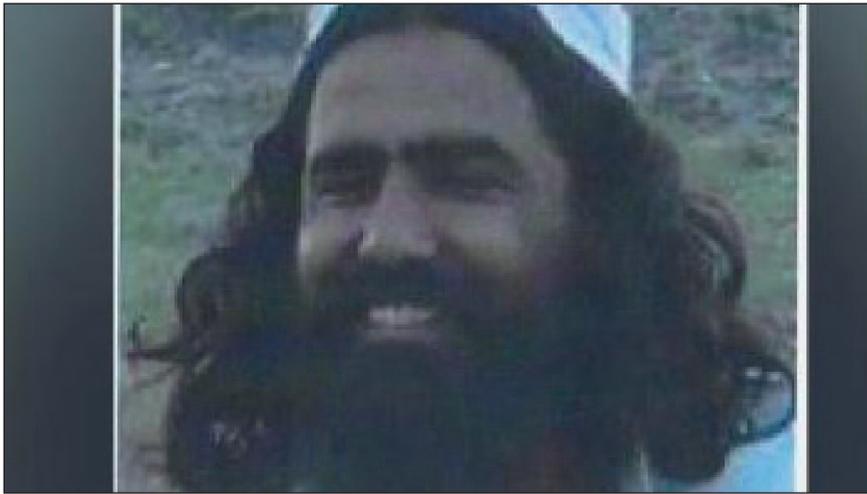


# Senior Al-Qaida Leader Killed in Afghan Operations: Govt.



KABUL - A senior Al-Qaida leader has been killed together with 80 anti-government militants following operations in Afghanistan, the country's intelligence agency announced on Tuesday. The National Directorate of Security (NDS) said in a

statement that the operations were jointly conducted by the Afghan army, NDS personnel and U.S.-led coalition forces in eastern Ghazni, neighboring Paktia and southern Zabul provinces recently. The statement introduced the killed leader as Omar

Khetab, saying Khetab was the most senior member of the network to be killed in Afghanistan so far. It did not disclose the nationality of Khetab but said that "Khetab was the second senior leader of al-Qaida after Asim Omar, who is the leader of the group in Indian subcontinent."

Among killed militants were several key members of al-Qaida and Taliban insurgents, the statement said, adding, "most of the targeted militants were involved in direct attacks against security forces and coalition troops in countryside."

The death of the targeted men was a big blow for the terror group, which has been a big threat for the security and stability of Afghanistan, and the region, the statement noted.

"Up to 27 members of al-Qaida network were also arrested and five main command posts of the network were destroyed during the above raids," the statement added.

The violence has been on the rise within the past three years as Afghan security forces struggle against a surge in attacks by anti-government fighters since the drawdown of foreign forces. The Afghan security forces have also beefed up military operations against militants as the Taliban militants and Islamic State (IS) fighters are attempting to take territory and consolidate their positions ahead of winter in the mountainous country. (Xinhua)

## 9 Illegal Afghan Citizens Arrested in Jamrud Operation

PESHAWAR - Nine illegal Afghan citizens have been detained in Pakistan's northwestern tribal region of Khyber, a news report said on Tuesday.

The arrests came during a security operation in Jamrud sub-district of Khyber on Monday when a curfew was imposed in Shah Kas and TD Bazaar areas, Dawn reported.

Residents were asked to avoid coming out of their houses during the curfew hours from 5am to 5pm. But students, shopkeepers and patients were exempted from travel restrictions.

A large number of paramilitary soldiers participated in the search operation against drug dealers and illegal Afghans. Nine Afghans were arrested and drugs seized during the operation. (Pajhwok)

## Car Bomb Seized, 2 Suspects Detained in Samangan



AIBAK - An explosives-laden vehicle was seized and two landmines detected and defused separately in northern Samangan province, an official said on Monday.

Two suspects have been arrested in connection with the terror plots, Mohammad Sidiq Azizi, the Samangan governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News.

The bomb-rigged vehicle was being taken for Taliban insurgents but NDS personnel captured it in Dara-i-Sauf Paean district.

The gubernatorial spokesman did not provide further details into the incident and informed about detection of two landmines in Aibak city, the provincial capital.

The explosives were then defused, said Azizi, adding the terrorist plots were successfully prevented.

He added two individuals arrested in connection with the incidents were currently under investigation. However, the official did not reveal their identity. (Pajhwok)

## 2 Bamyani Security Men Held Over Harassing Girl

BAMYAN CITY - Two senior security officials have been arrested in central Bamyani province over allegedly sexually harassing a 19-year-old girl, an official said Tuesday.

Crime branch police chief Jalil Waseq told Pajhwok Afghan News local officials informed police on Monday that a young girl was being sexually harassed in a police ranger vehicle in Dara-i-Folad locality. Police quickly acted and arrested the girl, police officer Ali Jafar aka Ali Bukuk and intelligence officer Bahman and brought them to the police headquarters. During investigation, the girl acknowledged that she was sexually harassed by Ali Bukuk. (Pajhwok)

## Taliban Issues Contradictory Statements as Airstrikes Gain Momentum

KABUL - The Taliban group has issued two contradictory statements for a single incident involving airstrike in southeastern Ghazni province of Afghanistan. Mujahid in a statement said the Mi-25 choppers supplied by India targeted a mosque in Deh Yak district, leaving a civilian wounded. However, Muajhid issued another statement claiming that the target of the airstrike was a hospital that wounded a civilian. This comes as the commander of the NATO-led Resolute Support



Mission and the US forces in Afghanistan Gen. John Nicholson says the attacks on Taliban financial engine will continue as heavy losses have been inflicted on the group and its associated in recent raids.

Speaking to reporters in Pentagon via video teleconference, Gen. Nicholson said operations ... (More on P4)... (18)

## Nangarhar Court Receives No Corruption Case this Year



JALALABAD - Despite several reports about administrative corruption in different government organs of eastern Nangarhar province, the provincial appellate court says it received no corruption case this year.

Nangarhar residents, civil society activists and provincial council members strongly criticize the High Office of Oversight and Anti-corruption (HOOAC) that says its authority is limited.

Nangarhar residents say negligence on the part of anti-corruption organs and lack of political will to fight the menace are reasons why no case was processed by the Nangarhar provincial court this year. A statement from the

Nangarhar Appellate Court received by Pajhwok Afghan News on Tuesday said the court's head assessed anti-corruption performance of his office during a meeting on Monday. Abdul Wali Qazizada, the appellate court head, told the meeting that no corruption case was reported to the court by HOOAC's eastern region office since late March. "Many problems exist in many organs, but corruption cases are intentionally not reported to the court," he said. Ahmad Shah Nabi Momand, HOOAC head for the eastern zone, who attended the meeting, said though their authority was limited, still they evaluated 40 contracts. (Pajhwok)

## 125 out of 128 Attacks Coordinated from Afghanistan, Claims Pakistan

KABUL - Pakistan's Minister of Foreign Affairs Khawaja Asif has claimed that the majority of the attacks carried out in Pakistan have been coordinated from Afghanistan. Asif said the issue was raised with the delegation of the US officials led by Secretary of Defense James Mattis who arrived in Pakistan on Monday. According to Asif, 125 out of 128 attacks in Pakistan were coordinated from Afghanistan as he insisted that



the civil-military leadership stressed on effective border management with Afghanistan and repatriation of Afghan refugees. He also added that the US defence secretary was conveyed that we do not need aid, but understanding. (KP)

## Outlook Horoscope

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



**Aries** You can organize the complexity of a large project today without skipping a beat. It's as if you're an athlete that's been in training for a competition. You're looking forward to the opportunity to demonstrate your managerial prowess as superhero Mars inspires your confidence.

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



**Taurus** Creating an ambitious schedule today sets you off in the right direction, but you must involve others in your plans or you will be doomed to fail. Fortunately, you can transform bad odds into a sure win if you bring the right players onto your team early on.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



**Gemini** Something that seemed impossible only yesterday is now within reach. However, there will be no free lunches; you must work for everything you achieve now as taskmaster Saturn leans on your key planet Mercury. Obstacles may appear in your path, impeding your progress and stirring frustration. Thankfully, warrior Mars comes to your rescue as he supports Mercury, encouraging you to stand up.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



**Cancer** Hopefully, you can see the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel today as your recent efforts begin to pay off. Although you know there's still hard work ahead, you do not have the luxury of allowing a lack of faith to impinge on production. You are particularly sensitive to changes in your mood now, and anything less than absolute certainty distracts you from

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



**Leo** The cosmos has an obvious message for you today as you aspire to untangle yourself from a recent dilemma. Although your momentum has been restrained, you can spot signs of forward movement everywhere you look. Nevertheless, there is no quick fix waiting around the next corner; you must fight for every inch you gain.

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



**Virgo** Planning for the future is challenging when there is still so much to be learned from reviewing your recent past. However, you can only mull over the same events so many times before you feel trapped by them. Luckily, assertive Mars assists analytical Mercury, reinforcing your efforts to weave the disparate memories into a coherent story. Once you reconstruct your personal history, focus.

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



**Libra** Unresolved interactions with a close friend may resurface today as you try to settle the lingering tension between you. Rather than letting residual bad energy simmer in silence, resolution is possible now if you are courageous enough to initiate a conversation about an uncomfortable subject. Although you usually are more inclined to bring up a pleasant topic.

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



**Scorpio** Your game plan may not be obvious to others, but only sharing strategic pieces of information can augment your power today. You are known as a master when it comes to employing the right tactics at the right moment. You're even more formidable while heroic Mars fortifies Mercury and Saturn in your 2nd House of Self-Esteem.

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



**Sagittarius** Although it may appear as if the sky is clearing today, there is still palpable stress floating in the atmosphere. Everything you say seems to carry an extra punch as contentious Mars aspects verbose Mercury in your sign. Since you are a force to be reckoned with now, it's crucial to be aware of the likely consequences of your actions. You can use your words to hurt or to heal, so choose them wisely.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



**Capricorn** You might think your hard work will speak volumes today, but it may be your silence that says what's most important. Naturally, your productivity is appreciated by your teammates, but they are probably aware that you are keeping significant information to yourself. Although you have something to share, you want to be sure that you deliver your message.

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



**Aquarius** You are on the receiving end of external pressure to make a decision about your holiday plans. Although impulsive Mars has been hanging out in your 9th House of Big Ideas, authoritative Saturn now demands your final answer. Thankfully, there's little reason to stress over your current choice because the cosmos has your back no matter what you choose to do.

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



**Pisces** You may be in the process of reconsidering your goals now, even if you believed they were written in stone. However, sometimes even the most definite plans need to be altered when your feelings are in flux. Nevertheless, you might become uncharacteristically obstinate when facing new developments today. Thankfully, you can access wisdom from a deeper place if you choose trust over fear.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-62.

Across: 1. Oodles, 6. Sun, 10. Send forth 14. Course around a star or planet, 15. Not a single one, 16. Disabled, 17. Light wood, 18. Greek letter, 19. Part of the outer ear, 20. Eye-glasses, 22. Angers, 23. Antlered animal, 24. Flavorful, 26. Overwhelm, 30. Believe in, 32. Unoriginal, 33. Spinning top, 37. Hairdo, 38. Pee, 39. Carryall, 40. Implicating, 42. Enclosed shopping, enters, 43. Gloves, 44. A chip of stone, 45. 58 in Roman numerals, 47. Soak, 48. Swimming hole, 49. Unmoving, 56. 53 in Roman numerals, 57. Assist in crime, 58. Eagle's nest, 59. Killer whale, 60. Center, 61. Flavor 62. Equal, 63. Cravings, 64. Go in.

Down: 1. Boohos, 2. Poop, 3. Competent, 4. Platter, 5. Courtly, 6. A small cut, 7. Anagram of "Loot", 8. Blind (poker), 9. Comfort, 10. Oval, 11. New Zealand native, 12. Insert, 13. TTT T, 21. Alien Life Form, 25. American Sign Language, 26. Behold, in old Rome, 27. Midday, 28. Fortitude, 29. Unacquainted, 30. Dilutes, 31. Jewelry, 33. Court order, 34. Effrontery, 35. Small island, 36. A feat, 38. Degree of being ultimate, 41. 3 in Roman numerals, 42. Mogul, 44. Slime, 45. France's longest river, 46. Vocalization, 47. Locations, 48. Raindrop sound, 50. Double-reed woodwind, 51. Small slender gull, 52. Low-fat, 53. At one time (archaic), 54. Location, 55. Clairvoyant,

Yesterday's Solution

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