

# 20 Daesh Insurgents Eliminated in Nangarhar Operations

JALALABAD - Twenty Daesh rebels have been killed and two others wounded as a result of airstrikes and ground operations in Achin and Kot districts of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Sunday. The governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, told Pajhwok Afghan News the operations were conducted in Wach Tangi and Ilyas Baba areas of Kot by Afghan and foreign forces. International troops and their Afghan partners used artillery in the airstrikes and



ground operations that left 20 Daesh militants dead and two others wounded. Bodies of the rebels were still lying at the scene and two machine guns were also destroyed, he said. A huge cache of weapons was recovered in Qahri-Selab clearing operations which were conducted in eight villages of Haska Mena district. Afghan forces and civilians suffered no casualties. (Pajhwok)

## Air Strikes Kill 6 Militants in Kunduz

KUNDUZ - Six Taliban militants were killed and three others injured as war planes targeted a convoy of Taliban fighters in the northern Kunduz province on Sunday, a provincial police official said. "Acting upon intelligence report, the aircraft raided Taliban convoy in Qala-e-Zal district today around noon killing six rebels on the spot and injured three others," police chief Mo-

hammad Qasim Jangalbagh told Xinhua. Two Taliban vehicles were also destroyed in the strikes, the official said. Taliban militants are yet to make comment on the report. The strategically important Qala-e-Zal district along the border with Tajikistan has been the scene of fierce fighting between government forces and Taliban militants over the past couple of weeks. (Xinhua)

## 20 Taliban Insurgents Killed in Ongoing Clashes in Jawzjan

SHIBERGHAN - At least 20 Taliban insurgents were killed in heavy clashes in northern Jawzjan province in the past three days, local officials said on Sunday. In addition, 30 other insurgents, including their two local commanders, were injured. The clash took place in Qushtepa district of the province after dozens of insurgents attacked the district and clashed with security forces, a spokesman for the provincial governor, Mohammad Reza Ghafoori, said. "Two security force members were also killed and four oth-



ers were injured in the ongoing clashes," he said. The clashes are still ongoing but ground forces are expected to get air support soon, he added. (Tolonews)

## Woman Among 8 People Injured in Kandahar Collision

KANDAHAR CITY - Eight people were injured in a traffic accident on the Kabul-Kandahar highway in southern Kandahar province on Saturday. The head-on collision between a passenger bus and a wagon took place in Akhund Sahib area of Damani district, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said eight people in both the vehicles were injured and had been taken to the Mirwais hospital. An official at the hospital said eight injured people, including a woman, had been brought to the hospital and their injuries were not life-threatening. The Kabul-Kandahar highway is notorious for accidents and local officials blame such tragedies on reckless driving. But passengers say in addition to reckless driving, the road's rundown condition is also a reason behind accidents. (Pajhwok)

## Former Legislator from Logar Gunned Down in Kabul

PUL-I-ALAM - A former lawmaker from central Logar province, Dr. Asadullah Himmatyar, has been shot dead by unknown gunmen in Kabul, police said on Sunday. The ex-legislator was gunned down by unidentified assailants in the Stanikzai Meena area of the central capital, a Kabul police officer told Pajhwok Afghan News. Although police spokesman Basir Mujahid said he was unaware of the assassination, the crime branch confirmed the shooting of



Dr. Himmatyar near his clinic. Haji Habibullah Stanikzai, the Logar provincial council chief, said Himmatyar

was gunned down at 9pm in his clinic in the 8th police district. The attackers managed to escape, he said. (More on P4)...(8)

## Taliban Militants Gang Rape Woman in Helmand, Official Claims

LASHKARGAH - A group of the Taliban militants have reportedly gang raped a woman in southern Helmand province of Afghanistan, a local security official has claimed. The official speaking on the condition of anonymity said the incident took place four days ago in Balo Jan village in Nahr-e-Saraj district. The official further added that four Taliban insurgents were involved in the incident who were fighting under the command of commander Omari. According to the official, the Taliban insurgents forced into a residential house in the village and attacked the woman and raped her in front of the children, including a 14-year-old boy. The individuals involved in the incident have been arrested by commander Omari, the official said, adding that commander Omari has warned the woman to keep the issue as a secret without ... (More on P4)...(9)

## 8 Militants Dead, 5 Wounded in Kandahar Clashes

KANDAHAR CITY - At least eight militants have been killed and five others wounded during clashes with security forces in the Nesh district of southern Kandahar province, an official said on Sunday. The overnight clashes erupted after insurgents attacked check-posts in Dara-i-Noor locality but the assaults were effectively repulsed by security forces, said Samim Khpalwak, the governor's spokesman. He added the security forces suffered no casualties in the engagements, which also led to the seizure of weapons and explosives from the insurgents. Separately, personnel of Af-



ghan Special Forces arrested a militant along with an associate in Kandahar City, the provincial capital, said Khpalwak. One pistol was recovered from the detainee. Meanwhile, the National Directorate of Security (NDS)

arrested six suspected militants in Kandahar City, said a source, who wished to go unnamed. Among the detainees were Mohammad Esa from Khakrez district, Mohammad ... (More on P4)...(10)

## Helmand's Nawa District - An Emerging Tourist Draw

LASHKARGHA - Officials and residents of Nawa district have voiced satisfaction with the law and order situation, saying picnickers from other parts of southern Helmand province are thronging the town. They have underlined the need for more efforts to ensure further stabilise the security environment to unlock the tourism potential of the once volatile district. Mohammad Agha Takra, the town's administrative chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the security situation had improved in the district and, therefore,



people visited scenic locations across Nawa. He asked the government to construct facilities for tourists to attract more and more people to the district during holidays. He said most of the visiting youth

played cricket and other sports, with some swimming in the river and others walking around green orchards. According to Takra, the district is situated 60 kilometres from ... (More on P4)...(11)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

You may be hesitant to share your feelings with anyone outside of your family today. Simultaneously, you begin to think about trying something completely different, and this might require you to talk openly about your newfound interests. Unfortunately, you could draw the anger of someone who is intimidated by your defiant behavior.

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

A high-frequency energy can make you jumpy today and uncertain about the choices ahead. However, you're mostly concerned with the unreliability of other people now. Nevertheless, your key planet Venus harmonizes with wild Uranus, pumping up your potential for pleasure. Don't just act on every crazy feeling.

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

You're ready for an out-of-the-box experience today. But rather than knowing what you want to do, you might be open to the unexpected as long as it brings you a thrilling sense of adventure. Nevertheless, you are probably holding onto something or someone from the past while the Moon travels through tenacious Cancer. It's a tricky dance when you're being pulled in two completely different directions.

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

You are not restrained by your usual concerns today as adorable Venus aligns with antsy Uranus. Your eccentric tastes seem endearing to others now, allowing you to say whatever you want - even if it's more than you initially intended to share. Paradoxically, the Moon's current visit to your self-protective sign prompts you to withdraw into the security of your emotional shell.

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

Your nerves are stretched taut today, but feeling on edge can be quite thrilling if a pleasant surprise comes out of the blue. Sassy Venus in your playful sign forms a thrilling trine to experimental Uranus, rapidly replacing yesterday's peace and quiet with new forms of pleasure and unexpectedly delightful connections.

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

Your uncharacteristic rebellious behavior puts everyone on notice today that you're not willing to play by their arbitrary rules. You're attracted to the unusual as sexy Venus conspires with quirky Uranus in your 8th House of Intimacy. Instead of clinging to past memories, find the exhilaration in recognizing that you are emotionally free to express your true desires in the present moment. You only live once.

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

You want more freedom now than you previously experienced in a relationship. Enchanting Venus trines unorthodox Uranus in your 7th House of Others, suggesting that you can smile through the resistance you encounter in your pursuit of pleasure. Even if you try to minimize your needs, you won't be able to contain yourself for long now. Tell others about your desires while your charisma is charming and disarming.

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

You may be able to successfully persuade someone to join your exploration of the unusual today. Your unconventional tastes are blown out of proportion when seductive Venus trines irresistible Uranus. Although the passive Cancer Moon tempts you to withdraw emotionally, this is a chance to express what you want because your anticipation of breakthrough is greater than your fear of rejection.

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

It's tempting to set logic aside while you pursue the fun and frivolous today. Flirty Venus in theatrical Leo prompts you to tell everyone the wishes of your heart. The Planet of Love's smooth trine with rowdy Uranus stirs up irresistible desires. Your provocative behavior makes you even more intriguing to others now. Luckily, you can have a blast breaking a few social rules without getting into too much trouble.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

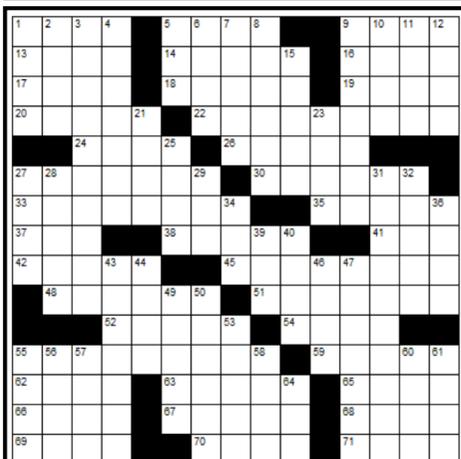
Anything is possible in love now, but there may be some stormy weather along the way. Your confidence might suffer but your hard work will bring you the results you desire as shocking Uranus harmoniously trines romantic Venus in your 8th House of Deep Sharing. Don't be discouraged; the resistance you face is really a gift that reveals your current weaknesses.

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

You are eager to display your affection for a loved one today. However, your attractions are quite unpredictable as vivacious Venus harmonizes with weird Uranus. Potential pleasure tempts you to step beyond your normal limits, offering you an exhilarating and liberating experience. Sensuality and sexuality can be intoxicating, so be sure to treat your feelings and those of your partner with the respect they deserve.

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

You might try to convince everyone that everything is normal today, but clearly it is not. Although you are usually sensitive when sharing your feelings, you may forget to check in with others now in your haste to make your point. Seeking new ways to express your creativity could lead you to completely shake up your schedule while electric Uranus zaps lovable Venus in your 6th House of Daily Routine. Chaos is your secret key to happiness.



#### Across

- 1. A flexible pipe, 5. Wanes, 9. Printer's unit, 13. Black, in poetry, 14. Cleansing agents, 16. A rigid circular band, 17. Part of a plant, 18. Prevent legally, 19. Cobblers' tools, 20. Backward-looking, 22. Think, 24. Throw, 26. Stripes, 27. He gives backrubs, 30. Kiss, 33. Cantata, 35. Sand bar, 37. Lad, 38. Heron, 41. 56 in Roman numerals, 42. Aroma, 45. Stiff hairs, 48. Near, 51. Competitor, 52. Russian emperors, 54. Pace, 55. Predicted, 59. Parish and, 62. Monster, 63. Breathing problem, 65. African antelope, 66. Back, 67. Lawful, 68. Nurse shark, 69. Evasive, 70. Lease, 71. Anagram of "Lyme".

#### Down

- 1. German for "Mister", 2. Double-reed woodwind, 3. Seer, 4. Confide, 5. East southeast, 6. Pear variety, 7. Douses, 8. Athletics, 9. Egyptian king, 10. Hawkeye State, 11. A young male horse, 12. Church alcove, 15. The male reproductive cell, 21. Chocolate cookie, 23. Life stories, 25. Attraction, 27. Gangs, 28. Bouquet, 29. 18-wheeler, 31. Concomitant, 32. Shelter, 34. Sphere, 36. Enumerate, 39. Before, poetically, 40. Bell sound, 43. Sweepstake, 44. Verdant, 46. Male deer, 47. Three book series, 49. Twangy, as a voice, 50. A dealer in fabrics, 53. Burn slightly, 55. Achy, 56. Curved molding, 57. By mouth, 58. University administrator, 60. 8 bits of data, 61. Test, 64. Altitude (abbrev.).

#### Yesterday's Solution

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CREDITABLE STEP  
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