

19 Let Militants Eliminated in Coalition Airstrike

KABUL/ASADABAD - Nineteen militants linked to Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) group have been killed as a result of NATO forces' airstrikes in eastern Kunar province, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said on Sunday. In a statement, the ministry said the airstrike was conducted in Dangam district late on Saturday night, in which 19 LeT militants were killed and another eight wounded. Heavy and light weapons belonging to the militants were also destroyed in the blitz. The



airstrike came amid ongoing operations against insurgents in the district. Kunar police chief Maj. Gen. Juma Gul confirmed the airstrike and the LeT casualties in Dangam district. While Taliban's spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, confirmed the airstrike but denied it resulted in any casualties to the group affiliates. The airstrike was the third in a week carried out by NATO forces in Kunar, inflicting heavy casualties on insurgents. (Pajhwok)

First-Ever Fitness Club for Women Opens in Kabul

KABUL - The first-ever fitness club for girls called "Blue Moon Fitness Club" is the only fitness club of its kind to open in Kabul with the objective of promoting health and sport among women in Afghanistan's traditionally patriarchal society. "It was my life's ambition to open this club and serve women like me and it cost me 20,000 U.S. dollars," the club's owner, Tahmina Mahid Nuristani, told Xinhua. "Afghanistan is a conservative society, but in defiance of this, I opened the club nearly two months ago, with the hope of contributing to female empowerment here," Nuristani, 20, said. According to Nuristani, in militancy-plagued Afghanistan ... (More on P4)... (15)

Daesh Commander Killed by Taliban in Farah

KABUL - A commander of Daesh militants who was in charge of training suicide attackers was killed in a Taliban attack in Farah province, local officials said on Sunday. The commander named Abdul Razaq Mehdi, was killed in the Taliban attack while ago in Golestan district of the province and is confirmed now, district governor of Golestan, Ajmal Zahid said. He added that Golestan shares border with southern Helmand province and therefore Taliban and Daesh insurgents can easily enter the district. Abdul Razaq and another Daesh leader were also recruiting insurgents to the group for the past two ... (More on P4)... (16)

9 Insurgents Killed in Paktia Operation

KABUL - At least nine Taliban insurgents were killed in a military operation carried out by Afghan forces in eastern Paktia province, 203 Tandar Military Corps said in a statement on Sunday. Six other insurgents were injured, the statement said. The operation was launched in Koh-e-Chelam and Reshegi areas in Janikhel district in the province to clear the militants, the statement added. Foreign soldiers also supported the Afghan security forces' ground troops by launching airstrikes, the statement said, adding that they recovered a number of weapons during the operation. (Tolonews)

Kunar Farmers Receive Improved Quality Wheat Seed, Fertilizer

ASADABAD - Improved quality wheat seed and fertilisers were distributed among hundreds of farmers in eastern Nangarhar province on Sunday. Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock director Inamullah Sapai told Pajhwok Afghan News a total of 4,000 farmers would be provided with the agriculture input this year. "Ninety-six tonnes of improved seeds and 182 tonnes of white and black fertilisers have been prepared for distribution to farmers this year."

According to him, each farmer having 2.5 acres of land would be given 25kg of improved quality wheat seed and 50kg of black and white fertiliser. The agriculture director anticipated doubled wheat harvest this year with distribution of the improved seed to farmers. Meanwhile, Kunar Governor Waheedullah Kalimzai said there was insufficient arable land in the province and farmers should fully utilize the available land. The governor asked farmers not to grow poppy on



their farm lands. One of the farmers who received the aid, Faiz Mohammad, appreciating the government's timely aid, said the government should construct water reservoirs and irrigation canals in the province. (Pajhwok)

2 School Buildings Completed in Samangan

AIBAK - Construction work on buildings for two schools has been completed in Khuram Sarbagh district of north-western Samangan province, an official said Sunday. Khuram Sarbagh district chief, Qari Ebadullah Mujahid, told Pajhwok Afghan News the structures cost more than 3.5 million afghanis. The new building of Sayed Jamaluddin Afghan High School located in the district center has 24 classrooms, eight administrative rooms and other needed facilities, he said. The building for the boys school took one year to complete, he said, adding the second building was constructed for Girls Secondary School in Baba Qambar village. The new building has eight classrooms and administrative section. Khuram Sarbagh district education manager, Mohammad Qasim Khuram, said students of both the schools previously studied in tents. He said 360 girls and 512 boys would now continue their education in better environment. More than 10,000 students including boys and girls are studying in 30 schools in the district. Sarbagh said seven of the 30 schools were without buildings and their students attended classes in tents. (Pajhwok)

7 Family Members Killed, Another Injured as Mortar Mine Hits Residential Area

PUL-E-KHUMRI - Seven members of a family were killed and another injured as a mortar mine struck a house in Baghlan-e-Markazi district of the northern Afghan province of Baghlan on Sunday, a local official said. "A mortar mine fired by Taliban militants struck a house in Baghlan-e-Markazi district at around noon leaving seven members of the family dead and injured

another," district governor Gohar Khan Babiri told reporters here. Those who have lost their lives in the deadly attack include three women and four children, the official said. He added that the only surviving member of the ill-fated family is a child who received serious injuries in the attack. Taliban militants are yet to make comment. Baghlan-e-Markazi has been regarded as the bas-

tion of Taliban militants in the restive Baghlan province with Pul-e-Khumri as its capital, located 160 km north of Kabul. Civilians often bear the brunt of war in Afghanistan as more than 2,560 civilians had been killed and over 5,830 others injured between Jan. 1 to Sept. 30 this year, according to a report released by UN mission in the conflict-riddled country recently. (Xinhua)

Kandahar Roadside Explosion Leaves a Civilian Dead, 2 Hurt

KANDAHAR - One civilian has been killed and two others wounded in a roadside explosion, while security forces arrested a would-be suicide bomber in Southern Kandahar province, an official said on Sunday. Police Spokesman Zia Durani told Pajhwok Afghan News one civilian was killed and two others wounded when their vehicle struck a roadside explosion in Bagh-Pai locality late on Saturday. The in-

jured had been evacuated to the Mirwais hospital of Kandahar, he said. The target of the planted mine was security force convoy, said Durani. Separately, Police arrested a would-be suicide bomber in the limits of 14th police district in Kandahar city, the provincial capital, he said. The detained individual was being investigated, he said. One policeman was killed and three others wounded ... (More on P4)... (17)

5 Rebels Dead, 3 Civilians Freed in Separate Incidents

KABUL/JALALABAD - Five militants have been killed in separate incidents of violence in central Kabul and eastern Nangarhar province, officials said on Sunday. Two landmine planters were killed in their own mine explosion in the Qarabagh district of Kabul province this morning, while police defused another mine in the area, said Brig. Gen. Faridun Obaidi, deputy police chief of Kabul.



Separately, two Daesh militants have been killed and three civilians released from their captivity in Pachiragam district of eastern Nangarhar province, said Attullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman. In Achin district, unknown gunmen killed another militant, he said. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You are hitting the restart button today to align an intimate partnership with your dreams. Although a new direction is favored, it's also possible to begin with a clean slate while still in a familiar relationship. Unlike the leopard that can't change its spots, you can alter your position on an important subject or emotionally transform within an existing structure.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You might overreact to someone's emotional intensity today without even realizing that your own feelings are so rigid. However, you can make progress toward reaching your dreams if you have the courage to entertain alternatives. The fixed Scorpio New Moon occupies your 7th House of Others, making it look like someone else is the one who is so obstinate.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

No matter what anyone tells you, imagining a healthier lifestyle isn't enough to manifest one. However, envisioning a daily schedule that includes proper diet, sufficient exercise and mental relaxation can set you off in the right direction as long as you're willing to take the next steps. Fortunately, the resolute Scorpio New Moon falls in your 6th House of Routine, empowering you to stabilize the patterns you put into motion now.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your imagination can transport you to magical places that raise the stakes in the game of life. Your fantasies are the driving force behind all that you do today, yet they also set the tone for the days ahead. The Scorpio New Moon activates your 5th House of Self-Expression, but rather than telling it like it is, you're more apt to share your bright vision for the future.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

It's tempting to look at your past through a warped lens today, remembering those interactions that left a lasting emotional imprint. But your memory is altering the events, glorifying the toughest times or magnifying other moments into melodramas.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Managing your daily schedule is not your cup of tea now because you prefer to fly by the seat of your pants instead of writing everything down as you are typically known to do. But attending to details is not your modus operandi when surreal Neptune trines the Scorpio New Moon in your 3rd House of Communication. Rather than trying to keep up the appearance of accuracy, give yourself permission to drift off into your imagination today.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Although you may be recovering from an emotionally difficult experience, you can bounce back with great resolve today. The transformational Scorpio New Moon converses with talkative Mercury in your 2nd House of Self-Esteem, encouraging you to share your inner process with someone you trust. Bringing others into your world lifts your spirits by allowing you to spin an imaginative story around the actual facts.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You are no stranger to the far reaches of your own subconscious. The evolutionary Scorpio New Moon energizes your 1st House of Self, filling your tank with emotional intensity that fuels profound change. But its connection with spiritual Neptune pulls you out of your personal story and sets you into a more universal framework.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You have a creeping suspicion that the current events in your life are more important than they seem on the surface. In fact, you might believe that your behavior could ensure your happiness or prevent it. However, it's tricky to know what's really happening while the mysterious Scorpio New Moon darkens your 12th House of Destiny. You're only capable of seeing your dreams now.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Although there are numerous forks in the road, you have a one-track mind as you stare at the top of the mountain. The insistent Scorpio New Moon galvanizes your 11th House of Long-Term Goals, motivating you to cling to your vision without regard to the circumstances you encounter. Nevertheless, it turns out that your own imagination is more of a distraction than you realize.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You're fiercely ambitious about achieving an important life objective over the coming weeks and you're not willing to settle for less in your pursuit of success. Your powerful intentions are your secret weapons as the magnetic Scorpio Moon energizes your 10th House of Public Recognition. Don't allow anyone's negativity to interfere with you chasing your dreams.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

You can believe in something with such an unwavering intensity that your intention alters the fabric of reality. Clever Mercury aligns with the unwavering Scorpio New Moon in your 9th House of Big Ideas, inflating your plans until they are too grand to fit into your life. However, visionary Neptune is working behind the scenes, setting the stage for real magic to occur.



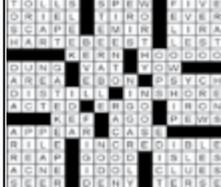
Across

1. Engineering school, 5. Laugh, 9. Of higher order, 13. Comply with, 14. Redress, 16. Affirm, 17. Daughter of Zeus and Demeter, 18. Testicle, 19. Scrabble piece, 20. Peal, 22. Mounds, 24. Bearing, 26. Ancient empire, 27. Feeling, 30. Garden building, 33. A certain sports official, 35. It makes dough rise, 37. Japanese apricot, 38. A light informal meal, 41. Spy agency, 42. Serpentine, 45. Mobster, 48. Detective, 51. Employees, 52. Anagram of "Tutor", 54. Layer, 55. Breaks, 59. Inhabited, 62. Every single one, 63. Grille, 65. Arab chieftain, 66. Beige, 67. Seraglio, 68. Type of cereal grass, 69. Very intense, 70. Hoopla, 71. Rice beer.

Down

1. Clock sound, 2. Black, in poetry, 3. A formal event, 4. Muller's glass, 5. Crone, 6. "Smallest" particle, 7. Show respect towards, 8. Not digital, 9. Daytime performance, 10. Wicked, 11. Fee, 12. Amazes, 15. Swelling under the skin, 21. Wreaths, 23. Indistinct, 25. French for "Names", 27. Shade trees, 28. Compartments, 29. Indian bread, 31. Germs in the blood, 32. Willow, 34. Henpeck, 36. Sailors, 39. Bird call, 40. Clove hitch or figure eight, 43. Tomato sauce, 44. Mongol hut, 46. Electrical or crossword, 47. Spits, 49. Bully, 50. Yay!, 53. Weepy, 55. Provide nourishment, 56. Dash, 57. Unit of land, 58. Stair, 60. Pass the tongue over, 61. Tall woody plant, 64. An uncle.

Yesterday's Solution



answer, bride, carrier, combustion, defense, doctor, drove, drunk, future, hero, indicate, innovation, middle, minor, myself, never, parts, piece, possession, raid, sear, shake, stuff, sunshine, sweet, textbook, touch, tubs, whole, wonder, writer.

