

Top Daesh Commander Among 6 Dead in Jawzjan

SHIBERGHAN - Two Taliban and Four Daesh rebels have been killed and two security forces, including an Uzbek soldier, were wounded in separate clashes in northern Jawzjan province, an official said on Monday. Police Chief Brig. Gen. Rahmatullah Turkistani Qari Qudrat, a notorious Taliban commander, and three others were killed by security forces in Sardara village of Darzab district. He said two more Taliban were



killed in Jurqod district during a clash with Afghan Local Police (ALP). He said the Taliban targeted ALP Commander Sher Ali but were defeated after half-hour of firefight. Turkistani said an Uzbek soldier was wounded during the Taliban overnight attack on troops of the neighbouring country. Halema Sadaf, the provincial council member, said security forces took no steps to improve security situation in Darzab district. She claimed the Taliban torched bodies ... (More on P4)...(10)

Another Indian Killed in Afghanistan Fighting for IS

KABUL - A young man from the southwestern Indian state of Kerala was killed in a bombing in Afghanistan while fighting for the Islamic State (IS), reported Zee News television on Monday. According to the news channel, Hafeesudheen's family, from Padne town, received on Sunday a message from Ashtaq Majeed, one of the 21 Indians in Kerala who recently joined IS. National intelligence bodies set at dozens the number of Indians who traveled to Syria, Iraq or Afghanistan to join the

terrorist organization, several of whom have been killed in those countries. Yesterday members of the Anti-Terrorism Squad arrested two alleged IS members who were planning an attack on a Hindu temple in the western state of Gujarat. According to the first investigations, the suspects planned a bomb attack on a temple near Chotila town. Earlier this month, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) detained a person in Kerala for his alleged link with IS. (Prensa Latina)

Teenage Boy Commits Suicide, Police Pick-up Blown up

AIBAK - A teenage boy committed suicide in Aibak, the capital of northern Samangan province, on Monday, an official said. In a separate incident, a police pick-up was destroyed by a magnetic bomb attached to it, the provincial police spokesman said. Second Lieutenant Muni Rahimi told Pajhwok Afghan News a 17 years old was a metalworker. The victim was a resident of the Larghan village of Aibak. He identified the boy as Jamshed, who hanged himself as a result of a family dispute in the morning. Mohammad Hussain, father of Jamshed, said his son was calm and reserved by nature and treated all family members with love. Hussain added his son did not have enmity with anyone and he did not know the motive behind his suicide. According to another report, a police pick-up was blown up by a ... (More on P4)...(11)

Senior Taliban Commander Killed in Air Strike

KABUL - After having been declared dead several times in the past, a senior Taliban commander has been killed in an air strike in northern Afghanistan, officials of the militant group confirmed on Monday. Mullah Abdul Salam Akhund, who commanded Taliban forces in Kunduz, was one of three fighters killed in a weekend strike by an unmanned aircraft, a senior Taliban official in

the province told Reuters, on condition of anonymity to ensure his safety. "He was on a journey a few days ago and stopped at a house at Dashte Archi town when the drone fired missiles," said the official. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid confirmed Akhund's death in a statement. A U.S. military spokesman said an American warplane had conducted



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Cases Filed Against Illegal Immigrants Including Afghans

PESHAWAR - Illegal immigrants, including Afghan citizens, are under investigation after their arrest in Pakistan's port city of Karachi, a police official says. During targeted raids and operations in the city, 30 Afghans and Uzbeks were detained on Sunday, Gulberg Division Superintendent Police Bashir Brohi told journalists. Following their arrests, the suspects were taken

to undisclosed locations for interrogations. Cases have been filed against the illegal immigrants from Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and Bangladesh. The raids and operations were conducted in New Karachi, Gulberg, Taimuria, Jauharabad, Shershah, Hyderi, Gabol Town and Malir. Weapons and narcotics were also seized from the detainees. (Pajhwok)

9 Rebels Killed, 14 Wounded in Uruzgan Battle

TIRINKOT - At least nine Taliban militants have been killed and 14 others wounded during a clearing operation in southern Uruzgan province, officials said on Monday. Uruzgan police chief, Brig. Gen. Ghulam Farooq Sangari, told Pajhwok Afghan News the operation was carried out on the outskirts of Tirinkot, the provincial capital. A notorious Taliban commander named Mullah Amin was among the slain militants, he added.



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Two Arrested Over Missing Police Weapons in Balkh

KABUL - Balkh police on Monday confirmed the arrest of an officer and financial official of the Police Special Unit in connection with weapons missing from unit's arsenal. Balkh police spokesman Sherjan Durani said at least 50 weapons are missing from the unit. Durani said the police weapons cache is assessed at the end of every year as a matter of procedure. He said documents relating to the weapons and other evidence connected to the case, have been

sent to judicial bodies for further investigation. A number of Balkh provincial council members have said they are concerned over missing weapons and they believe that the firearms have been given to terrorists. "This is not the first time, it has happened many times. Most militants fighting against government and security forces, kill the people with weapons that belong to Afghan security forces," said Mohammad Ibrahim Khairandish, member of ... (More on P4)...(13)

Nangarhar Court Sentences 3 Robbers to 15 Years in Jail

JALALABAD - Nangarhar's Appellate Court announced sentencing three thieves to 15 years in jail as a result of an open trial. Judge Abdul Wali Qazi-zada handed down the verdict after hearing arguments from both sides. Each of the three robbers were ordered jail for 15 years under the Article 451 of the Penal Code. The jury said the convicts had robbed a money-changer of 1.5million Saudi riyals on the Torkham-Jalalabad highway. The decision could be ap-



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Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)
You have energy to spare today and you're willing to put it toward making a relationship more successful. You may be inspired to try something you've never done before, and a current challenge could excite your nerves more than it irritates. However, you're easily annoyed if the wrong person teases you, yet it feels flirtatiously playful from someone you like.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)
You are like the proverbial Bull in a china shop today and need to be extra cautious lest you break something valuable. The boisterous Mars-Jupiter opposition bolsters you with enthusiasm, encouraging you to put on a colorful show. Take your happiest feelings from the past and drag them out into the open so everyone can enjoy your company even more. Joy that's shared is joy made double.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
Your great expectations may have you believing you can conquer the world today. Your future looks unusually bright while overconfident Jupiter conspires with assertive Mars in your 11th House of Long-Term Goals. Nevertheless, maintaining your balance is challenging now because you are all jacked up and primed for action. However, the biggest obstacle could be your own delusional perspective if you allow it to inflate your ego.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)
The emotional support you receive at home acts as a stabilizing force today. Nevertheless, energetic Mars is engaged in a tug-of-war with boundless Jupiter, supplying you with unlimited enthusiasm. Paradoxically, as your optimism pushes you outside your protective shell, you'll actually feel safer than anyone else. Successful people take big risks, knowing that they might fall hard before they soar to great heights.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)
A haunting recollection from the past may be accompanied by feelings of regret or guilt. Thankfully, your memory won't spoil your day while a buoyant Mars-Jupiter opposition fills you with passion. Competitive Mars triggers your adrenaline but don't let extravagant Jupiter pressure you into taking a foolish chance.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)
Sometimes a period of recuperation is required after high-intensity social engagements. Although there is instability everywhere today, uncertainty holds the promise of profound change if you are willing to take an objective look at your basic values. You may be called upon to fight for your beliefs now, but you also must be willing to let go of the battle if it cannot be won. Know when to walk away without compromising your self-respect.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)
Others look to you for advice today because you seem to have all the answers. Your colleagues lean on you and you're not one to let them down. However, you could easily underestimate the amount of work required to fulfill their expectations. Thankfully, a seemingly endless pool of energy allows you to navigate these intense times with grace. It might be helpful to let off some steam if you don't mind a little friendly combat.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)
Your adrenaline rises today and your fervor can leave you longing for adventure. However, you may also feel increasingly frustrated by the daily grind. You are itching to break out of a rut, but you want to act in a manner that is not abrasive or obsessive. Instead of rebelling against a person or an idea now, explore your options with passion and common sense.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)
Reining in your energy sounds like a great idea today, but self-discipline may continue to elude you. Fortunately, you're flexible enough now to respond to changing circumstances with boldness and originality as big-thinking Jupiter opposes energetic Mars in your 5th House of Creativity. Everything looks so good that you might dive right into an inviting pool before you realize there's no water in it.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)
You are often a champion at managing your personal resources. Nevertheless, you're as busy as a bee today and could become totally distracted on the way to your destination while reckless Mars opposes far-reaching Jupiter. Spreading yourself too thin to gain recognition or success is a common consequence of this cosmic configuration. Tim Ferriss wrote, "Focus on being productive instead of busy."

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)
The emotional winds are shifting and you can feel the electricity of anticipation in the air. You're ready to rumble as feisty Mars opposes boundless Jupiter in your 9th House of Adventure, infusing you with buoyant enthusiasm. However, don't let down your guard no matter how amazing everything looks. Proceed with caution or you will quickly pay the price for overcommitting.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)
You're ready to leap into a new project at work today, even if you're unsure where you will land. Be careful; observe the current circumstances carefully before you launch yourself into action. Your uncharacteristic competitive side can hijack your day by pushing you outside of your normal range of expression. Although you are driven by the best of intentions, you may not know your limits until you've overstepped them.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-65 indicating starting points for clues.

Across: 1. Dines, 5. To scatter about, 10. Counterfoil, 14. Swill, 15. Not here, 16. Walking stick, 17. Japanese wrestling, 18. Container, 20. To shelter closely, 22. Beginner, 23. Lie, 24. Conquers, 25. Pertaining to housing, 32. Sheeplike, 33. 1/16th of a pound, 34. Glass container, 37. Large mass of ice, 38. Chivalrous, 39. Hindu Mr., 40. N N N N, 41. A friction match, 42. Possessing a weapon, 43. Immeasurable, 45. Hex, 49. Dowel, 50. Matrimonial, 53. Durations, 57. Mathematics, 59. Region, 60. Type of cereal grass, 61. Craze, 62. Wander, 63. Russian emperor, 64. Sight-related, 65. Sort.
Down: 1. Being, 2. Astringent, 3. Grave, 4. Misrepresenting, 5. A rapidly flashing light, 6. Not us, 7. Record (abbrev.), 8. Mining finds, 9. Cried, 10. Frighten, 11. Sensitivities, 12. Not rented, 13. Ales, 19. Dining room furniture, 21. On the left or right, 25. Gown, 26. Not odd, 27. Knights, 28. Hangman's knot, 29. Hoses, 30. Arm of the sea, 31. Card with one symbol, 34. Doorpost, 35. Cain's brother, 36. Boorish, 38. Religious sister, 39. Blowhard, 41. Grime, 42. So be it, 44. Vomitive, 45. Clever, 46. City in France, 47. Genus of health, 48. About a US quart, 51. Ammunition, 52. Jump, 53. 53 in Roman numerals, 54. "Iliad" city, 55. Pile, 56. Alike, 58. Explosive.

Yesterday's Solution: GAUD, ACTS, GOAT, RUNE, MAREM, TIPS, IRIS, ARENA, RISK, MANTA, DESOLATES, FIRE, SERIF, LITNESS, SINFUL, UNREASON, GENOA, GUM, ETUDE, SIO, ERECT, BERCEUSE, EDISON, WILLIES, SABOT, SUIT, CONTRIVED, ETAPE, GOGUE, TIREDE, TIBEX, ALAR, SGRREE, SLOE, TERN, BEARN, TENS.

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