

101 Freed as Afghan Forces Dismantle Taliban Detention Center

LASHKAR GAH - More than 100 detainees, including security personnel and civilians, were set free Monday from a Taliban detention center in the restive Helmand province. Spokesman for the provincial government Omar Zawak said the liberation came after the government forces overrun the center earlier in the day. "Units of Special Forces stormed Taliban bastion in Marja district and after capturing a detention center of the insurgents, they freed 101 detainees including civilians and security personnel Monday morning," Zawak told Xinhua.



Taliban militants who had kept the detainees in their custody on charge of supporting government, over the past several weeks and months, have yet to make comments. The troubled Helmand province with Lashkar Gah as its capital 555 km north of Kabul has been regarded as a Taliban hotbed in Afghanistan. Taliban militants have been fighting over the past nearly three years in Helmand in a bid to re-establish their rule in the strategically important province bordering Pakistan. (Xinhua)

20 Insurgents, 3 Security Personnel Killed in Kunduz

KUNDUZ CITY - At least 20 rebels and three security personnel have been killed during a clearing operation in the Dasht-i-Archi district of northeastern Kunduz province, local officials said on Monday. Police chief, Mohammad Qasim Jangalbagh told Pajhwok Afghan News that more than 20 militants were killed and 28 others wounded over the past 24 hours. He said several villages, including Nawabad, Qar-laq, Gurji, Kilinic, had been cleared of militants. Three security personnel were also killed and six others wounded in the operation. Jangalbagh said the joint air and ground forces operation -- codenamed Thunder -- was still ongoing in the district. Meanwhile, the Afghan National Army in the northeastern said in a statement more than 85 militants had been killed, 61 wounded and seven others arrested during the offensive over the past few days. It added 45 other suspects were also arrested in the operation. However, the Taliban have not yet commented on the operation so far. (Pajhwok)

Private Varsities Violate Disability Rights, Benefits

KABUL - A number of students with disabilities enrolled in private sector universities complain they are charged fees despite the enactment of the Rights and Benefits of People with Disabilities Law. In compliance with Article 53th of the Constitution, the law was approved in 2010 for supporting people with disabilities in areas of economy, society, politics, culture, education, training, recreation, sports and rehabilitation. The law was amended in 2012 and the ministries of education and higher education were made responsible for education and training of persons with disabilities. Seven percent of all scholarships offered by foreign countries should be allocated to disabled persons under the law. Besides the above facilities, the ... (More on P4)... (10)



tion and training of persons with disabilities. Seven percent of all scholarships offered by foreign countries should be allocated to disabled persons under the law. Besides the above facilities, the ... (More on P4)... (10)

Pakistani Taliban Leader Killed in Paktika Airstrike

PESHAWAR - A Pakistani Taliban commander has been killed along with his son and several other associates during a recent operation in southeastern Afghanistan, the outlawed group has confirmed. A Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) source confided to Pajhwok Afghan News that its former spokesman Azam Tariq was killed by the Afghan Special Forces in Paktika province. Tariq later joined the Mehsud militant group, led by Khan Said, alias Sajna. Zeeshan Mahsud, Sajna's spokesman, confirmed the death of Azam Tariq and his son Shafiqullah. Currently acting as spokesperson for the Mehsud Taliban faction, Tariq's real name ... (More on P4)... (11)

NUG Accused of Negligence in Security and Economy

KABUL - Just two days ahead of the National Unity Government's (NUG) second anniversary, a number of critics on Monday accused government of inefficiency in terms of ensuring security, developing infrastructure, fighting endemic corruption in public office and economic development. "Corruption and a lack of good governance is felt not only in Kabul but at a provincial level - these are important issues to be addressed in order to ensure stability in the country,"



said political commentator Harun Mir. Meanwhile, the head of Ahmad Wali Massoud, talked about the issue and said the legitimacy of the NUG after Thursday is questionable and that ... (More on P4)... (12)

Slain ANA Soldier's Family Leading a Difficult Life

FAIZABAD - The family of an Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier who was killed in a clash with Taliban in central Maidan Wardak province says no government institution or charity organization has provided them assistance. Hamidullah, father of the slain ANA service member, said he could not work due to old age and the grief of losing his son was yet to go away. Hamidullah is a resident of Shuhada district of northeastern Badakhshan province and has four more children. His son Najibullah, 22, was killed during a direct en-



gagement with the Taliban in Maidan Wardak province in 2015. "At the time, the government paid us 70,000 afghanis, which we spent on the burial and other events and currently I live in a ... (More on P4)... (13)

New Polio Case Surfaces in Paktika's Barmal District

SHARAN - A special polio eradication campaign has been launched in southeastern Paktika province after a fresh positive case surfaced in Barmal district, an official said on Monday. Gulab Khan, a local public health official, told Pajhwok Afghan News on the occasion of launching the polio campaign, identified the victim as 18-month-old Anwar. He said no polio vaccination had been conducted in the province

over the past 18 months. Dr. Mohammad Azem, in charge of the polio vaccination, confirmed the fresh case and said the affected child had recently returned from Pakistan. Syed Noor, a resident of Barmal district, said: "Earlier, only polio vaccine would be administered to children in the provincial capital and few areas, but now dif-



ferent kinds of vaccines are given to children in the province." Governor Ilyas Wahdat asked people to ensure that their children were administered polio drops so that they could have a healthy and bright future. (Pajhwok)

4 Romanian Soldiers Injured in Kandahar Explosion

KABUL - Four Romanian soldiers have been injured in an improvised explosive device (IED) explosion in southern Afghanistan, the Defence Ministry in Bucharest said. The White Shark Force Protection Battalion soldiers were wounded on Sunday morning when they were patrolling an area in Kandahar province, a statement from the ministry said. It added the soldiers were administered first aid and evacuated to the military hospital at the Kandahar Air Base. Identified as Sub-Lieutenant Florin Oprea, Private Eduard-Vlad Romila, Corporal Marcel Neagu and NCO Costica-Victor Tarnovschi, the soldiers are currently under medical supervision in stable condition. Romania's defence minister and chief of army staff are being ... (More on P4)... (14)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You're not ready to head back to work or school today, even if you must be responsible and show up. In fact, your focus will likely be on more frivolous activities as the jovial Sun-Jupiter conjunction stresses the playful Leo Moon in your 5th House of Fun and Games. Luckily, you can probably get away with an occasional flight of fancy now, as long as you keep up appearances.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

It takes serious self-discipline to develop new skills today, especially if it feels like a requirement rather than your own choice. Sometimes, consciously choosing growth as an option is your smartest path to success. Nevertheless, you might prefer the course of least resistance, putting changes off for another time. Ironically, being in over your head brings good fortune now by forcing you to step up to the plate.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

There's plenty of pressure to perform today and you might feel as if you're faking it even if you put on a good show. Thankfully, even the trickiest problems can be untangled because you are blessed with luck now when you act like a leader. Adopting a positive attitude is crucial as you eliminate outmoded aspects of your life in preparation for what's ahead. Concentrate on the potential of the future instead of mourning a loss of the past.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You may be ready to take a risk today, but a good idea doesn't necessarily mean it's a practical one. Make sure your feet are solidly on the ground before you reach for the stars. Although you might be required to jump through some complicated emotional hoops now, your heroic efforts will be rewarded with the security you ultimately seek.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You are prone to exaggeration today, which fans the fires of disagreement even if there is no substantial reason for conflict. The childlike Leo Moon creates anxious aspects with the bombastic Sun-Jupiter conjunction, prompting you to express your opinions as if they were facts. Unrelenting attitudes can be great for moving mountains.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You continue to surf a wave of self-confidence, although you still choose to keep your feelings to yourself today. It seems as if there are no limits to what you can accomplish, leading you to bite off more than you can chew. Ultimately, you might be overwhelmed by all that you promised, making it difficult to know where to start. You have no shortage of good ideas but could fall short of your lofty expectations.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You might see yourself as the leader of the pack today, but group dynamics are unpredictable when the Moon in your 11th House of Crowds forms an anxious aspect with the propitious Sun-Jupiter conjunction. You have a renewed sense of purpose, but that alone isn't enough to inspire others to follow your call. Thankfully, you may finally receive some well-deserved recognition now.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Your dreams seem so close today that you can almost reach out and touch them. The proud Leo Moon is at odds with the bountiful Sun-Jupiter conjunction that activates your 12th House of Fantasy, offering you a direct connection with the supernatural realms. Instead of chasing material goals by acquiring possessions.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You don't need to have a plan in mind today in order to reach your goals. People appear to understand your ideas without much effort on your part. Luckily, you continue to show up with exactly what you require to achieve satisfaction. However, it's tough to maintain a healthy perspective if you get carried away by your own big ideas. Even if everything seems great, blind faith can also land you in hot water with your support network.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

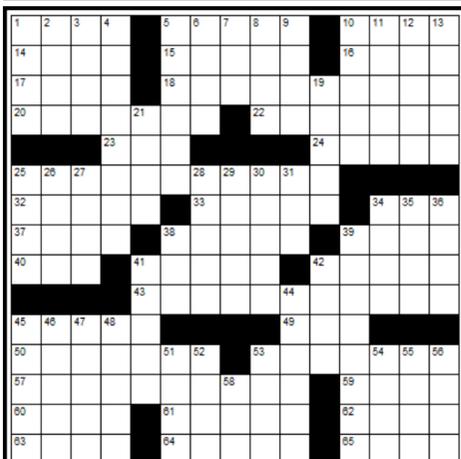
Be careful of any lingering insecurities that lead you to promise more than you can deliver. It's wiser to express yourself frankly when it comes to complex relationship dynamics now that the stressed Leo Moon is hiding out in your 8th House of Intimacy. Remember, others are responsible for their reactions to your disclosure, so be kind but honest. The more you expect harmony at this time.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You may feel like a caged bird today if your routine seems too boring. However, this is no time to fly off into the sunset without a well-defined map. Your desire to expand beyond the bounds of your current relationships could just be a yearning for greater meaning, so you don't be quick to step out and turn your world upside down.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Demonstrating your concern for someone at work could earn you a new level of admiration. However, whatever you offer today may still be construed as not enough. Thankfully, you can be the most generous person in the world as long as you receive pleasure from giving; unfortunately, your magnanimous behavior will be for naught unless it comes directly from your heart.



Across
1. Residence hall, 5. Gentlewoman, 10. Petty quarrel, 14. Region, 15. Hemp, 16. Vagabond, 17. Average, 18. Leather shorts, 20. Insignificantly small, 22. Germless, 23. Craze, 24. ... alia, 25. They keep dozing off, 32. Throb, 33. Mete, 34. Not against, 37. French for "State", 38. A right, 39. Donated, 40. Lair, 41. 10th Greek letter, 42. Related to tides, 43. Compulsively, 45. Fable writer, 49. Born as, 50. Anagram of "Simpers", 53. Hardy coarse-haired sheep, 57. Usher, 59. Fermented grape juice, 60. Decorative case, 61. Paper with a crinkled texture, 62. Wings, 63. Collections, 64. Lukewarm, 65. Not mine.

Down
1. "Damn!", 2. Chocolate cookie, 3. 500 sheets, 4. Apparent, 5. Illness, 6. Cain's brother, 7. Father, 8. Air force heroes, 9. Shopping place, 10. Cut off, 11. Propose, 12. Poplar tree, 13. Laser printer powder, 19. Holdup, 21. Back of the neck, 25. Hurried, 26. Pear-shaped instrument, 27. Distinctive flair, 28. Anagram of "Sharp", 29. Run away to wed, 30. Assumed name, 31. Point, 34. Disappear gradually, 35. Egg-shaped, 36. Depend, 38. Apply gently, 39. An unintentional disclosure, 41. 1/100th of a rable, 42. Layer, 44. Caught, 45. Assistants, 46. Overact, 47. Nozzle, 48. German iris, 51. Religious offshoot, 52. Arid, 53. Yachting cap, 54. Prefix meaning 1000, 55. Two-toed sloth, 56. Lascivious look, 58. Liveliness.

Yesterday's Solution
WAGE ALAIE GULL ANON DIGMA ASIA ROLL SITION MENU MADAM INTERBREDE FRAT GENOA EPIGRAM SITODGE LONELITER FORTE MITT LEGE AHA SNEER CURSIVERS TRUANT TANNERY LIARS SOTS ABSOLVING BETEL ORAC AVTIAN ROISE DELI LEGGE INNS SETA TEAT MEET

B E A C O N I N S T A N T
L W H E A T G R E A T L Q
O A N G E R D C N A U J N
O S I G A D G E T M R E V
M K M T A O S U D T L N
O N P E X I S T M F S Y Y
S U R P R I S E O E N A M
P C O N C U S S I O N C I
E K V G R E E N L R W T R
E L E O A N N O Y B A U A
D E M B R A C E S I G A C
D U M B F O U N D T E L L
H U M B L E A L T E R G E