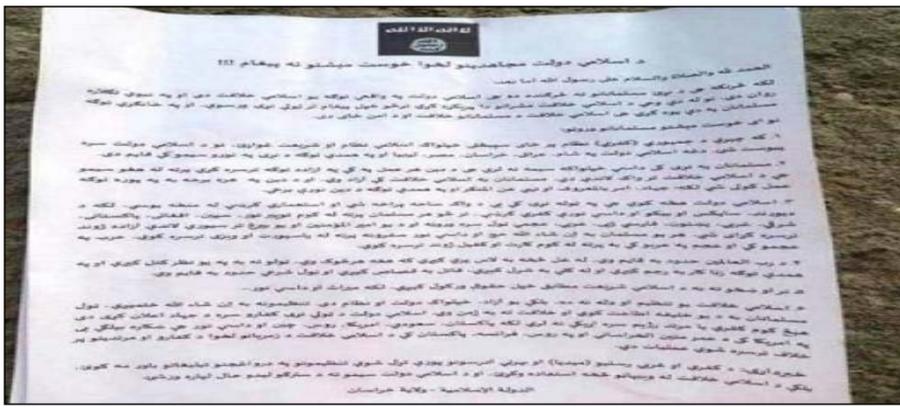


Daesh Spread Night Letters in Khost's Sabari District

KHOST - Unidentified men spread night letters, supporting Daesh or so called Islamic State (IS) militants in Sabari district of southeastern Khost province, an official said Sunday.

A local security official, who wished to go unnamed, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the letters were spread in Maktab Bazar, Dand Faqiran and Soripan areas of the district.

The source said investigation into the issue was underway to figure out who were involved.



Mohammad Daud, the resident of Sabari district, said, the letters were attached to doors of mosques and shops.

Daesh militants in the night letters said they have plan to launch operation against the government and US forces in Sabari district, he said, adding the letter asked for public support to the rebel group and warned those to punishment who refuse to help.

A copy of the letter is also obtained by Pajhwok. The letter with a black logo on its header is written in six articles in Pashto language. (Pajhwok)

Alizaye Hands Himself Over to Herat Police

KABUL - Herat's provincial council chief Kamran Alizaye handed himself over to local police on Sunday afternoon after an arrest warrant was issued against him last week by the Anti-Corruption Criminal Justice Center (ACJC) court.

The court sentenced him to two and a half years in prison two weeks ago after he was found guilty of various charges including misuse of authority, interfering in attorney general's affairs, insulting prosecutors and objecting to the appointment of senior officials in the province. Alizaye said on Sunday he respects the law but will appeal his sentence and try to prove his innocence. (Tolnews)

3 Civilians, 6 Taliban Killed in a Clash

GHAZNI CITY - Three civilians and six Taliban were killed in a clash in the Andar district of southern Ghazni province on Sunday, an official said.

Police Chief Brig. Gen. Aminullah Amarkhel told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash erupted early this morning after the Taliban attacked Afghan Local Police (ALP) check-posts in the area.

He said six Taliban were killed, some wounded in the firefight while a mortar shell fired by the Taliban hit a house killing three civilians and damaging a house.

Mohammad Ashraf, the resident of Ghondai locality, said the clash between the Taliban and security forces continued for hours in the district.

He, however, said five civilians, including woman and children, were killed in a mortar shell that struck a house.

Taliban confirmed the clash. The group's spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said three policemen were killed and two wounded in a clash in the Andar district Maidanwalo area.

On Saturday a clash was reported in the Ghazni's De Yak district between Taliban and security forces in which both sided claimed inflicting casualties on each other sides. (Pajhwok)

ISIS Suicide Bombers and Car Bomb Eliminated

JALALABAD - Two suicide bombers and a vehicle-borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) were eliminated in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan.

The provincial police commandment said the suicide bombers were looking to target the police commandment of Achin district.

The suicide bombers and the VBIED were eliminated in an airstrike conducted by the US forces based in Afghanistan, the police commandment said.

It also added that the local residents and security personnel did not suffer any casualties in the airstrike.

Nangarhar is among the relatively calm provinces in eastern Afghanistan but the anti-government armed militant groups have recently increased their insurgency activities in some parts of the province ... (More on P4)... (22)

2 Militants Killed While Planting a Bomb in a Seminary in Logar



KABUL - At least two militants were killed as they were planting an Improvised Explosive Device in a seminary in Logar province of Afghanistan.

The Ministry of Defense (MoD) said the incident took place in the vicinity of qala-e-Wazir area of Logar.

The Ministry further added that the explosives device went off prematurely as the two insurgents were planting the bomb, leaving two insurgents dead.

The anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban insurgents have not commented regarding the report so far.

The Taliban insurgents and militant belonging to other militant groups frequently use IEDs as the weapon of their choice to target the Afghan security forces and government officials.

However, in majority of such incidents the ordinary civilians are targeted besides the security forces and government officials are killed.

The UN mission said it documented 11,418 civilian casualties between 1st January 2016 to 31st December, 2016.

According to the report, 61 percent of all civilian ... (More on P4)... (20)

10 Rockets Seized Before Being Fired on Kabul City

KABUL - At least ten rockets were seized by the Afghan security forces before the militants manage to fire them on Kabul city.

The Kabul police commandment said the rockets were placed and were prepared for the attack in Khak-e-Jabar district.

The rockets were transferred to Hesarak district of Nangarhar to Khak-e-Jabar for the attack, the police commandment said, adding that the rockets were of BMI type. The anti-government



armed militant groups have not commented regarding the report so far. This comes as the militant groups are attempting to

increase their insurgency as the weather gets warm across the country, specifically in capital Kabul. A ... (More on P4)... (19)

'ISIS' Militants Prepare for Military Operations in Kunar: Officials



ASADABAD - Officials in south-eastern Kunar province warn of growing ISIS terror activities, citing the group has trained a roughly 500 fighters so far.

Waheed Kalimzai, the spokesperson for Kunar province says that ISIS armed militants along with 9 other insurgent groups use mines and wood as their primary funding sources.

"ISIS has been recruiting fighters since one year and now they have enough prepared them to start large-scale military operations against Afghanistan National Security Forces," Kalimzai warned.

According to Kalimzai, aside from ISIS, there are 9 other groups actively operating in different parts of Kunar province. However, military officials confirm that ISIS misusing residents' unemployment in the province and recruit them.

"They hugely misuse of people's joblessness and further press them to join their gangs," Murad Ali Murad, vice chief of staff informed.

While U.S officials have called 2017 as the final year for ISIS presence in Afghanistan, signs show that the group not only weakened but gained extra strengths during the past two years. (Agencies)

Afghan Traders Block Traffic on Tajik Border

KUNDUZ CITY - Traders, mostly small business owners, on Sunday shut the Sher Khan Port in northern Kunduz province in protest against absence of a Tajik consulate and some problems the neighboring country had created for them.

They said besides denying visas to Afghan traders and drivers, Tajikistan was creating other problems for them. The protestors said warned to keep the port closed until their demands were met.

Numbering about 100, the



demonstrators also erected protest tents near the joint border of Afghanistan and Tajikistan.

Haji Mujib, an Afghan trad-

er, told Pajhwok Afghan News: "Tajikistan does not give work visas to Afghan businessmen and drivers, ... (More on P4)... (21)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You have the power to change your destiny, but you must initiate action now rather than just think about it. Your intuition is on point, but that's only the first part of this cosmic double whammy. You possess the natural confidence to express your desires in a way that magically allows your dreams to manifest without resistance. However, whatever you start today will require follow-through tomorrow.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You may worry your plans won't pan out as you expect today. Ironically, your concerns could turn out to be true if you focus on them too much. Although it's wise to put your ducks in a row before involving others in your scheme, everything could fall apart if you ignore the details. Nevertheless, your current path might lead to satisfaction if you start slowly and build momentum as you go along.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



All the pieces of the puzzle might fall into place just as you wish today with one minor exception. Someone may be overly critical of your choices when the Moon whispers to naysaying Saturn in your 7th House of Others. You have the ability to make your day even better if you receive the advice with an open mind. But the good times could unravel if you're overly resistant to constructive feedback.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You are inspired by your dreams and restrained by your memories. However, you also can choose to revisit your past and retell your story from a different perspective. Instead of glorifying a painful event by giving it power in the present moment, reframe your life in terms of future potential. Philosopher George Santayana wrote, "Wisdom comes by disillusionment."

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



A child's play can be serious business, for it's this process of creative exploration that teaches you what's possible. You might think that setting fun and games aside is the mature thing to do today, but taking yourself too seriously is a tactical error. Engaging in joyful activities is an important learning experience now, but also replenishes your soul.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You are quite aware of your shortcomings as a human being and don't need anyone else to remind you today. Thankfully, you're comfortable with your limitations and can so skillfully work around them that others don't even notice. Deciding which emotions to keep to yourself comes naturally now, allowing you to show off your most admirable traits. Don't be overly concerned if you slip into an unexpected inner conversation with self-doubt.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



It's as if you wrote a screenplay for a romantic comedy and now the people in your life are acting out their parts according to your script. Needless to say, you're quite content when so many things go the way you envisioned them. Don't freak out if you hit a speed bump; just because others start improvising their lines doesn't mean the entire plot will be lost. It's counter-productive to enforce your expectations on anyone else.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You are a champion when it comes to withholding inconvenient emotions, but there's a price to pay for keeping so many secrets buried within. First of all, others will notice that the energy isn't quite right, even if they don't know why. Second, you will feel the existential discomfort in your body that constantly reminds you of your dishonesty.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



You are an enigma today because you're feeling an odd combination of enthusiasm and seriousness. You're excited about your current creativity and hopeful that you'll capture a brilliant idea or two before the day is gone. Nevertheless, you're also aware of the uphill climb in front of you. You know that you're shouldering extra responsibilities and take your role to heart.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



People might not see your fun-loving side today, but it's present nonetheless. In fact, you might intentionally bury your capricious attitude because you don't want others to think you're behaving frivolously. Of course, your specialty is acting lighthearted in the moment while still holding onto a more calculated course of action. Don't take your eyes off the goal; your single-minded approach is your ticket to success.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Taking a day off isn't the same for you as it is for most people. Your idea of perfection is to be free of responsibilities so you can push the edges of the universe out just a little further. Fortunately, stretching the envelope might lead to a creative breakthrough today. Without trying to accomplish anything purposeful, you could change your future with what you learn now. It's just as William Blake wrote, "If the fool would persist in his folly."

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You're more concerned with your accomplishments today than with anything else. Whether unfinished chores, unfulfilled commitments or an incomplete project, you can't relax until you demonstrate your maturity by delivering on your promises. But there's also an inner child who is feeling deprived of attention. Thankfully, it's not an all-or-nothing proposition; you can be accountable while also making time for a bit of fun and frivolity.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-71.

Across and Down crossword clues. Across: 1. Fastened, 5. Away from the wind, 9. Killed, 13. Jittery, 14. Light purple, 16. Unadulterated, 17. Many millennia, 18. Garbage, 19. "Oh my!", 20. Long-tailed parrot, 22. Antimonomopoly, 24. Send forth, 26. Monetary unit of Macedonia, 27. Enkindled, 30. Backfire, 33. To exceed in charming, 35. Possessed, 37. Armed conflict, 38. Prevaricating, 41. Letter after sigma, 42. Birdlike, 45. Persevering, 48. Not down, 51. Pubescence, 52. Ballet skirts, 54. Hue, 55. Using traditional skills, 59. Stitched, 62. Negatives, 63. Runs in neutral, 65. "Your majesty", 66. Gumbo, 67. Praises, 68. Hotels, 69. A noble gas, 70. Bygone era. Down: 1. Squad, 2. Bright thought, 3. Self-centered, 4. Impulsive, 5. Altitude (abbrev.), 6. Former Italian currency, 7. African antelope, 8. A Christian celebration, 9. Songbird, 10. Humdinger, 11. Historical periods, 12. Toward sunset, 15. Backbone of an animal, 21. Accompanying, 23. Meal in a shell, 25. Blue-green, 27. Hawkeye State, 28. Exotic jelly flavor, 29. Not wet, 31. Interlace, 32. Inclined, 34. Central, 36. Responsibility, 39. Bite, 40. Oversupply, 43. Craftsperson, 44. French for "We", 46. Nile bird, 47. Beginning, 49. Step, 50. Day after Saturday, 53. Artillery burst, 55. Shortly, 56. Garden tool, 57. Apprentice, 58. Lascivious look, 60. Sea eagle, 61. Writing table, 64. South southeast.

Yesterday's Solution crossword grid with words: CREPE, CRAW, PAWN, LUMEN, DEER, EBRO, ALTON, GIGRE, CHIN, PERSUASION, COTE, IDEM, CLARET, SPED, DOE, HOD, ELSE, AUNT, CITED, GONTER, RAILWAY, TWERP, SGAR, LIVE, ALL, AVE, ONES, STUCCO, DENS, COLT, OVERACTING, ANTI, STING, AERIE, TIRO, ECCE, PAINT, SCAN, NEED, ESSES.

Word search grid with words: BURST, STREAM, WATCH, HBC, COUCH, MDMUJGFILTHLD, PROMISERROAOI, TTIAHONESTCAR, YERTPYGSEXBK, LTJKLGCOTALLY, SEEAUILTRUOA, CMVDCSNULMRWL, OFLEETFTEATHO, REPELYOIJDNIN, NBICKEROWASTE, ARRIVEMNAGREE.