

# Afghanistan and U.S. Troops Claim to Have Killed at Least 38 Taliban Fighters



KABUL - Afghan forces with the help of the U.S. said that they killed 38 Taliban fighters — including two senior commanders. Fighting has ramped up since President Trump declared peace talks dead, though the Taliban says “lines of communication are still open.” CBS News met Afghan Defense Minister Asadullah Khalid in

Kabul, who said the U.S. and Afghanistan are taking the fight to the Taliban. The Taliban said it’s still open to dialogue with the U.S. Until then, it’s war with an intensity one general described as “unprecedented.” Khalid is the point man for U.S. General Scott Miller, the commander of the American-led mis-

sion and its 14,000 U.S. troops. Together they have pursued a dual strategy of killing as many Taliban fighters as possible, while launching special forces raids aimed at dismantling ISIS and al Qaeda terrorist networks. The defense minister told CBS News that Afghan troops are now at the forefront of around 90% of

the offensives and operations taking place around the country. “In most of the operation now, Afghan force are doing this operation independently,” Khalid said. And while they are paying a heavy price, he said this year — for the first time — the Taliban is losing more fighters than the Afghan military. (CBS NEWS)

## Taliban’s Shadow District Chief Held in Kabul

KABUL - Intelligence operatives have detained Taliban’s shadow chief for Kalakan district along with three associates in Kabul. The National Directorate of Security (NDS) identified the shadow district chief as Sardar Mohammad -- also known as Mullah Sardar. In a statement on Monday, the intelligence network said Sardar

Mohammad was arrested along with Sher Pacha, Malik and Hashibullah in limits of the 8th police district. Sardar Mohammad was also active as head of the Mir Bachakot district of Kabul, the However, the NDS did not mention the exact date of the arrests. Taliban have not yet commented on the claim. (Pajhwok)

## 1 Killed, 5 Wounded in Ghazni Car Bombing



GHAZNI CITY - One university student was killed and another five wounded as result of car bombing in southern Ghazni province on Monday, an official said. Mohammad Arif Noori, the governor’s spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident happened in Ali Lala area of Ghazni City, the provincial cap-

ital today (Monday) at around 1:00pm. Ghazni Civil Hospital Director Dr. Baz Mohammad Himat, confirmed receiving one body and five injured from the site of blast. He said the injured were in stable condition. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast. (Pajhwok)

## School Set Alight in Lashkargah; Probe Underway

LASHKARGAH - Unidentified gunmen have torched a school in Lashkargah, the capital of southern Helmand province, an official said on Monday. Mohammad Daud Shah Safari, education director, told Pajhwok Afghan News gunmen set alight the Karghad Awlia School in Babaji area late on Sunday evening. He said the school’s furniture was burnt but no one was hurt. “The gunmen torched the school using petrol. We tried to extinguish the blaze but in vain.” The motive behind the incident is yet to be ascertained, according to the director, who said an investigation was underway into the arson attack. Meanwhile, Mohammad Hashim, a resident of the area,



said the fire erupted at the school building late on Sunday evening. Government officials extinguished it after a long time. (Pajhwok)

## 5 Civilians, 35 Rebels Killed in Farah Incidents

FARAH CITY - Thirty-five Taliban and five civilians have been killed as a result of two separate incidents of violence in western Farah province, an official said on Monday. Police spokesman Mohibullah Mohib, told Pajhwok Afghan News 35 Taliban militants were killed in security operations. NATO forces provided air support for the offensive Anardara district. He said the Taliban’s shadow chief for Anardara district, Syed Azim, was among the 35 militants killed in the operations. Abdul Nasir, a resident of the district, confirmed the killing of dozens militants but had no exact figure. He said clashes were still ongoing. Elsewhere, five civilians in-



cluding women and children were killed when their vehicle struck a roadside bomb in the Karez Sheikhan village of Farah City, the provincial capital, late on Sunday night, the police spokesman added. Mohib accused the Taliban of planting the landmine as the area was under their control. There was no immediate reaction from the insurgent group. (Pajhwok)

### Outlook Horoscope

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



Sep 17, 2019 - If you’ve been planning to set off on a trip soon, Aries, make a list of what you need to do beforehand and check off each task as you complete it. Otherwise you might panic at the last minute because you’ve forgotten something important. Stay calm even if it seems impossible. You’re less likely to forget anything if you stay focused.

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



Sep 17, 2019 - You may have been worried about money lately, Taurus. Today a family member could make an expenditure that you view as unnecessary and irresponsible. Before you become angry know that all may not be as it seems! If you look at the situation objectively, you may see that you aren’t in dire financial straits.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Sep 17, 2019 - Today you might find it necessary to turn down an invitation to a social event, Gemini, and the host might for some reason seem offended. Your friend is probably overworked and stressed and apt to overreact to just about any situation. Relax a little. Explain things to your friend and then propose that you get together at another time. That’s all you can do now.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Sep 17, 2019 - Have you been doing a lot of walking lately? If so, Cancer, your feet may be sore. This could affect your energy level considerably, not to mention your ability to get any work done. Concentrate on routine tasks that require little thought and can be done sitting down. Stay out of any squabbles! Relax in a hot bath tonight.

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



Sep 17, 2019 - An event could find a current or potential love partner paying a lot of attention to others, Leo. You might feel neglected and unloved, as though your friend is doing this to hurt you. This probably isn’t the case. Your partner is just trying to be sociable and doesn’t realize that it upsets you.

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



Sep 17, 2019 - Do you sometimes go about things backward, Virgo? Are you caught up in the rat race of trying to have more money and security with the idea that eventually you’ll earn the freedom to do what makes you happy? The happiness factor actually works in reverse. You must first be who you are and then take the necessary actions in order to have what you really want.

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



Sep 17, 2019 - An angry call from someone who lives far away might catch you off guard today, Libra. In your mind, the person has no reason to be angry and is blowing things out of proportion. They probably won’t listen to reason. Say as calmly as you can that you’ll get in touch tomorrow and then hang up. Give this person time to calm down before even trying to straighten things out.

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



Sep 17, 2019 - Today you might spend a lot of time looking for a lost object, Scorpio. This item may only have sentimental value. Still, it’s important to you that you find it. This isn’t a good day to search. You’re in a rather frenzied state and could look right at it without seeing it. Wait until tomorrow to look. What you seek is probably nearby and just hidden in some way.

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



Sep 17, 2019 - A minor quarrel or separation could take place with a love partner, Sagittarius, probably over something that seems trivial. It’s likely to get your dander up to the point where you may never want to see this person again. Go for a workout or brisk walk to clear your head, get the endorphins going, and view the situation more objectively. Then phone your friend and work it out.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan.19)



Sep 17, 2019 - Too much stress from overwork could have your nerves on edge today, Capricorn. When someone makes an offhand remark, you might see insult where none is intended. Don’t get so jumpy that you imagine traitors behind every door. Work alone if you can, and take a walk to clear your head. This will put you in a better frame of mind and a

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

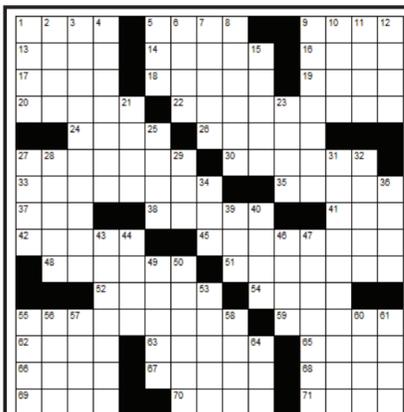


Sep 17, 2019 - Squabbles may break out among members of your group, Aquarius. You might wonder what the big deal is since what they’re arguing over seems rather silly. Apparently it’s important to them! If you feel up to it, get your friends out of their emotional chaos and view the subject more objectively. It might not calm them down,

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



Sep 17, 2019 - Someone may skip out on responsibilities today, Pisces, causing extra tasks to fall to everyone else, including you. This might stir up some anger and resentment and it’s definitely going to cause more stress. Delegate tasks if you can. Put yours in order of urgency and then take them one at a time slowly and carefully. If the less important ones have to wait until tomorrow, so be it!



#### Across

- 1. The outer layer of the Earth, 6. Balls of yarn, 11. Eagle’s nest, 12. Sailing competition, 15. Hypnotic state, 16. Brutality, 17. Petroleum, 18. Gnarled, 20. Suffering, 21. Hard work, 23. Algonquian Indian, 24. Stage, 25. Aquatic plant, 26. Sun, 27. Dagger, 28. Gave temporarily, 29. Consume, 30. Chinese “bear”, 31. Depicting, 34. Desiccated, 36. Martini ingredient, 37. Waggers, 41. Pig sound, 42. A box or chest, 43. Angle of a leafstalk, 44. Skin disease, 45. Lack of difficulty, 46. It ebbs and flows, 47. Dowel, 48. Associate, 51. Defraud, 52. Makes bigger, 54. Ability, 56. Germless, 57. Mimicking, 58. Sometimes, works with lions, 59. Schoolbooks, ,

#### Down

- 1. Open one-horse carriage, 2. Adjust, 3. A large vase, 4. Ill, 5. Adolescent, 6. A bowl-shaped, depression, 7. Embankment, 8. Quaint outburst, 9. Move from side to side, 10. Flight attendant, 13. Group of three, 14. Yeses, 15. Whole, 16. Planners, 19. Group of eight, 22. Public toilet, 24. Simpleton, 26. Transmit, 27. One of the tribes of Israel, 30. Half a quart, 32. Startled cry, 33. Ascended, 34. Instructor, 35. Curl, 38. Demanding attention, 39. News, 40. Napped, 42. Profession, 44. Mimics, 45. American symbol, 48. Dainty, 49. French for “State”, 50. Sexual assault, 53. Genus of macaws, 55. 59 in Roman numerals

#### Yesterday’s Solution



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