

Rodat Residents Up in Arms against Daesh

JALALABAD - The residents of Rodat district of eastern Nangarhar province have taken up arms against the so-called Islamic State or Daesh group, the governor's house said in a statement on Tuesday. The uprising in Baro area began on Tuesday, the statement said. Provincial intelligence chief Brig. Gen. Dad Mohammad Harifi attended a ceremony marking the launch of the rebellion. Harifi told the participants that the government was ready to support the uprising involving 60 youth. He said the uprising members man-



ning four security posts had been provided with all needed facilities. He said Daesh militants would enter the area from three directions and now their entry into the area had been completely blocked. Haji Hayat Khan, who has been spearheading uprisings in six districts, told the ceremony that the people of Rodat had taken up arms against Daesh to protect their villages, homes and honour. He said people had revolted against the ...*(More on P4)...*(12)

Taliban Kill Afghan Woman Accused of Adultery



KABUL - The Taliban have shot and killed a woman accused of adultery in a remote province in northeastern Afghanistan, officials said on Wednesday. Ahmad Naweed Frotan, a spokesman for the Badakhshan provincial governor, said Amir Begum was killed late Tuesday in Yumgan district after being ac-

cused of having an affair. "We strongly condemned the brutal killing of Amir Begum in front of the eyes of her family members," said Frotan, adding that if there was any truth to the allegations, they should be taken up by a court, not armed men. Elsewhere in Afghanistan, ...*(More on P4)...*(13)

Iranian Among 11 Drug Smuggling Suspects Held

KABUL - Nearly a dozen alleged drug smugglers including an Iranian national have been arrested during the past one week, the Criminal Justice Task Force (CJTF) said Wednesday. A statement from the CJTF to Pajhwok Afghan News said the suspects were arrested by CJTF police and other security organs in 14 incidents of drug smuggling. Cases of the detainees

have been referred to the CJTF court for investigation. The men were detained in Kabul, Farah, Nangarhar and Balkh provinces, the statement added. An Iranian national who possessed 101 kilograms of heroin was among the detainees, the statement said. Drugs seized from the suspects included 2,208 kilograms of heroin, 56,985 kg of opium, 1,010 kg of hashish,



3,040 kg of solid chemicals, 467 bottles of alcohol, a weapon and eight vehicles. *(Pajhwok)*

Women Practice Ancient Shaolin Martial Arts

KABUL - While Afghanistan's Buddhists were carving the giant sandstone statues in Bamiyan in 500 A.D., Buddhists in China were creating martial arts in the Shaolin temple in Henan Province. Fifteen hundred years later, 10 ethnic Hazara women and girls practice the martial arts of Shaolin on a hilltop in the west of Kabul. They are preparing for the day that Afghanistan can



send its women's team to the Shaolin world championship in China. Sima Azimi, 20, who is originally from Jaghuri, in central Afghanistan, trains nine students in

the martial arts to prepare for Olympic competition, but also to protect themselves on the streets of Kabul, where women are routinely harassed. ...*(More on P4)...*(14)

Deadly Car Bombing Plot Foiled in Kandahar City

KANDAHAR - The Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) foiled a deadly attack plot involving car bombing in southern Kandahar province of Afghanistan.

According to the local security officials, a Vehicle-borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) was destroyed before the militants manage to take it to Kandahar city for the attack.

Provincial police spokesman Zia Durani said the VBIED was destroyed during an operation conducted by the ground and air force in Maiwand district.

He said the operation was conducted late on Tuesday night based on intelligence operatives received by the Afghan forces.

Durani further added that five militants were killed during the operation and at least 11 others were detained during the operation. According to Durani, the militants were looking to attack the government compounds in Kandahar city but did not elaborate further. The anti-government armed ...*(More on P4)...*(20)

Woman Trying to Smuggle a Pistol Held in Herat

HERAT CITY - Police in western Herat province for the first time arrested a woman while smuggling a pistol, an official said on Wednesday. Provincial police spokesman, Abdul Ahad Walizada, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the 45 years old woman was arrested in Darwaza-I-Mir Daud area of Herat city, the provincial capital today. Hailing from Adraskan district of the ...*(More on P4)...*(15)

Another Kidnapped Road Worker Killed in Nimroz

ZARANJ - A second road construction worker has been killed by militants after kidnapping him in southwestern Nimroz province, an official said Wednesday. A day earlier, militants stopped a truck carrying asphalt materials for construction of the Zaranj-Dehram road, killed the driver, torched the truck and whisked away with two workers of the construction company. Provincial Public ...*(More on P4)...*(16)

Freezing Weather Claims 9 More Lives in Jawzjan

SHIBERGHAN - Another nine people lost their lives to freezing temperatures in Darzab district of northern Jawzjan province where at least ten women miscarried for lacking access to health-care services.

Five days ago, 27 children lost their lives to severe cold in Darzab district and the latest fatalities took the number of dead to 36. Darzab district chief Rahmatullah Hashar told Pajhwok Afghan News 21 roads connecting villages with the district



centre had been blocked by snow, creating shortage of essential food items and medicines. He said in the ongoing week three children and six elderly persons died of freezing weather because they lacked resources ...*(More on P4)...*(17)

Blast Targeting Police Vehicle Wounds Seven

JALALABAD - Seven people were injured as a sticky bomb went off in a police van in Jalalabad, capital of eastern Nangarhar province, on Wednesday, an official said. "A sticky bomb placed on a vehicle of

Border Police Force exploded in Jalalabad city this afternoon, injuring seven people, including policemen and some passers-by," spokesman for provincial government Attaullah Khogiani said. ...*(More on P4)...*(18)

Khost Twin Blasts Leave 5 Policemen, 3 Students Wounded

KHOST CITY Eight people, including policemen and students, were wounded in twin blasts in Khost City, the provincial capital of southeastern Khost province on Tuesday, an official said.

Deputy Police Chief Ghani Rahman Rahmani confirmed the incident and said five policemen, including senior police officer Zia-ul-Haq Mubarez, had been ...*(More on P4)...*(19)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You embody the courageous streak your sign is known for today as challenges which usually block your path seem to vanish in thin air. It feels like the universe is granting you clearance to sidestep the rules; you're anxious to get people on board with your plans because they're so unorthodox they just might work. Clear communication will stoke the fire propelling you toward your ambitions.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You may worry that you can't hide your true feelings, but your coworkers see you as enterprising and focused today. In fact, you're willing to restrain from any heated retorts in order to maneuver into the right position. Your drive to succeed comes from a hidden place, but putting your dreams into words for a few close friends clarifies your vision.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your dreams seem closer than ever now, and you're willing to stretch beyond normal capacity to reach them. The unabashed Aries Moon strides through your 11th House of Networking, prompting you to shake all the right hands and make the connections that will lead to advancement. While you enjoy the high energy, make sure you also take time to monitor your thought process. Honor the desire to transform your life.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your arrow is aimed at the ideal vision of yourself and your natural tenacity pulls the bow string taut. You're ready to push past any vulnerabilities that might usually give you pause, and even step out of your comfort zone if it means moving closer to your goals. You possess the strength today, but make sure you aren't pushing yourself just for the sake of it.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your gaze is directed outward now, and you can see a runway to launch you into the wild blue yonder. The fuel that's been thrown on your fire is thanks to the courageous Aries Moon in your 9th House of Big Ideas. A trusty sidekick may put a different spin on things, heightening your imagination and urging you to get on the road to the next adventure without delay.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You're ready to make a change and dexterously handle any obstacles with confidence. Stepping outside the box allows you to quickly discover an innovative approach to your workload, increasing your productivity. However, the blessing of an authentically expressed self can be more gratifying than any number of accomplishments. Analytical Mercury's collaboration with healer Chiron encourages you to creatively reframe your ideas and offers the key to personal fulfillment.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You sway with the energetic atmosphere today, enjoying the exciting interactions that seem to be around every corner. Sparks fly as the eccentric Aquarius Sun dances with the feisty Aries Moon, and you may be pleasantly surprised with how much fun you're having now. Letting loose and coloring outside the lines brings more joy into your life, but true healing occurs from the ground up.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You feel the fire flow through your veins today as you knock out one task after another. Your drive to push past personal limitations flares as the restless Aries Moon powers through your 6th House of Health and Fitness, inspiring you to find an outlet for your high energy.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Life is a game and you were born ready to play. You don't see anything stopping you from making the most of the day while the brazen Aries Moon transits your 5th House of Spontaneity. Your inner child is unleashed and running off the beaten path today, encouraging you to ignore conventions so you can stay true to yourself. Listen to the whispers of your heart regarding your self-worth.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

The outer world mirrors the inner; the itch to power through a pile of clutter often indicates that an emotional purging needs to take place. You're ready to clean house in every sense while the tenacious Aries Moon heats up your 4th House of Foundations. Keeping busy with chores allows your mind to sort itself out in the background, running through what you can eliminate and what to cherish. Reshuffling your priorities unlocks a sense of peace and calm.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You're fired up and ready to go, leaping over hurdles and leaving everyone in the dust. Your thoughts race faster than you can follow and you believe you are capable of setting anything you want into motion today. Your original approach to problem-solving empowers you to resolve dilemmas as soon as you run into them. While riding the mind-over-matter wave may feel good now.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

The nagging doubts that often slow you down are nowhere to be found today. In fact, you roll along at a brisk pace and your belief in your talent is reignited. It's nice to feel capable of getting what you want, and the momentum that comes from confidence in your abilities may lead you to rewarding yourself with some impulse purchases. Self-indulgence is fun, but lasting gratification takes time.

Across

1. Anagram of "Cabs", 5. Strike, 10. Narrow opening, 14. Nil, 15. Ceremonial staffs, 16. Minute opening, 17. Feelings of anxiety, 19. Auspices, 20. Hit on the head, 21. Trudges, 22. Holdup, 23. Colonist, 25. Long stories, 27. Disencumber, 28. Lighten, 31. Skirt fold, 34. Manager, 35. Fury, 36. Test, 37. Cargo vehicle, 38. Skin disease, 39. What we breathe, 40. Perch, 41. Travelled by bus, 42. Chickadee, 44. A sizeable hole, 45. Sword handles, 46. An impressive array, 50. Haul with a tackle, 52. G-string, 54. Caviar, 55. God of love, 56. Unruly, 58. Arid, 59. Proprietor, 60. Being, 61. Male turkeys, 62. Jittery, 63. Colors.

Down

1. Spurs, 2. Small boat, 3. Apt, 4. Bleat, 5. Grinned, 6. Country estate, 7. Chilled, 8. Four-dimensional analog of a cube, 9. S, 10. Oration, 11. Provision, 12. Colored part of an eye, 13. Exam, 18. Divided, 22. Not low, 24. Streetcar, 26. Choose, 28. Haul with a tackle, 29. Sea eagle, 30. Require, 31. Kind of moss, 32. 62 in Roman numerals, 33. Nightcrawler, 34. Other side of the city, 37. Brag, 38. Car, 40. Part in a play, 41. Overindulge, 43. Overlooks, 44. Larder, 46. Models, 47. Lacking wit or imagination, 48. Wingless bloodsucking insect, 49. Affirmatives, 50. Finest, 51. Chocolate cookie, 53. Clue, 56. Type of snake, 57. Scarlet.

Yesterday's Solution

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again, apart, await, beside, bright, companion, eyes, friend, giant, grant, happen, heartache, journey, lonely, loyal, never, noun, notice, nuts, package, partner, people, plant, quote, rang, relationship, seen, span, spouse, sunny, sunset, thing, using, without.

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