

# Islamic State Claims Blast at Afghan Intelligence Agency in Kabul



KABUL - Islamic State claimed responsibility for a suicide attack on a compound of Afghanistan's national intelligence agency in Kabul on Monday that killed at least five people and wounded two. The blast comes a week after the group claimed an attack on a training facility of the same agency,

the National Directorate for Security, in Kabul that ended when the attackers were killed before causing significant casualties. In a statement issued through the group's Amaq news agency, Islamic State said it was also behind Monday's attack.

In Kabul, security officials said the explosion was caused by a suicide bomber who approached the agency's entrance on foot before blowing himself up. All the casualties reported were of civilian passersby. Najib Danish, ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

## KSA Condemns the Bombing Attack in Kabul, Afghanistan

Riyadh - An official source at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has expressed the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's strong condemnation of the bombing attack in the Afghan capital, Kabul. The source offered the Kingdom's condolences to the families of the victims, the Government and people of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, wishing a speedy recovery for the wounded. The official source reaffirmed the Kingdom's solidarity with the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan against terrorism and extremism. (SPA)



## Mother of 4 Jumps to Death from Faryab Peak

MAIMANA - A young 'mentally ill' woman jumped to her death from a mountain summit in the Kohistan district of northern Faryab province, an official said on Monday. The 25-year-old married woman allegedly jumped from a 300-meter height in Hawz Maran locality on Sunday evening. Kohistan district chief Abdul Rahman Panah and a resident of the area told Pajhwok Afghan News. Panah identified the mother of four children as Humaira, who had been suffering from psychological illness and had been a victim of domestic violence. He said Humaira could no longer withstand the violence she was subjected to by her husband and in-laws. Panah added Humaira left behind four children and that no one had been arrested in connection with the incident. Abdul Rasoul, a resident of the area, said the mountain summit from where Humaira dropped herself was 300 metres high. Her body was completely broken and scratched, he added. (Pajhwok)

## Police Being Evaluated in all Provinces: Barmak

KABUL - Interior Minister Wais Barmak on Monday said some politicians violated government recruitment rules, preventing reforms in the ministry. Barmak, who appeared before the Wolesi Jirga or the lower house of parliament, told the lawmakers: "Let us recruit based on the need. Let us do our job. You have granted me the trust vote, if we appoint someone against the law or on ethnic lines you have the authority to ask me." He informed the MPs about creation of three committees tasked with evaluating police forces in



all 34 provinces to provide basis for a new assignment. The minister said: "We would announce soon that police personnel have no right to use a high ranking official in transfer and posting." "Reforms not possible under pressure from politicians," he said, without naming anyone. (Pajhwok)

## Senior Taliban Commanders Killed in Laghman Air Raids

KABUL - At least three senior Taliban commanders were killed in Afghan security forces air operations in eastern Laghman province, the Ministry of Interior said in a statement on Monday. "Last night (Sunday night), seven Taliban fighters including three senior ...*(More on P4)...(10)*



## Militants Responsible for the Destruction of Electricity Pylons Killed in Wardak



KABUL - At least fifteen militants who were responsible for the destruction of electricity pylons in central Maidan Wardak province of Afghanistan have been killed during the military operations, the local security officials said. Provincial police chief Gen. Ahmad Fahim Qayem said the militants were killed during the ongoing clearance operations in Syedabad district. He said two key Taliban group figures identified as Mawlawi Gul Amin and Mawlawi Fayaz are also among those killed and the two individuals were involved in destroying electricity pylons transferring 220kV of electricity between Arghandi-Ghazni. Gen. Qayem further added that

twenty villages have been cleared from the presence of the Taliban insurgents so far and several vehicles along with some weapons have also been confiscated during the operations. Maidan Wardak is among the relatively volatile provinces in central parts of the country, located close to capital Kabul. The anti-government armed militants are actively operating in its various districts and often carry out insurgency activities, mainly in the districts lying along the highway connecting Kabul with the southeastern and southern provinces. A top leader of the notorious Haqqani terrorist network was killed along with dozens of other militants in an operation in this province late last month. (KP)

## Outlook Horoscope

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

 Aries It's a new day and a new world, or so it seems. Yesterday's problems are quickly fading into the past and you're not particularly interested in gazing in the rearview mirror. It's like there is a blank canvas before you, waiting for you to sketch the broad strokes of your future before coloring in the details.

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

 Taurus You might wish that you had more stamina today, but you're not in the mood to run around until you are exhausted. Instead, clear your schedule so you can relax at home and let your imagination wander to a magical place. Although meditation is beneficial on many levels.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

 Gemini Your connections with your friends and family are extremely important today, motivating you to pack your day with social activities. However, it's not just about doing things together; you look forward to sharing your most personal feelings with those closest to you. You're eager to deepen a friendship or even heal a problematic issue with a relative.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

 Cancer Your spontaneous actions are swift and bold today, leading others to admire your confidence. However, your behavior doesn't tell the whole story now, since you could be overcompensating to hide your true emotions. But sharing your inner experience with those you trust reveals your authentic self.

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

 Leo Although you are resigned to fulfill your obligations and do what's expected of you today, your heart might be somewhere else. You are dreaming of a grand adventure as you project yourself into an idealized future. Although you may end up staying close to home, you can still get your adrenaline pumping by discussing your plans with others as you go about your daily chores.

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

 Virgo An unfinished discussion with a family member may unexpectedly recycle from the past today. This time you are determined to resolve the issue once and for all. However, the other person involved might prefer to avoid a possibly unpleasant confrontation with emotions that hit too close to home. Nevertheless, you will not be deterred until the subject has been covered and your differences put to rest.

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

 Libra Someone in your immediate environment seems to have an ax to grind today, and you could be the person they target even if you're not the actual object of their anger. Although you have every right to stop the conversation before it escalates, you might choose to jump in anyhow if you think you can help.

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

 Scorpio Your overall health is on your mind today as you anticipate the year ahead and consider a variety of alternatives to improve your game. Whether you're thinking about changing your diet or modifying your exercise regimen, you don't have the time to turn your life upside down now. Success is more likely if you make incremental upgrades rather than revolutionary ones.

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

 Sagittarius Although the holiday weekend may be over, you're unwilling to end the celebration just yet. Fortunately, you have plenty of company this time of year in your continuing quest for fun and games. Nevertheless, ignoring your responsibilities is a mistake that can have negative consequences, prompting you to shut down the festivities before they are over.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

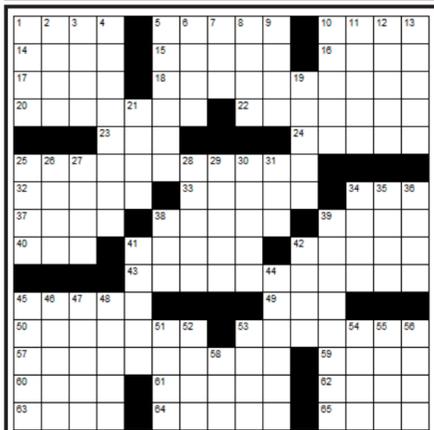
 Capricorn Your approach to life may be rather serious and your sense of humor can cut to the bone. Your perceptions are accurate, your reactions are quick, and you don't suffer fools lightly. But you're hesitant to reveal your thoughts because you're not interested in dealing with people's reactions to your sarcasm.

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

 Aquarius Your strong convictions make it nearly impossible to engage in an open-minded discussion about certain subjects today. You're unwilling to spend valuable time defending your position when it really doesn't matter what someone else thinks. Instead, focus on your shared experiences in the present moment.

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

 Pisces Your fascination with spiritual beliefs and metaphysical subjects is never far from your heart. However, your mental explorations are more practical today, opening the door to conversations about mundane issues such as financial concerns and professional ambitions. Although you're not necessarily seeking advice, an enlightening discussion with friends or relatives could bring you useful information that helps you make an important decision.



**Across**  
1. Sweeping story, 5. Sideshow attraction, 10. "Comes and \_\_\_\_\_", 14. Relating to aircraft, 15. Creepy, 16. Every single one, 17. Snip, 18. Unnecessarily, 20. Set aside, 22. Dimensional, 23. Mineral rock, 24. Cantankerous, 25. Outperform, 32. Presents, 33. Huckster, 34. Rapture, 37. Umpires, 38. Negatively charged particle, 39. Hindu Mr., 40. S, 41. Lingo, 42. Style of interior furnishings, 43. Trash pail, 45. Ancient Greek marketplace, 49. Not in, 50. Phonograph disks, 53. Pulsating vocal tone, 57. Secondary, 59. Footnote note, 60. Essence, 61. Antlered animal, 62. Expunge, 63. Hearing organs, 64. Proprietor, 65. L L L L.  
**Down**  
1. Dines, 2. South American country, 3. Colored part of an eye, 4. Carries oneself, 5. African foxlike animal, 6. Marsh plant, 7. Before, poetically, 8. Assists, 9. Large brown seaweed, 10. "Beau \_\_\_\_\_", 11. Fertile area in a desert, 12. Panache, 13. Timidly, 19. Consumed, 21. Historical periods, 25. Monster, 26. Contends, 27. F F F F, 28. Suspends, 29. Fool, 30. Overact, 31. Delivery vehicle, 34. A small worthless amount, 35. Double-reed woodwind, 36. Mongol hut, 38. Genus of macaws, 39. Mount up, 41. Honor, 42. Apply, 44. Kettle, 45. Rebel, 46. Columbus's birthplace, 47. Come to pass, 48. Chums, 51. Audition tape, 52. Winter precipitation, 53. Flower holder, 54. Cain's brother, 55. Cultivate, 56. Poems, 58. 2,000 pounds

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