

19 Militants Killed in Kunduz Offensive

KUNDUZ CITY - At least 19 Taliban insurgents including notorious commanders have been killed and 14 others wounded during a clearing operation in Chahar Dara district of northeastern Kunduz province, a police statement said.

A statement from Kunduz police received by Pajhwok Afghan News said the operation was ongoing in Qasaba, Sajaniha and Isakhel villages of Chahar Dara district for the past 48 hours.

It said 13 militants including notorious commanders Qari Haroon, Qari Israr and Hayatullah were killed and seven others wounded.

The statement added a Taliban commander Qari Khetab among six other militants was killed and six others wounded in a separate incident. Some weapons and ammunitions belong to ...*(More on P4)...(14)*



Clash over Land Dispute Leaves 2 Policemen, 8 Civilians Injured

TALUQAN - Two policemen and eight civilians were wounded in a clash over land dispute in the Warsaj district of northern Takhar province, an official said on Monday.

Police Chief Brig. Gen. Faqir Mohammad Jawzjani confirmed the incident and said Ibrahim Baigzad, provincial intelligence chief, clashed with local residents in the defence of his nephew.

Abdul Maab, the resident of Khanaqa area, told Pajhwok Afghan News Baigzad nephew grabbed piece of land in the area and Baigzad this morning came to the area ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

U-14 Football Team Through to Subroto Cup Finals



KABUL - Afghanistan's U-14 national football team beat India's Mirzaram team in a penalty shootout in the semi-finals on Monday.

Afghanistan's U-14 national football team beat India's Mirzaram team 5-4 in the semi-finals of the Subroto Cup Football Tournament in India on Monday.

Both teams worked hard to secure their goals but no goals were scored throughout the match nor during extra time.

In a penalty shootout, Afghanistan scored five goals while their Indian counterparts managed only four.

Afghanistan will play India's Chandigar team at about 4pm Kabul time on Wednesday in the finals. Last year Afghanistan played well and went through to the semi-finals of the tournament.

The team scored 33 goals in total but lost to Bangladesh in the semi-finals. *(Tolonews)*

Afghan Migrant throws Woman out Window



KABUL - According to Serbian media reports, the woman was seriously injured but is in a stable condition in hospital.

A 37-year-old Afghan male has been arrested at an asylum center in Bogovadja, in western Serbia after allegedly throwing a woman out of a window.

The suspect has been placed in police custody after he "threw his 22-year-old (female) cousin through the window" of the facility, Serbian media reports said. ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

ALP Commander, Son Killed Near Home

MAIMANA - An armed motorcyclist shot dead an Afghan Local Police (ALP) commander and his son in Qaisar district of northern Faryab province on Monday.

Separately, one civilian was killed and three others injured during a clash between two public uprising commanders in Chahartoot area of Pashtunkot district.

The ALP commander, Abdul Rashid, and his 22-year-old son Shir Agha came under attack from a suspected militant on a bike, said Rahmatullah Qaisari, the Qaisar district chief.

He told Pajhwok Afghan News Rashid had the duty to ensure security in Chahalgazi Bazaar. He said the killer was affiliated with the Taliban. Shortly after the incident, a 16-year-old granddaughter of Abdul Rashid shot herself injured with a pistol in a suicide attempt.

Ahmad Farhad Qaisari, people's council head in Qaisar district, said Rashid and his son Agha were sitting near their house when they were attacked by an armed motor-biker. He confirmed the suicide attempt by Rashid's granddaughter, saying she was currently in a hospital in Maimana city, the provincial capital.

Meanwhile, fighting between two public ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Taliban Commanders among 25 Killed, Wounded in Helmand Airstrikes



KABUL - At least twenty five Taliban insurgents were killed or wounded during the airstrikes in southern Helmand province of Afghanistan, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) said Monday.

According to a statement by MoD, the airstrikes were conducted in three different districts of Helmand, including the provincial capital Lashkargah city. The statement further added that twelve insurgents were killed in total including three of their local commanders.

The Taliban commanders killed during the airstrikes have been identified as Mullah Khaliqdad, Mullah Musafir, and Khayal Mohammad, MoD added.

According to the Ministry of Defense, at least thirteen insurgents were also wounded during the same airstrikes.

The airstrikes targeted the hideouts of the insurgents that led to the casualties to the Taliban insurgents, MoD said, adding that four hideouts of the group were destroyed in total.

The anti-government armed militant groups have not commented regarding the report so far. Helmand remains one of the most volatile provinces in southern Afghanistan since the fall of the Taliban regime in 2001 where terrorist related incidents are frequently reported from its various districts. *(KP)*

Afghan Trader Shot Dead in Peshawar

PESHAWAR - Haji Hunar Jan Shinwari, a leading Afghan trader, was shot dead by unknown assailants in Hayatabad's Karkhano Bazaar, Peshawar, on Sunday evening.

Eye witnesses and relatives informed that Haji Hunar Jan Shinwari was present in his commercial plaza on Sunday evening when unknown assailants, on bikes, fired shots at him with automatic weapons.

He was then rushed to Hayatabad Medical Complex where the doctors declared him dead.

Belonging to the Shinwari tribe, Haji Hunar Jan was residing in Landi Kotal, Khyber Agency, adjacent to Pak-Afghan border. The body of the deceased was shifted to his hometown, Afghanistan, on Monday morning.

Police have registered a case and started further investigations.

A large number of Afghan traders and businessmen had established businesses in Peshawar and several other cities and towns throughout the country following the country. In recent past, a number of Afghan traders had been abducted, later to be released on ransom. *(Agencies)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries Your strategizing is over, it's now time to put your thoughts into action. However, it's crucial to unfold your plan step by step, precisely as envisioned. But once you start, you may grow so excited that you're tempted to race ahead, improvising as you go. Nevertheless, take your foot off the accelerator and tap the brakes if necessary until your vehicle is fully under control again.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus One chapter is coming to an end and a new one is about to start. Although you're standing at a crossroads, you can't yet tell which route you will take into the future. You know what is best for you but you're a bit short on confidence now. Honestly, faking it until you make it works in your favor.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini Everything feels as if it's pushed right to the edge today. You realize that something must give, but you don't yet know what it is. Forget about long-term planning for a while, and just respond with the most sensible choices you can make in the moment. Fortunately, events are moving at such a rapid clip that your big decision will fall into place much faster than you expect.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer A recent bout with self-doubt has brought you into new territory. Although you're unsure about what stretches out in front of you, you're certain that there's no way to return to your old familiar ground. Oddly enough, your worry about facing the unknown is tempered with a dose of excitement now.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo You can use your peripheral vision again now that your blinders are finally off. It's as if you were previously limited to only seeing the party line and there are more alternatives than you can investigate today. Avoid choosing any one position right away; postponing major decisions for just a couple of days dramatically increases your chances for success.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept 22)



Virgo You've been playing your own private version of the waiting game while external circumstances catch up to your plans. Thankfully, the rules are beginning to change now, but you still might encounter resistance for a few more days. Unfortunately, you won't receive much help from others today, because relationships are a source of your communication struggles. Continue to gather facts, conserve your energy.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra Conversations with friends today are just a means to a new end. Of course, it's wonderful to dwell in the magic of a nurturing environment, but your destiny is to leave the safety of your social network and find your way in the world. Although this process is about stepping beyond familiar borders, you might experience a bit of isolation in the process.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio Making plans to elevate your status in your career is one thing, yet putting your ideas into motion is something else. Although you want everyone to respect your long-term goals, you're less interested in having them track your every movement along the way. You need the freedom to manage your own trajectory without criticism from others.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius You'll try anything to dream up your escape when you grow bored with your daily routine. Whatever the reason, you've been stuck in a rut, unable to manifest your next adventure. Thankfully, your schedule is about to loosen up, allowing you time to squeeze a trip into your busy life. But don't rush out and buy your tickets today; let your plans develop over the next few days before you sign off on your final itinerary.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn You're engaging in deep psychological work on your own psyche these days, and you're ready to reveal your experience with a few close friends. But you're not opening up because you want recognition now; your intentions are more practical and grounded. You're hoping for useful feedback that can make your journey more productive.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

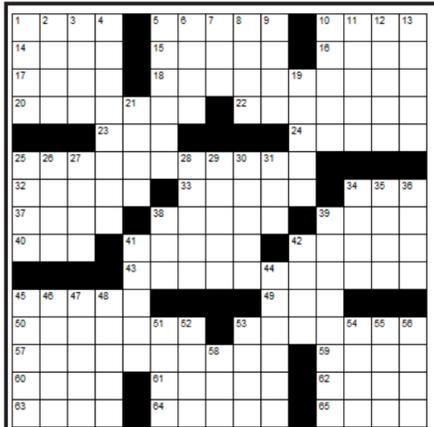


Aquarius Opening your heart to someone you love looks good on paper, but it's still an uphill battle for you. It's easier to talk about your current activities and future plans than to share your innermost feelings. Nevertheless, your emotions are key to your happiness. If you bury them, they will only gain in power.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces Although you are all about making a splash at work now, it's likely because you're positioning yourself to get the raise or promotion you believe you deserve. You are focusing on your everyday responsibilities with an eye to increasing your work-related income. Nevertheless, you may need to play the role of a lightning rod, attracting a bit of erratic energy just to shake things up.



Across

1. Marries, 5. Approaches, 10. A box or chest, 14. Bright thought, 15. Provide, 16. Margarine, 17. Retain, 18. Teen, 20. Not outdoors, 22. Take up the cause, 23. Wealthy person (British slang), 24. Alleviated, 25. Alleviating fever, 32. Hairdos, 33. German iris, 34. An Old Testament king, 37. Countercurrent, 38. Hawaiian veranda, 39. Make secure by lashing, 40. Former North African ruler, 41. Assisted, 42. Posts, 43. Disperse, 45. An small olive-grey bird, 49. Frequently, in poetry, 50. A word with the same set of letters, 53. Forage plant, 57. Irrefutable, 59. Auctioned, 60. Wreaths, 61. Violent disturbances, 62. Footnote note, 63. Gait faster than a walk, 64. Snob, 65. Vipers

Down

1. A collaborative website, 2. Biblical garden, 3. Accomplishment, 4. Convert into soap, 5. Close, 6. Terminates, 7. Pother, 8. Govern, 9. Views, 10. Hot chocolate, 11. Blockage of the intestine, 12. Feel, 13. Lugged, 19. Eyeglasses, 21. Klutz's cry, 25. Breezed through, 26. Connecting point, 27. Neat, 28. Streets, 29. Anagram of "Sneer", 30. Exchange, 31. 3 in Roman numerals, 34. Diva's solo, 35. Sodium chloride, 36. Church alcove, 38. 52 in Roman numerals, 39. A free form musical composition, 41. Beautify, 42. Annoy, 44. Assault sexually, 45. Hurdle, 46. Not outer, 47. Audio communications, 48. Excrete, 51. Haughtiness, 52. Principal, 53. Countertenor, 54. Tosses, 55. Gymnast's feat, 56. Contributes, 58. Ghost's cry,

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