraderie of your family and friends while the high-spirited Sagittarius New Moon empowers your 11th House of Community, reminding you of how much you enjoy this time of year. Although this exhilarating lunar influence sounds great, the noise may be a bit too much.

### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your ambitions open the doors to new opportunities at your current job or drive you toward a different career path. You are wildly optimistic about the outcome while the far-seeing Sagittarius New Moon bolsters your 10th House of Public Life. Meanwhile, shocking Uranus shatters the status quo and brings originality to your desires, possibly upsetting your more traditional associates. Your longing for sudden change stirs restlessness.



**Across**  
 1. Perpendicular, 6. Prune, 10. Hats, 14. Not inner, 15. Wash, 16. Death notice, 17. Give a speech, 18. Food thickener, 19. List of options, 20. Practices, 22. Implored, 23. Catnap (British), 24. Lubricated, 26. Not awake, 30. Tubular pasta, 32. Tired to the point of exhaustion, 33. European wolf spider, 37. Teller of untruths, 38. Smidgens, 39. Weightlifters pump this, 40. Void, 42. Dot, 43. \_\_\_ fit, 44. Household, 45. Extent, 47. Tavern, 48. Margarine, 49. Container, 56. A Maori club, 57. End \_\_\_, 58. French for "Love", 59. So be it, 60. Actors in a show, 61. Insect stage, 62. A titled peer of the realm, 63. Backside, 64. Jottings.

**Down**  
 1. Impoverished, 2. Attraction, 3. Salt Lake state, 4. Distribute, 5. Surf, 6. Fastener, 7. Indian music, 8. Egg-shaped, 9. Characters, 10. Culmination, 11. Poplar tree, 12. Yearned, 13. An upright in a wall, 21. Tear, 25. Hotel, 26. Competent, 27. Slender, 28. Jump, 29. Lacking wit or imagination, 30. Fall guy, 31. Historical periods, 33. Foot digits, 34. Murre, 35. Not short, 36. Kitty (poker), 38. Teach, 41. 3 in Roman numerals, 42. Relate, 44. Chart, 45. San Antonio fort, 46. Gauge, 47. A bed on a ship, 48. Iridescent gem, 50. Brother of Jacob, 51. To tax or access, 52. Ammunition, 53. Jacket, 54. Olympic sled, 55. God of love.

**Yesterday's Solution**

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