

19 Rebels Dead, 2 Hurt in Airstrike, Operation

JALALABAD - Twenty-one Daesh rebels, including foreigners, have been killed in US drone strike and security forces offensive in the Achin and Haska Mena districts of eastern Nangarhar province, officials said on Tuesday. Police Chief Col. Hazrat Husain Mashraqiwal told Pajhwok Afghan News 12 Daesh rebels had been killed in US drone strike in the Bandar locality of Achin district. The strike was carried out



Monday evening in which rebels' vehicle was also destroyed. Separately, seven rebels have been killed and two others wounded in security forces offensive codenamed Shahin-25 in Haska Mena district, said Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman. Security forces and civilians suffered no casualties in the ongoing offensive, he added. (Pajhwok)

Bombers Among 10 Dead in Charsadda Suicide Attack



PESHAWAR - At least 10 people including three bombers were killed and more than 20 others injured on Tuesday when suspected militants attacked a crowded court in northwestern Pakistan. Multiple suicide attacker struck at the sessions court in the Tangi tehsil of Charsadda district in the morning, a senior police officer told Pajhwok Afghan

News over the telephone. Sohail Khalid, the district police chief, confirmed the casualties, saying that three suicide bombers trying to force their way into the court were gunned down. At least three blasts were heard outside the court. Khalid said one suicide bomber blew himself up at the gate to the local court. The two others ... (More on P4)... (15)

Nearly A Dozen Wounded in Takhar Collision

TALOQAN - At least 11 passengers have suffered wounds in a collision on Takhar-Kunduz highway in the capital of northern Takhar province, officials said on Tuesday. Takhar traffic department head, Hazrat Gul Farkhari, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident occurred in Chashmashir area on the outskirts of Taloqan city, the provincial capital, at around 8am today. He said at least 11 people were wounded as a corolla model car ploughed into another corolla. He cited the slippery condition of the road covered with ice and the recklessness on the driver's part behind the collision. Takhar public health director, Dr. Hafizullah Sapai, said 11 injured were delivered to the hospital from the scene, three of which were in critical condition. According to Sapai, of the wounded three were evacuated to Kunduz and three others were under treatment at the Takhar provincial hospital. (Pajhwok)

2 Including District Police Chief's Son Shot Dead

MAIMANA - Armed insurgents have shot dead a district police chief's son and a policeman in northwestern Faryab province, local officials said on Tuesday. Col. Mir Amanullah Zafir, deputy police chief, said Khwaja Sabz Posh police head Hashim Batoor's son was gunned down along with a policeman in the Shirin Tagab town of the province. "Batoor's son was on his way to Faryab from



neighboring Jawzjan province on Monday when the Taliban established a phony checkpoint in Faizabad Desert district, where the pair was seized," he added. Sayed Luqman Gahrik, the Shirin Tagab district chief, said the militants

dumped the victims' bodies on the Maimana-Jawzjan highway. The corpses were transferred to the Khwaja Sabz Posh district. He claimed the two individuals were killed by militants loyal to Rahmatullah, a Taliban commander in Faryab. Abdullah Masoomi, Khwaja Sabzposh district chief, said Batoor's son was an underage boy and the other person a police ... (More on P4)... (14)

2 Taliban Insurgents Arrested in Laghman: NDS

KABUL - Two Taliban militants who wanted to plot terrorist attacks have been nabbed in eastern Laghman province, spy-network said on Tuesday. A statement from the National Directorate of Security (NDS) received by Pajhwok Afghan News said NDS Special Forces detained the two insurgents in Mehtaralam city, the provincial capital, along with their weapons. The duo-named Rafiullah and Babarzai-were sent by their chief commander Mullah Nomialai to the Mehtarlam city for



subversive activities, it said. The detainees also had a hand in the killing of an

Nine More Afghans Arrested in Pakistan

KABUL - Pakistani police have arrested 31 people, mostly Afghan nationals in different parts of Pakistan, Pakistani media report on Tuesday. Nine Afghan nationals are among those arrested in the campaign conducted by Pakistani police and other security agencies of Pakistan. More than 300 houses were screened and the nabbed persons had been shifted to police stations for further investigation, according to Pakistan's police offi-

cials. On Sunday, more than 200 suspects were arrested in Pakistan which most of them were Afghan nationals. According to Pakistani officials, the search operation was launched after a suicide blast at the Lal Shahbaz Qalandar shrine in Sindh - which left 75 dead and at least 300 wounded. Daesh claimed responsibility for the attack at the shrine. The report said the Afghan nationals failed to prove their identity. (Tolonews)

15 Daesh Militants Killed in Nangarhar Operation

JALALABAD - At least 15 Daesh militants, including a notorious commander, have been killed in eastern Nangarhar province during the ongoing "Operation Shaheen 25", the military said on Monday. In a statement to Pajhwok Afghan News the Afghan National Army's 201ST Srlab Military Corps said the militants were killed during the past 24 hours in joint operations by the Afghan and Airstrikes by foreign forces and ground attacks by Afghan forces were carried out in Wach Kot local-



ity of Kot district that left 15 Daesh militants killed including commander Baghlan. Civilians and the joint forces escaped unhurt in the operation, the state-

ment said. there has been no word from the Daesh group in this regard. The Operation Shaheen 25 was initiated in Haska Mena and Kot districts. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Buoyant thoughts lure you into pursuing your dreams, especially since your peers seem to have so much faith in you. Your hopes and wishes are at the forefront of your mind now, urging you to play to win. On the other hand, your instincts tell you to pause before rushing headlong toward your ideal future. The Moon's shift into practical Capricorn is the source of your hesitation.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

It's almost a relief when you realize there are fewer options than you originally thought. After the Moon moves into fellow earth sign Capricorn, you can pare down your choices and be more selective about where you put your time and energy. Although you still want to maximize your potential, your narrow outlook forces you to focus only on the most productive activities instead of trying to do everything at once.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It's confusing to think how differently you felt yesterday when it seemed like the world was at your fingertips. You can still see all the potential positive outcomes but somehow you linger more on the negative ones today. This mild anxiety is a symptom of the Moon's landing in suppressive Capricorn, where more rigorous testing is required for an idea to pass. Although it could feel like your bubble is bursting,

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You've been putting a lot of effort into personal growth and it feels good to flex your intellectual muscles. Unfortunately, you were so immersed in your agenda that you might have neglected the people who matter the most. Ironically, a friend's petulant behavior is likely to be a reflection of your own emotional needs that aren't being met while you concentrate on self-discovery.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You can tell you're getting ahead of yourself, but you still wish the world would catch up to your theories. Conversations could stretch on for days with the help of a harmonious connection between talkative Mercury and far-reaching Jupiter. However, this widened perspective allows you to perceive not only riveting possibilities but the banal obligations necessary to succeed.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You found your groove and you're taking full advantage of the cosmic momentum to carry out as many tasks as possible. It's odd when people don't understand your passion for hard work; in fact, you wonder why anyone wouldn't enjoy a productive streak. You may not realize that you're blinded by your own enthusiasm for efficacy today, yet it's unrealistic to expect others to follow suit. The more you can detach from judgement and stop worrying about everyone else,

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

It's a bit harder to get out the door while there are so many things at home demanding your attention. You may secretly wish you could put these domestic obligations off for a while longer because you believe you have more important goals to chase. In reality, the opposite is true today; you need to take care of responsibilities around the house rather than neglect them in pursuit of your brightest new idea.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Your ideas are stepping in the backwaters of your mind and will make some strong tea once you finally share them with others. You're naturally protective of your intellectual property; you prefer to maintain tight control over what remains private and what goes public.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

It's as if your grand plans can't be contained by the current circumstances. You're itching to explore your aspirations with your peers - the more the merrier. The problem is that your 2nd House of Resources is under scrutiny by the calculating Capricorn Moon, raising your awareness of what you have to spend both monetarily and physically. View this temporary obstacle as an opportunity to tie up loose ends in order to give your dreams the best chance for success.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

People depend on you for practical answers and you're usually willing to step up to the plate and deliver. However, you may get wrapped up in thoughts of how others perceive you since you're handing out advice and assistance left and right. Fortunately, the presence of the reflective Moon in your 1st House of Personality reminds you to keep your feelings in the equation now.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Although your extraordinary ideas are urging you to push the limits, your physical self would prefer to remain planted on the couch today. The conservative Capricorn Moon hides away in your 12th House of Rest, convincing you that now isn't the time to take flight. Even if you're irritated by a lack of energy, remember that recharging and brainstorming aren't incompatible activities.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

A fascinating drama plays out in the back of your mind as you quietly carry on with your normal routine. An inquisitive Mercury-Jupiter alignment allows you to explore the mysteries within that you can't explain to anyone else. It's tempting to let this journey drive you to solitude, but it's crucial to stay connected to the here and now if you hope to integrate your findings. Calling on your friends as a link to reality is a smart strategy when you're lost in self-reflection and can't find your way back.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-64.

Across: 1. Tolerates, 6. Stem, 10. Flat-bottomed boat, 14. Allow, 15. Diva's solo, 16. Desire, 17. African antelope, 18. Mobile phone, 19. ___ slaw, 20. Downplay, 22. College girl, 23. Consumer Price Index, 24. Compartments, 26. Boggy, 30. Anagram of "Daubs", 32. Accord, 33. Dreamt, 37. Story, 38. Not glossy, 39. Ancient marketplaces, 40. Pachyderms, 42. Cars, 43. Yearns, 44. Splatter, 45. Harvests, 47. Dandy, 48. Bend, 49. Unable to read, 56. Police action, 57. Baking appliance, 58. Intended, 59. Stake, 60. 3 times 3, 61. Hoisting device, 62. End, 63. Seats oneself, 64. Gladden. Down: 1. Hindu Mr., 2. Biblical garden, 3. Among, 4. Ascend, 5. Stiff, 6. Desert plants, 7. Component of urine, 8. A jaunty rhythm, 9. Alaskan sled dog, 10. Prospering, 11. Sing softly, 12. Leers, 13. Noxious plant, 21. Secret agent, 25. Actress Lupino, 26. Speechless, 27. A Freudian stage, 28. Anger, 29. Folding portable ladder, 30. Pieces of insulation, 31. Picnic insects, 33. Canine tooth, 34. Greek letter, 35. God of love, 36. Short run, 38. Large houses, 41. Jump, 42. Pacify, 44. Drunkard, 45. Anagram of "Arson", 46. High society, 47. Monetary penalties, 48. German for "Madam", 50. 57 in Roman numerals, 51. Gave temporarily, 52. Small brook, 53. Dogfish, 54. Canvas dwelling, 55. Border.

Yesterday's Solution: VAMP, UNAPT, SPAR, ESAU, NEWLY, ORZO, RIPS, VOLUPTUOUS, BASSON, MEASURE, YAK, CEDES, CRACKER, JACK, AURAS, HATRY, WEB, MITT, GIPSY, PILE, ENS, PENAL, GONAD, STONEMASONS, BEACH, ALT, INBOARD, SNAPPER, OVERWIGHT, AURA, TOLD, EMAIL, ICON, AYES, FEMME, DESK.

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