

Badakhshan's Kiran Wa Manjan District Retaken



FAIZABAD - Local officials said the district fell to the Taliban about two months ago. Afghan forces and members of the public uprising forces retook Kiran Wa Manjan district of the northeastern province of Badakh-

shan on Wednesday, a spokesman for the Ministry of Defense confirmed. Taliban have suffered heavy losses in the operation by the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces and the public uprising

forces, a spokesman for the Defense Ministry, Fawad Aman, said. The operation to retake the district was launched with the support of Abdul Malik, a public uprising forces commander, Mr.

Aman said. Kiran Wa Manjan houses big deposits of lapis lazuli. In less than a week, the Afghan forces have retaken Yumgan and Wardooj districts of the province which fell to the Taliban four years ago. (Tolo news)

Pul-i-Khumri Siege Broken, Key Road Reopened



PUL-I-KHUMRI - 10 days back, the militants staged coordinated attacks on Pul-i-Khumri and as a result the Kabul-North highway remained closed for traffic. Police spokesman Javed Basharat told Pajhwok Afghan News the security personnel conducted clearing operations in parts of the provincial capital over the past few nights. He claimed the insurgents had been beaten back and the siege of the city broken. Brig. Gen. Ghulam Abbas Tawkali an official of the 217th Pamir Military Corps, said at least 124 Taliban had been killed and 84 others wounded in the fighting over the past 10 days. "There is no security issue now on the Baghlan-Mazar highway but there are some problems on

the Baghlan-Kunduz road. An operation has been launched to clear the restive areas." Abdul Rahman, a resident of Pul-i-Khumri, confirmed the road leading to Mazar-i-Sharif had been reopened for traffic after 10 days. A Kabul-north highway driver, who declined to be named, revealed the militants had established checkpoints in Doshi district. He said the rebels allowed ordinary people to travel and banned the movement of government servants. On the other hand, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said the fighters had overrun several areas and inflicted casualties on the security forces. (Pajhwok)

Boy Death Sparks Protest Against Afghan Forces in Ghazni

GHAZNI CITY - A number of residents of Andar district of southern Ghazni province on Wednesday staged a protest rally against what they alleged the killing of a 15-year old boy by Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers. The angry protesters brought and placed the slain boy in front of the governor's house in protest and demanded justice. Muhibullah, one of the protestors, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the ANA soldiers had shot dead his niece, Sardar Mohammad in Khan Baba area of the district late on Tuesday. He said the area residents took the body of the dead in protest to the governor's house to seek justice for his family. Eid Mohammad, another protes-



tor, told Pajhwok that Sardar Mohammad was a student of 12th grade and he had been killed in the ANA soldiers firing late on Tuesday. He said, "Both the Taliban and security forces killing us and we are confused in this regard what to do." He urged the security forces and Taliban militants to pay attention to civilian lives during their clashes. (Pajhwok)

TALOQAN - About 40 Taliban militants have been killed and another 30 wounded in Darqad and Khwaja Bahauddin districts of northern Takhar province, officials claimed on Wednesday. Jawad Hijri, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the security forces targeted the Taliban hideouts in the two districts late on Tuesday night. He said a number of key commanders were among the insurgents killed and wounded in the offensives. Police spokesman Maj. Khalilullah Asir also confirmed to Pajhwok that the militants suffered heavy casualties during air-and-ground operations in the two districts.

40 Taliban Killed, 30 Wounded in Takhar, Officials Claim



But Latifullah, a resident of the Khwaja Bahauddin district, told Pajhwok a clash occurred between the security forces and the Taliban in the district bazaar on Tuesday night. He said the Taliban captured many security check-posts following the overnight clash.

On the other hand, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid rejected the government claim of inflicting casualties on 70 militants. But he said the fighters recently captured Darqad and Khwaja Bahauddin districts of Takhar province. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Sep 12, 2019 - Your thoughts are emotionally charged, Aries, but you'll find that this can be used to your advantage. You have a great deal of knowledge at your disposal, and you aren't afraid to throw in a little drama just for the fun of it. Your dramatic flair will take you far on a day like today. Don't hesitate to get exactly what you want.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Sep 12, 2019 - The fast-paced frenzy of the day is just what you need to jumpstart your brain and get it moving in the right direction, Taurus. Take control of the fire within and keep it strong all day. You'll find that there's a more personal aspect to your thoughts, and you can think more rationally about your emotions. Your heart and your head are working well together.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Sep 12, 2019 - While you're on a crusade for peace and diplomacy, Gemini, you may find that other people seem to be on a crusade for war. Do your best under the prevailing trends. You may find that other people's words are charged with a great deal of passion that will be hard to ignore.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Sep 12, 2019 - There's action to be taken, Cancer, so make sure you get up early to make a fresh start. You may be on stage today in more ways than one. Your powerful words won't go unnoticed by others. You're dynamic and effective in the pursuit of your goals. Your mental acuity is in top working condition, and your words are emotionally charged.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Sep 12, 2019 - Be yourself and you can do no wrong, Leo. This is one of those days when you barely need to make any effort to go a long distance. You'll find power at your disposal and confidence in yourself. Feel free to grab the microphone and express your opinions. Your words and thoughts are highly charged.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Sep 12, 2019 - There may be a bit of restlessness due to strong forces urging you to take action, Virgo. A dynamic feeling is in the air and calling on you to get up and get moving. Take this opportunity to push through some of your new ideas. Make strides toward the completion of your goals. Don't let your emotions get in the way of your mental processes.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Sep 12, 2019 - Charge ahead and use your emotions to fuel your fire, Libra. You have plenty of mental acumen today that can help break through any puzzle. New beginnings are underway in many areas of your life. There's no reason to delay any longer than you already have. Take this opportunity to live up to your full potential and make things happen for yourself.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Sep 12, 2019 - Be a bit selfish today, Scorpio. You have every right to look out for number one. Sensitivity to other people's emotions and issues is noble, but it may leave you emotionally drained. Think rationally about your emotions and have the courage to say no to people once in a while. You're a giver and a saint. This is the perfect day to do some giving back - to yourself.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sep 12, 2019 - Your mind is going to be sharp today, and you should be certain of all your words, Sagittarius. Take pride in who you are and what you believe. This self-confidence will radiate from you. Use your keen mental powers to move things along in your favor. This is too good of an opportunity to waste passively. Take control of the situation and lead the charge. Full steam ahead!

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan.19)



Sep 12, 2019 - Much of your focus is internal, but today it would behoove you to turn some of that energy outward, Capricorn. Take this opportunity to make a leap of faith in the right direction. You have a great deal of bite behind your words. Don't underestimate your power and bravery.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

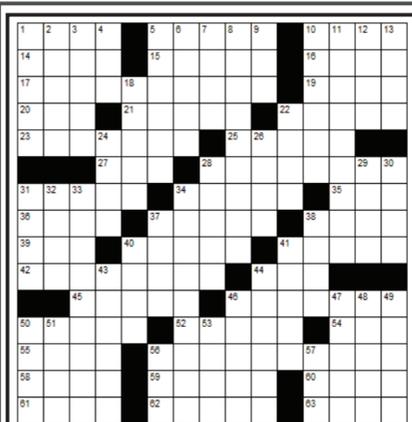


Sep 12, 2019 - There's no need to walk around with a frown on a day like this, Aquarius. You have a special spark in your eye and spring in your step that you should make great use of today. Jump into action with vigor and communicate your thoughts to other people. Change is important and necessary now.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Sep 12, 2019 - You might feel a bit rough around the edges today, Pisces. There's a bite to the day that could leave you feeling upset and unnerved. It may seem as if no one understands you. By opening up to others, you'll allow them to open up to you. People will be anxious to learn the inner workings of your mind. You have a great deal of personal wisdom to share.



Across

1. Tablet, 5. Platform, 10. Numbskull, 14. Pearly-shelled mussel, 15. Vagabonds, 16. Nights before, 17. Nonflowering, 19. Vice President, 20. Air movement device, 21. Fish respiratory organs, 22. Apotheotic, 23. Schemes, 25. More or less, 27. Venomous snake, 28. Besmirching, 31. Constructed, 34. Broom, 35. Caviar, 36. Backside, 37. Simpleton, 38. Lairs, 39. Zero, 40. Lustrious, 41. Anagram of "Debit", 42. Skimming, 44. Tin, 45. Hangman's knot, 46. A small decorative object, 50. Provide with a permanent fund, 52. Fancy, 54. Nigerian tribesman, 55. College girl, 56. Breathing apparatus, 58. Ringlet, 59. Angry, 60. Sharpen, 61. Being, 62. Runs in neutral, 63. Not more

Down

1. Light gusts of air, 2. Dental filling, 3. Kings of the jungle, 4. Not high, 5. Prawn, 6. Road or bridge fees, 7. Cain's brother, 8. Flimsy, 9. S, 10. Gobble up, 11. Overly fatigued, 12. Equal, 13. Catch a glimpse of, 18. Excrete, 22. A cleansing agent, 24. Story, 26. Horn sound, 28. Big band music, 29. Not a single one, 30. A feat, 31. Prohibits, 32. Relating to urine, 33. A New York NHL team, 34. "Pig shepherd", 37. Not that, 38. Eat, 40. Winter precipitate, 41. Din, 43. Noggin, 44. Major towns, 46. Hill, 47. Flexible, 48. Double-reed instruments, 49. Wrongs, 50. Behold, in old Rome, 51. French for "We", 53. A Freudian stage, 56. 7 in Roman numerals, 57. Hole-making tool,

Yesterday's Solution

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AREAS PLOP OPUS
INEPT OKRA NABS
LEDERHOSEN TRIFE
ATTI PARTS
STRODE STRIA
NAIVE SHREDDING
ALLO PERIL IDEA
PETRIGLEUM BELLAT
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