

Deash 'Training' Children in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Daesh fighters in Achin district of eastern Nangarhar province are allegedly training local children to become terrorists. A number of children have said that Daesh militants were encouraging them to go to their training centers. Most areas of Achin district have now been cleared of Daesh insurgents but reports have emerged that they are allegedly training children to use rifles and carry out suicide attacks. "They [Daesh fighters] were telling us that they are going to build us schools, where their teachers will be teaching



us how to use weapons," said one child from the area. Another child said that Daesh rebels warned him not to go to school, nor to watch TV anymore. "They [Daesh rebels] were asking us to learn how to fire a gun and they were telling us not to mention the name of Afghan security forces before them," said another child. Meanwhile, a number of Daesh rebels, who have recently renounced violence, confirmed that Daesh fighters are giving military training to children. "They were playing... (More on P4)...(17)

Battle Claims 8 Lives of Militants in Dand-e-Ghori

PUL-E-KHUMRI - Up to eight Taliban fighters have been killed and eight others injured over the past 24 hours in Dand-e-Ghori district of the northern Baghlan province, provincial police chief Awaz Mohammad Naziri said Friday. "The security forces have killed eight armed Taliban and injured eight others in Dand-e-Ghori district over the past 24 hours," Naziri told reporters here. The official, however, avoided commenting on the possible casualties of security forces. Dand-e-Ghori and Dand-e-Shahabudin districts in the outskirts of Baghlan's provincial capital Pul-e-Khumri have been regarded as Taliban hotbeds in the relatively peaceful Baghlan province. Taliban militants who have been resisting government forces in Dand-e-Ghori and Dand-e-Shahabudin districts over the past month haven't commented. (Xinhua)

Woman Kill Taliban Commander over Privacy Breach in Baghlan

PUL-E-KHUMRI - An Afghan woman has killed a Taliban commander over home privacy breach in northern Baghlan province, security officials said Friday. Provincial police spokesman, Jawed Basharat, said the incident took place in Khwajah Bahauddin district of Baghlan province late on Thursday night. Meanwhile, provincial police chief, Gen. Ewaz Mohammad Naziri, said



the Taliban commander was killed after he entered into the house of the woman, an act that is considered a serious breach of privacy by the Afghans. He said another Taliban militant was also injured after the woman opened... (More on P4)...(18)

14 Rebels Killed in Kunduz Offensive; Civilian Casualties Alleged

KUNDUZ CITY - At least 14 militants, including a commander, have been killed during an operation in the Dasht-i-Archi district of northeastern Kunduz province, officials said on Thursday. However, residents alleged the fighting had also inflicted casualties on civilians and forced them to leave the area for safer places. Deputy police chief, Col. Masoom Safi, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Afghan National Army (ANA) troops launched the operation in the district on Thursday morning. He said 14 militants, including commander Maulvi Ghulam Mohiuddin, were killed and 20 others including two policemen wounded. The district's old building and... (More on P4)...(19)

10 Militants Killed in Ghazni



GHAZNI - Clean-up operations against Taliban fighters in parts of the eastern Ghazni province have claimed the lives of 10 armed insurgents, police spokesman in the province, Fahim Amiri said Friday. "The operation was launched in Qarabagh and Aband districts Thursday night and so far 10 militants including two local commanders Mullah Khanjari and Mullah Alafta have been killed," Amiri told Xinhua. There were no casualties on security forces, the official asserted. Taliban militants who are active in parts of Ghazni province have yet to make comment. (Xinhua)

Afghan Female Cyclers on Track for Nobel Prize

KABUL - The sight of a woman on a bicycle may be normal in Europe and America, but in Afghanistan members of the National Women's Cycling Team suffer accusations of immorality and threats of violence just for riding a bike. Unfazed, they do it anyway, and for that they've been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize, a UK website wrote, citing Italian MPs. The team's nomination came about earlier this year after 118 Italian MPs signed a petition to have the Afghan Women's Cycling Team included in recognition of their dedication, and hard-



work promoting cycling in Afghanistan, totalwomenscycling.com wrote. Rather than being deterred by threats, and street harassment, the 40-strong team, led by Zahra Hussaini, sees these threats as challenges to overcome. "People are watching us from behind our backs, it is horrifying," a team member said. ... (More on P4)...(20)

Signed Lionel Messi Shirt Makes Afghan Child's Dreams Come True

DUSHANBE - The youngster pictured wearing a striped plastic bag with Lionel Messi's name and number on it is now the proud owner of a real Messi shirt -- thanks to the soccer superstar and the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF), according to CNN. Murtaza Ahmadi -- found in Afghanistan earlier this month after his picture became an internet sensation -- was given two autographed shirts and a signed football from the iconic ... (More on P4)...(21)

1 Civilian Dead, 5 Wounded in Nangarhar Roadside Bombing

JALALABAD - One civilian was killed and five others were wounded in a roadside bombing in eastern Nangarhar province on Friday, an official said. The Nangarhar governor's spokesman told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosion occurred in the Pacha Qala area of Khogyani district at about 7am. Attaullah Khogyani said three of the injured were in critical condition. Belonging to the same family, the wounded were evacuated to the Jalalabad ... (More on P4)...(22)

Insurgents Put to Death 2 Kidnapped Passengers in Faryab

MAIMANA - Two kidnapped passengers have been killed by the Taliban in the Khwaja Sabaz Posh district western Faryab province, an official said on Friday. Fifty people were disembarked from a bus and three cars in Kotal Koraz area and made hostage by the insurgents late on Thursday, the district's administrative chief said. Abdullah Masoomi told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban released 51 captives after a while but kept four in their captivity. Two of them, hailing from Balkh and Bamyan provinces, were killed. Qari Mohammad Yousaf Haqqani, introducing himself as a regional Taliban commander, claimed the two men they had killed were Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers. But ... (More on P4)...(23)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You're inclined to see the best in others but you can be led off course now by your misguided interpretation of their intentions. Unfortunately, your willingness to accept everyone at face value might create problems. Although everything may truly be wonderful, it's still helpful to moderate your optimism.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You might have totally unrealistic expectations about what you can accomplish at work today. People seem to be very excited about their plans, but their innovative ideas may not be as brilliant as everyone thinks. Although you're wise to be cautious about an opportunity that appears disarmingly good, there's no reason to be overly negative, either.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your current visionary outlook motivates you to solve a pressing problem today. However, you also might be tempted to gloss over any upcoming challenges with your optimism. Thankfully, your key planet Mercury harmoniously sextiles innovative Uranus now, empowering you to inspire others with your out-of-the-box thinking. However, nothing is gained by exaggerating your ability to handle everything on your own.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You may choose to luxuriate in the past today, reminiscing about childhood memories triggered by something that happens at home. Shaking off these powerful recollections is challenging even if you are busy at work, whether they are mildly irritating or sweetly nostalgic. Enjoy pursuing your fantasies, but find your way back to the present moment as soon as you can.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Amazing people in your immediate surroundings are standing in the wings now waiting to be your greatest supporters. Nevertheless, you need to invite them to help or you might miss the benefits of what they could offer. Don't hide your head in the sand today, pretending you are self-sufficiency in order to impress others. Paradoxically, it is your vulnerability that sets the stage for the magic to happen.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

A steady stream of insights today offers down-to-earth solutions to lingering problems. Thankfully, trusting your instincts now should guide you toward an acceptable resolution for all involved. Clever Mercury forms a cooperative sextile with philosophical Jupiter, increasing the current potential to inspire others with your words. But demonstrating your intellectual finesse isn't as convincing as changing people's lives for the better.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Your diplomatic skills enable you to make the best of a tough situation today. The reflective Moon is hanging out in your sign, arousing your emotions -- and you can use your subjectivity to your advantage now. Ironically, covering up your feelings produces the opposite effect of what you expected. Express your desires openly and let the events of the day flow wherever they lead.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

It's not shocking if others find out you are keeping some of your emotions under wraps today. In fact, it's quite likely you're holding a wild card up your sleeve that substantially changes the dynamics once played. Although your intuition tells you to stick with the status quo for a while longer, your irrepressible smile will possibly give your secret away.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You may be pursued by your coworkers to join them for social activities rather than business reasons today. Fortunately, you're not as constrained by your previous commitments now, allowing you to enjoy your time with others even in a professional setting. Luckily, you're at the top of your creative game, whether you're engaged with interpersonal dynamics or lost in producing tangible art.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

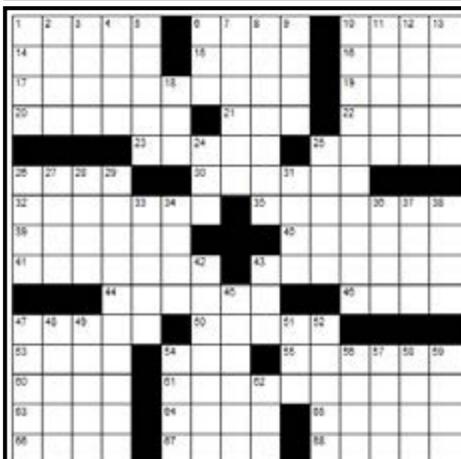
Much to your surprise, you might finally receive the peer recognition you've been seeking all along. Your consistent hard work may even bring you a long-awaited raise or well-deserved promotion. Meanwhile, your caution is beginning to dissipate. Bask in the current light of admiration while it is shining on you, but remember that everything can quickly revert to normal.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

It feels as if there are fewer restraints on your life now, but you ultimately still must answer to the same authorities as before. It's just that you see more options now and eagerly anticipate the moment when you can start to explore them. Be careful that you don't overextend yourself in the discovery process. Think long and hard about where you want to go before you agree to a plan that.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You strive to be fair-minded in your approach to a problem, but you may have already made up your mind based on what someone else said. Unfortunately, your inflexibility could shut the door on a conversation before it even happens. Thankfully, the Moon's presence in your 8th House of Intimacy increases your desire to delve beneath the surface issues. Get the ball rolling today.



Across

- Judges, 6. Anagram of "Star", 10. Salt Lake state, 14. Any animal with no feet, 15. Former Italian currency, 16. Not, 17. Beginner, 19. Remain, 20. Domestic breed of rabbit, 21. Foot digit, 22. Soon, 23. Broom, 25. Extreme, 26. Biblical garden, 30. Black Sea port, 32. European wild oxen, 35. Brusquely, 39. Incumbency, 40. A type of beauty treatment, 41. Germless, 43. The combining power of atoms, 44. African antelope, 46. Consider, 47. Sheriff's group, 50. Notes, 53. Ogee, 54. Prohibit, 55. Therefrom, 60. 53 in Roman numerals, 61. Stepping down, 63. Black, in poetry, 64. Untidy one, 65. Clear, 66. Make melodious sounds, 67. Gambling game, 68. Prop, erty claims.

Down

- Information, 2. Not closed, 3. Chime, 4. Cocoyam, 5. Clairvoyants, 6. Alien Life Form, 7. Rampaged, 8. A state police officer, 9. Satisfy, 10. Deranged, 11. Corrupt, 12. Fire, 13. Doglike nocturnal mammal, 18. Uncooked, 19. Dawn goddess, 25. Normal, 26. Dines, 27. A song for 2, 28. Sea eagle, 29. Nutritious, 31. Couch, 33. Illegal activity, 34. Assistance, 36. Eat, 37. Shoestring, 38. The original matter (cosmology), 42. Palatable, 43. Delivery vehicle, 45. British capital, 47. Loses color, 48. Small African antelope, 49. Descendant, 51. And so forth, 52. Will, 54. Savor, 56. Decorative case, 57. Agreeable, 58. Metal money, 59. Terminates, 62. Nigerian tribesman.

Yesterday's Solution



abase, affix, always, before, blank, cork, crave, creek, fellows, filter, gadget, gear, gift, trout, hairline, image, injure, lever, locate, member, mote, near, owner, peace, permanent, production, rarity, right, rigid, rubes, savant, sheen, store, strip, time, vapor, ven.

