34 Daesh Rebels Killed in Nangarhar Operation

JALALABAD - Fifty militants have been killed during security forces operation in the Haska Mina district of eastern Nangarhar province, officials said on Saturday.

Governor's spokesman, Ataullah Khogyani told Pajhwok Afghan News, Daesh or Islamic State (IS) militants suffered heavy casualties during a joint Afghan and foreign forces ground and air operation, codenamed Shahin-25 in the district over the past 24 hours.

He said 34 Daesh rebels were killed, 16 injured and two others detained during the operations. Afghan forces also suffered casualties, he said without giving exact figures. The 201st Silab Military Corps spokesman, Maj. Sherin Aqa Faqiri said, 80 Daesh rebels have been killed and 50 others injured since the launch of the operation.

On the other hand, an official who wished to go unnamed said that 16 Daesh rebels were killed in Afghan National Army (ANA) forces retaliatory attack in Haska Mina district late on Friday.

The source said that seven ANA soldiers were also injured during the offensives. Daesh militants did not comment about the incidents so far. (Pajhwok)

Gold, Firewood Prices Down, Flour up in Kabul

KABUL - The prices of gold, firewood and flour increased while that of sugar decreased last week in Kabul, market sources said Saturday.

The week also saw the Afghani currency depreciating against the US dollar and the Pakistani rupee in the open market.

Sayed Islam, a firewood seller in Charahi-i-Shahid area of Kabul, told Pajhwok Afghan News the price of 560 kilograms of peeled oak increased from 6,800 afghanis to 6,900 afghanis and the same quantity of cedar from 6,600afs to 6,700afs.

He linked the hike in firewood prices to their low imports and closure of roads by snowfalls.

However, the prices of liquefied gas and fuel remain unchanged. Ahmad Siyar, a gas seller in Kolola Poshta, sold a kilogram of gas at 55afs, the same rate as of last week's.

Abdul Hadi, a worker at ...(More on P4)...(11)

Fresh Badakhshan Avalanches Claim Four Lives

FAIZABAD - At least four people have died and eight others injured in snow avalanches in three districts of northeastern Badakhshan province, public representatives said Saturday. Provincial council secretary Ahmad Javid Javid said two people lost their lives to avalanches in Makatai area of Kohistan district.

A third person was killed and three others injured in another avalanche in Khambavi area of the district.

Farhnaz Pamiri, a provincial council member, said one person was killed and two others injured in Shaghnan district of Badakhshan. She said 73 families had been displaced and roads from the centre district to villages had been closed by heavy snowfalls. Sayed Abdullah Dehqan, the Natural Disasters Management Authority head for Badakhshan, confirmed four people were killed and eight others injured in avalanches in three districts in the past two days. He said needed aid would be distributed to the affected families by the emergency committee as soon as possible. (Pajhwok)

Policemen Among 22 Dead in Kunar, Herat Clash

ASADABAD - Five Public Order Policemen (POP) and 17 militants have been killed in a clash in eastern Kunar western Herat provinces, an official said on Saturday.

Police Chief Brig. Gen. Juma Gul Himmat told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash erupted after militants attacked security forces post in the Khalkam locality of Chapi Dari district.

Separately, four Taliban were killed and three other wounded in overnight clash in the Cheshti-Sharif district of western Heart province, a statement from 207th Zafar Military Corps said.

Security forces suffered no casualties in the attacks. (Pajhwok)

Ex-District Chief Injured in Gunmen Attack in Helmand

LASHKARGAH - Former administrative chief of Nawa and Kajaki districts Haji Sharafuddin, has been wounded in gunmen attack in southern Helmand province, an official said on Saturday.

Deputy Police Chief Col. Guli Khan told Pajhwok Afghan News Sharafuddin was on his way to home after Friday prayer when attacked by two motorcyclists. He said the attackers had been identified and would be captured soon. Abdul Ghani, an eyewitness, said the former district chief was on his way to home when attacked by two motorcyclists. Sources at the emergency hospital said, Saharafuddin was in stable condition. (Pajhwok)

Hidden Reasons Behind Recent Attacks in Pakistan: Nabil

KABUL - Pakistan wants to get more concessions from Washington and continue its interventions in Afghanistan's internal affairs by showing the Pakistan's security is concerning, said Rahmatullah Nabil, former head of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) on Saturday.

Nabil said Pakistan has created the terrorist groups and the recent attacks in Pakistan for hidden reasons.

"Pakistan has plans for 2017 to support Taliban, because they are aware of sensitivities in the region. They announced that they would attack and then fired rocket into parts of Kunar and Nuristan provinces," he said.

Nabil added that until the regional and global pressures are increased on Pakistan, and Pakistan does not stop training insurgents, violence in the region will not be stopped. "I know the ...(More on P4)...(12)

3 Killed, 32 Injured in Ghazni Bus-Truck Crash

GHAZNI CITY - Three people were killed and 32 others wounded in a traffic accident on the Kabul-Kandahar highway in Maqur district of central Ghazni province on Saturday, police said. The Maqur district police chief, Maj. Haji Mohammad, told Pajhwok Afghan News the accident occurred when a 303 public transport bus collided with a truck. He said the death toll could rise as some injured were in critical condition. The collision comes a day after 31 people suffered casualties in a traffic accident on the Kandahar-Herat highway in southern Helmand province. (Pajhwok)

Shaheen to Face Bangladesh's Chittagong Sunday

KABUL - Afghanistan's Shaheen Asmayee Football Club, the Afghan Premier League's champion, is all set to face Bangladesh's Chittagong Abahani on Sunday. The match will be played in Bangladesh's Chittagong Abahani city on Sunday.

"People deem Shaheen, ...(More on P4)...(13)

Salang Pass, Herat-Badghis Highway Closed for Traffic

CHARIKAR - The Salang highway connecting the capital Kabul with the northern region and Qala-I-Naw-Heart highway have been closed for traffic due to heavy snowfalls, an official said Saturday.

Gen. Mohammad Rajab, the safety and security in-charge of Salang Pass, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the Salang highway was closed as result of heavy snowfalls and storms on Friday evening.

He said the highway would remain shut until the snowstorms slow down and the risk of avalanches removed.

Up to 80 centimeters snowfall has been fallen in the southern and 50 centimeters in the eastern region of Salang, he said.

The highway was once blocked due to heavy snowfalls from February 3 to 6. The Salang highway is usually risky for traffic in winters.

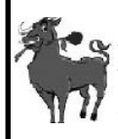
In February 2010, around ...(More on P4)...(14)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

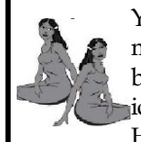
A brief retreat from the front lines for a dose of renewal and recharging is exactly what the doctor ordered. The Sun's shift into peaceful Pisces illuminates your 12th House of Spirituality, prompting you to escape into your cozy cave for a break from the mundane world. You may think letting go of all your responsibilities is the best way to reconnect with your spiritual center but, truthfully.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



The spirit of community warms your heart as you think fondly about your circle of friends. You appreciate being part of such a fun group and you hope to spend more time giving back some of the joy you receive. The compassionate Pisces Sun shines a light on your 11th House of Social Networking for the next four weeks, encouraging you to cultivate stronger bonds of friendship.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You're galvanized to move into a period of manifestation where your lofty ambitions become undeniably real. The Sun's shift into idealistic Pisces puts the spotlight on your 10th House of Profession, inspiring you to visualize exactly where you hope to be in your career. The more you polish your idea of success, the closer you get to making it a reality. Sharing your aspirations with a trusted friend can help prevent you from getting stuck in the dreaming phase.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You tend to favor the comfort and safety of the familiar, but something stirs your desire to see more of the world now. Whether you decide to travel the globe or just feed your imagination with a captivating learning adventure, the possibilities seem endless. Honestly, it doesn't matter if your journeys take you outward or inward; you will get even more out of them if you incorporate your findings into your regular routine.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You feel a tug on your heartstrings that draws you into a reverie of pure love and trust. The Sun's move into surreal Pisces brightens your 8th House of Intimacy, urging you to surrender to the kind of connection that seems to transcend ordinary relationships. However, the extravagant Sagittarius Moon reminds you that you don't need to completely give up your individuality.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Your focus shifts to your closest relationships and how to emotionally connect with the ones near and dear to you. You're prompted to reevaluate your expectations of love and friendship as the Sun swims into empathetic Pisces and your 7th House of Partnerships. Injecting more sensitivity into your interactions enables you to better consider the feelings of others while attempting to bridge the distance between you.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

All the late nights and fun times start to catch up with you and you need to turn your attention to your health. The Sun moves into healing Pisces and your 6th House of Well-Being, inspiring you to reassess the habits that are the building blocks of your normal routine. It's all too tempting to fly on autopilot and let time slip away when you could be developing patterns to support a more healthful existence.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

A new phase is beginning in which your creativity takes the lead. It's the perfect time for exploring artistic pursuits or reconnecting with a childhood activity that brings you joy. The Sun's annual four-week glide through mystical Pisces accentuates your 5th House of Self-Expression, provoking you to pour your heart into a passion project.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You may opt to stay home more often over the next four weeks as the Sun takes up residence in your 4th House of Domesticity. Reconnecting with your roots provides restorative healing for your heart. Nevertheless, it feels like the only thing that truly matters is getting in touch with the collective. However, the questing Moon in your sign reminds you to celebrate yourself as a piece of the whole without having to merge into oneness and out of reality.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

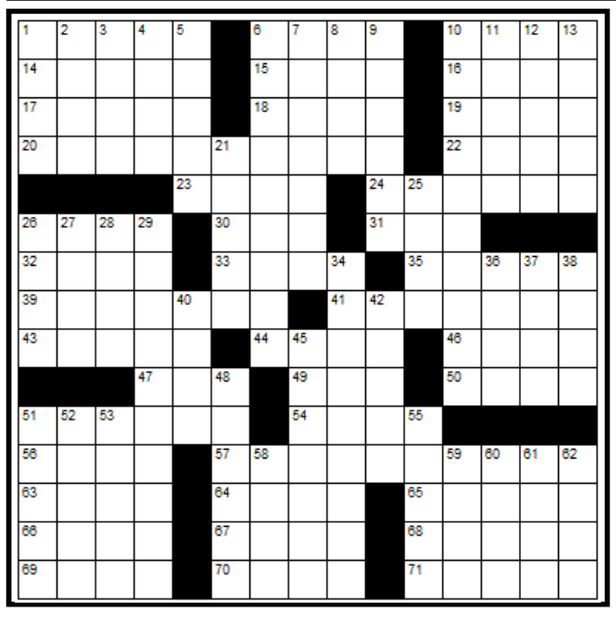
Your drive to achieve often compels you to take control of situations to ensure the best chance at success. However, a turn of the tide inspires you to adopt a more flexible approach. The Sun's shift into gentle Pisces highlights your 3rd House of Information, putting you in a place to be more receptive to messages rather than only pushing your point forward.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Your eclecticism is apparent in the way you dress as you choose to reflect your individuality in most purchases. The Sun makes its entrance into whimsical Pisces and your 2nd House of Material Things, seducing you with the allure of a few unique pieces to add to your collection. If you're not careful, you might find more creative ways to spend than save.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Wipe the slate clean and start celebrating your birthday month. The radiant Sun moves into your sign, prompting your annual review of where you've been and where you're going. It's time to get back in touch with your dreams so you can set ambitious goals. Manage your expectations wisely, since it's easy to drift through the next four weeks in a haze of possibilities that could only serve to bewilder you if you mistakenly believe you can do them all.



Across

1. Mixes, 6. Start over, 10. Curse, 14. A financial examination, 15. Way out, 16. Absent Without Leave, 17. Pizazz, 18. Dry riverbed, 19. Central area of a church, 20. Disturbance, 22. Remnant, 23. Soil, 24. Unbending, 26. Extent, 30. Lyric poem, 31. Hearing organ, 32. Hodgepodge, 33. It ebbs and flows, 35. Survived, 39. Seabird having a large bill, 41. Atomic, 43. Impudent, 44. Neuter, 46. Wash, 47. S, 49. Central, 50. Away from the wind, 51. Fondness, 54. Nights before, 56. Dogfish, 57. Subsequently, 63. Blockhead, 64. Shower, 65. Birdlike, 66. Anagram of "Sees", 67. Sea eagle, 68. Italian for "Mouth", 69. Clairvoyant, 70. Accomplishment, 71. Broom.

Down

1. Cummerbund, 2. Ballet attire, 3. Bucolic, 4. Small brook, 5. Place, 6. Honoring, 7. Extolled, 8. Prank, 9. Indolent, 10. A decorated dart, 11. Cognizant, 12. Book of fiction, 13. Mournful poem, 21. Flora and fauna, 25. After-bath powder, 26. Absorbs, 27. Urgent request, 28. Afflicts, 29. Horn, 34. Invigorated, 36. Calf's meat, 37. Overhang, 38. To endure (archaic), 40. Vesicle, 42. Mammary gland of bovids, 45. A white crystalline alkaloid, 48. Distributed equally, 51. An area of Great Britain, 52. Entertain, 53. Washing machine cycle, 55. Mops, 58. Anagram of "Fear", 59. Affirm, 60. Type of cereal grass, 61. Small European freshwater fish, 62. Break.

Yesterday's Solution

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