

# 22 Daesh Fighters, 4 ALP Personnel Killed in Kunar Clash



ASADABAD - At least 22 Daesh militants and four Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel have been killed in eastern Kunar province, an official said on

Tuesday. Police spokesman Farid Dehqan said 22 IS fighters were killed and 23 injured in the clash. Four security forces were also killed and 15 wound-

ed. He said reinforcements had been dispatched to the site, the group has not yet commented on the incident. (Pajhwok)

## Insurgents Torch 2 Coal Trucks in Samangan

AIBAK - Militants have torched two trucks and taken their driver's hostage in northern Samangan province, an official said on Tuesday.

Ahmad Ali Husni, the administrative chief for Dara-i-Sauf Bala district, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban had set alight the two trucks in Dara-i-Sauf Payeen district.

He said that the trucks heading to Shabashak Coalmine were stopped and destroyed by fighters in Chahar Awlia area on Monday.

Husni blamed the Taliban for burning the trucks and said the vehicles, belonging to ordinary people, were carrying wood to the Shabashak Coalmine.

He did not provide information about the drivers of the trucks. It is the third time in a month the militants have burnt trucks transferring coal from this mine.

About a month back, Taliban had destroyed four coal-laden trucks in the same area. A Corolla car was torched there about a week ago by insurgents. Husni accused officials of failing to ensure security for the coalmine. "This issue has been shared with the provincial police chief several times. We have been asking for more security posts in this area but no action has been taken yet."

Meanwhile, the acting police chief told Pajhwok a security post existed about 300 metres away from the coalmine. ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

## At Least 1 Dead, 8 Wounded in Pakistan Shelling



ASADABAD - Rockets fired by Pakistani troops into eastern Kunar province have left one person dead and eight others wounded, an official said on Tuesday.

Police spokesman Farid Dehqan told Pajhwok Afghan News that cross-border shelling hit Sarkano district late on Monday night.

He said one civilian was killed and eight others were wounded in Shoonkaro area. The injured were evacuated to hospital but he had no information about their condition.

Pakistani troops have been firing rockets into Kunar over the past few years, causing many civilians and displaced. (Pajhwok)

## 5 Police Killed in Kandahar Laser-Gun Attack



KANDAHAR - Using laser weapons, Taliban militants killed five police personnel and injured a sixth in Panjwai district of southern Kandahar province last night, an official said on Tuesday.

The security official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, told Pajhwok Afghan News the dead included three national police and

two Afghan local police (ALP) personnel. The police were attacked around Tlokan and Moshan localities

Qari Yousuf Ahmadi, a Taliban spokesman, confirmed the attack that he said left nine police dead, with the fighters confiscating their vehicle and weapons. He said only one fighter ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

## Undocumented Afghans Spurn Pakistan's New Deadline

PESHAWAR - Unregistered Afghans have urged the Pakistan government to press ahead with its programme for their voluntary repatriation to the war-torn country.

While spurning a month-long deadline set for their return, the Afghan Refugees Executive Council chief warned of moving the court of law against the violation of an old agreement on their stay in Pakistan.

"We have copies of an agreement, which was signed by all relevant stakeholders, allowing refugees to stay here until the end of the current year," Abdul Ghaffar Shinwari told a news conference in Peshawar.

He said the Pakistan government had asked the unregistered Afghan refugees to ...*(More on P4)...(17)*



## Three Key Members of Taliban Group Arrested in Paktika Province

KABUL - The Afghan national defense and security forces have arrested three key members of the Taliban group during an operation in Southeastern Paktika province of Afghanistan.

The Ministry of Interior (MoI) in a statement said Tuesday that the militants were arrested from

the vicinity of Zeruk district. "Yesterday, three senior members of armed Taliban were arrested during an Afghan National Police ambush in the Zirok district, southeastern Paktika province," the statement.

MoI further added "One vehicle, one radio handset and some

amount of ammunition seized as well.

The group was the main planner and organizer of terrorist and destructive activities, armed assault and explosions in different parts of Paktika province."

The anti-government armed militant ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

## WFP, UNICEF Food Aid Being Sold in Khost Markets

KHOST CITY - Food items provided to some government institutions for children by the World Food Programme (WFP) and UN International Children Emergency Fund (UNICEF) are being sold in Khost markets.

The UN organizations provided the food assistance to the Ministries

of Public Health and Education for distribution to children suffering from malnutrition.

But well-placed sources revealed to Pajhwok Afghan the food aid had not been distributed equally to children. Now the items are openly being sold in the local market. Shahabuddin, in charge of the

Super Star Bodybuilding Club, confirmed the protein-rich food items were purchased and provided to players by club owners. "In fact, the food was supplied to the market by the Public Health and Education Ministries. We buy them for Rs24 and sell them to ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

### Outlook Horoscope

#### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



**Aries** You're not sure which way to turn because there are too many variables in the equation. Perhaps you thought that everything would fall into place, but instead, those things that were already handled yesterday may need additional attention today. The good news is that you have greater freedom of movement now, which is something you like.

#### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



**Taurus** You may be caught up in a net of fantastic illusions today, but they are so convincing that you can't discern your dreams from reality. Just as you start to make progress and think you have a handle on your world, something might go awry. But it's hard to tell whether your concern is justified now.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



**Gemini** You are not ready to set aside unrealized personal goals in order to concentrate on growing responsibilities. But you're getting tired of fighting against the inevitable, especially if others are expecting you to show up and do your fair share of the work. Fortunately, you can turn this into a win-win situation once you realize that you don't have to shut down your fantasy world to be a success in the real world.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



**Cancer** You could be fighting an uphill battle today as you try to keep your attention on the present moment. But each time you settle into a relaxing state of mind, you drift off into the future where your dreams have already come true. Ironically, you have more potential than ever to achieve the success you imagine.

#### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



**Leo** You might feel stuck in a routine that is limiting your true expression of happiness. Although there may be many reasons to keep you in your present situation, you're not as trapped as you think. You have a choice to make today that will influence your future.

#### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



**Virgo** You are torn between being the practical person others think you are or shocking your friends with your wildest dreams. You long to live a life where you can show up as you are, rather than as you're supposed to be. Nevertheless, there is a vast gulf between your inner and outer worlds now. Fortunately, your adaptable nature allows you to keep one foot in each of them.

#### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



**Libra** You may appear to be supportive as ever to those around you. You can put on a happy face and move through your day without stirring any suspicion that something is awry. Meanwhile, you are fed up with others who aren't as nice to you as you are to them.

#### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



**Scorpio** You could be so attuned to your emotions today that they flow into your environment without having to say a word. Those close to you will probably know what you are feeling, but just in case they are in denial, you tell them in no uncertain terms. You're not one to sugarcoat your message; for you, it's either all or nothing.

#### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



**Sagittarius** Your creativity might not be obvious to anyone else today, but that's fine with you. You're not seeking attention now because you have important goals to focus on. Your innovative approach to tasks as mundane as finances will probably meet resistance and you don't want to waste time defending your strategy. Your unorthodox ideas confuse others and their advice won't be constructive.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



**Capricorn** The weight of the recent cosmic shift may finally be dawning on you. Your drive to make an impact on your world is not just a fleeting thought. Your desire to reexamine your goals, establish priorities and achieve success is part of the new you. But today might bring you a very short holiday that encourages you to temporarily set aside your real-world ambitions.

#### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



**Aquarius** You are not one to be trifled with at work today. In fact, if someone gets on your case now, they might wish they never disturbed the hornet's nest. Unfortunately, you may not possess as much self-control as you wish, especially if a sensitive button is pushed.

#### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



**Pisces** You are at home in the cosmos today while the planets draw your attention to your all-too-familiar dream world. Fortunately, you have little problem loosening your ties to logic as you drift through the distant reaches of intergalactic space. Your imagination is the source of your creative power, and this is a chance to recharge your batteries.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-62 indicating starting positions for clues.

#### Across

- 1. Wealthy man, 6. Harvest, 10. Style of hairdo, 14. Cognizant, 15. Arab chieftain, 16. Half-moon tide, 17. An official in India, 18. Adriatic resort, 19. Greek territorial unit, 20. Muddled, 22. Not odd, 23. Vulpes velox, 24. Challenges, 26. Cowed, 30. Smiles, 32. Intimidate, 33. Downburst, 37. Effort, 38. Seeking damages, 39. Curved molding, 40. Sledding, 42. Cokes or Pepsis, 43. Sores on toes, 44. Waterproof hip boots, 45. Refuge, 47. Mesh, 48. Smack, 49. He eats no meat, 56. Forearm bone, 57. Feudal worker, 58. Very slow in tempo, 59. Ship, 60. Praise, 61. S-shaped moldings, 62. Anagram of "Ties", 63. Figure (out), 64. Bloated,

#### Down

- 1. Zero, 2. Blown away, 3. Prostitute, 4. By mouth, 5. Advantage, 6. Unwind, 7. Send forth, 8. Orderly, 9. Goading, 10. Comprehended, 11. Annoy, 12. Gentlewomen, 13. Not closed, 21. Detachable container, 25. Autonomic nervous system, 26. Contributes, 27. Be unsuccessful, 28. Graphic symbol, 29. Expect, 30. Advances, 31. Jewelry, 33. Wreckage, 34. Leer at, 35. Back, 36. Untidiness, 38. Withers, 41. Mouth (British slang), 42. A complete list of things, 44. Damp, 45. Dole, 46. Hawaiian veranda, 47. Requires, 48. U-boats, 50. Brother of Jacob, 51. Wildebeests, 52. Indian music, 53. Angers, 54. Anagram of "Sage", 55. Prying,

#### Yesterday's Solution

Grid for yesterday's crossword solution with words filled in.

adopt, afraid, angle, another, anywhere, automobile, behind, break, autious, dinner, fair, fever field, finger, flash, foal haven, injury, innocent junction, lampstand, lately, lesson, lower mist omnipresent, reach,

Grid for the word search puzzle with words hidden in the letters.