

At Least 17 Daesh Loyalists Killed in Drone Strikes

KABUL - At least 17 loyalists of the Daesh, also known as ISIL/The Islamic State militant group, were killed by drones of the Afghan Air Forces in cooperation with US-led NATO coalition forces, local media reported on Sunday. The airstrikes were conducted by the unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) in the district of DehBala of country's eastern province of Nangarhar, the Khaama Press agency reported, citing a military source. On Friday, 12 Daesh jihadists, including one leader of the terror-



ist group, were killed by airstrikes from the UAVs in the same province. Afghanistan is experiencing political, social and security instability, as the Taliban Islamic movement and other radical extremist organizations such as Daesh, prohibited in many countries, including the United States and Russia, continue staging attacks against civilian and state targets, seeking to establish the rule of Sharia law in the country. (Monitoring Desk)

3 Taliban Killed While Trying to Abuse a Girl in Ghazni

KABUL - Three Taliban militants have been killed while trying to abuse a girl in south-eastern Ghazni province, an official said on Sunday. General Aminullah Amarkhil, Ghazni's police chief told Khaama Press that two of those killed were Taliban commanders. Gen. Amarkhil identified them as Sarhadi and Nazar. He said security agencies are still conducting investigation into the incident but initial reports suggest that they were killed after trying to abuse a girl. Reports suggest that Taliban have kidnapped brother of the girl following the incident in Shanan area of Andar District. This comes as the group opposes violence against women. They have been killing dozens of people on adultery charges in different parts of the country every year. Most recently they publicly executed a man on adultery charges in northwestern Badghis province. (KP)

70 Detained Over Various Crimes in Herat

HERAT CITY - Police on Sunday said they had arrested some 70 individuals on charges of different crimes during the past 10 days in western Herat province. Herat police chief Maj. Gen. Abdul MajeedRozi told a press conference the 70 people included those facing charges of involvement in 66 terrorist attacks, kidnappings, robberies, murders, connections with Taliban, and drug trafficking. Some of the detainees had been caught red-handed, some had confessed to their crimes and others were under interrogation, he said. "We will show no mercy to terrorists, abductors, kill-



ers and Taliban and will not spare them. We will eliminate the terrorists," he said. Up to 890 kilograms of solid chemicals used in processing drugs, more than 100 litres of chemicals used in preparing alcoholic beverages, 10 Kalashnikovs and pistols have been seized by police during operations, he said. (Pajhwok)

15 Development Projects Completed in Ghor Province

KABUL - National Solidarity Programme of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD/NSP) on Sunday said that 15 development projects worth Afn 22,594,000 completed in Saghar district of Ghor province. According to NSP Provincial Manager in Ghor province, these projects comprised of irrigation reservoirs, protection walls, a public bath, a micro hydro power station, irrigation canals, culverts and extension of water supply networks. Approximately, 2,058 families in different ... (More on P4)... (16)

40 Development Projects Completed in Kunar Province

KABUL - National Solidarity Programme of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD/NSP) on Sunday said that 40 development projects worth Afn 55,380,000 completed in Dara-e-Pech, Sarkani, Narang, Noorgal, Watapur and in a number of localities related to Asadabad the center of Kunar province. According to NSP Provincial Manager in Kunar province, these projects comprise the construction of irrigation canals designed to irrigate 1,220 jirabs of agricultural land, protection walls 4,199 meters in length, 102 meters of retaining walls, a micro hydro power station, an irrigation reservoir, 191 public baths, pavement of 4,870 meters of sidewalks, gravelling 109 kilometers of ... (More on P4)... (17)

8 Militants Killed in Premature Blast

ASADABAD - Some eight militants had been killed in a premature blast in Kunar province, police said on Sunday. "A total of eight Taliban militants were busy in building an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in a compound in Sawkhor locality of Nari district on Saturday. The IED device accidentally exploded, killing the eight on the spot," a provincial police source told Xinhua. The Taliban militant group



has been using IEDs to launch roadside bomb and suicide attacks against security forces. The mountainous province has been the scene of sporadic clashes between the militants and security force over the past couple of months. (Xinhua)

Missing Indian Youth Believed to Have Joined IS in Afghanistan

KABUL - An Indian youth who has gone missing from his hometown since October 30, 2015 might have joined the terrorist group of the Islamic State (IS) or Daesh in Afghanistan. Reports suggest that Ayaz Sultan, 23, from the Malwani area in Malad, northern Mumbai, had boarded a flight for Kabul. A study of WhatsApp messages from missing Ayaz Sultan to his friends has confirmed that he is with an Islamic State module in Afghanistan, India's The Hindu reports citing sources.



"Sultan has been in touch with a select few of his friends via WhatsApp after reaching Kabul. All of the conversations that he has been having are about radical thought and extremist views," a source in the Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) told The Hindu. According to The Hindu, Sultan keeps sending WhatsApp messages. (More on P4)... (15)



An Afghan army soldier holds his certificate during a graduation ceremony in Kabul on Sunday January 17, 2016. A total of 1,400 sergeants and soldiers, after completion of a four-month training course and receiving certificates, commissioned to the Afghan national army on Sunday. (Xinhua/Rahmat Alizadah)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Although the recent cosmic energy keeps spinning you in circles, wonderful experiences and amazing opportunities continue to open your eyes. In fact, you're not ready to let the good times slip away without one last attempt to capture the gold. Luckily, the stars are on your side now, but you could end up offending someone if you don't know when to quit.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Your trusty old senses are receiving data with great reliability today, but you can't seem to concentrate enough to take it all in. Unfortunately, you may easily step beyond your limits if you don't stop to listen to your inner adult. You could relinquish reasonable constraints now, only to realize later that your self-indulgent binge wasn't worth it. Even if you are craving more fun in your daily life.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It doesn't take much to be swept up in the excitement of a lovely distraction today, but it's wise to keep your feelings in perspective. You might end up wasting a lot of your time and energy if you can't figure out when to say no when your heart is saying yes. Unfortunately, acting responsibly is easier said than done now, for you're not likely to turn down an invitation if you think it offers the potential of pleasure.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You need every ounce of your concentration to keep your emotions under wraps today. However, it's crucial to create healthy boundaries so you can be more effective in the professional world. However, containing your moods won't make you feel them any less. In fact, you might be more inclined to stay in close touch with the passions of your heart once you realize.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You could be hiding something significant, yet the pressure to come clean is driving you close to the edge. You are probably ready to unload your burden as long as you find someone you can trust. Remember, the emotional rewards might be worth whatever stress you feel along the way. Instead of getting hung up in the potential discomfort of the present moment.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Your legendary ability to focus your thoughts and stay on point is tested today, but you would rather walk on the wild side now than stick to the familiar path. A conscious change of attitude may be required because you can see possibilities for delicious pleasure everywhere you look. You can't help but want to discover where your choices might lead. Nevertheless, folks are counting on you so it's best to put your blinders on if needed.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

A nagging sense of guilt pulls you out of your reverie today, motivating you to re-evaluate your priorities. It requires an enormous amount of strength to walk away from sweet pleasantries while beautiful Venus continues to cycle back into your dreams and fantasies. But it could take days to dig your way out of the hole you create if you let yourself fall into a self-indulgent trap.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You might be a slave to your previous promises now, since you have likely taken on more than you can accomplish. But there's no need to stress out; you're at the beginning of an industrious cycle where you are perfectly capable of performing mighty feats and possess the energy to deliver the goods. However, there may also be an internal whisper running on repeat today.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

The biggest problem with riding waves of unrestrained optimism is that you can land in a pile of trouble without even knowing it. You might see glimpses of a more realistic perspective now, but you're not willing to sacrifice your piece of blue sky just yet. While it's true that denial may put a smile on your face for a while, it won't make you very happy in the long run. Facing the truth is your only viable option.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

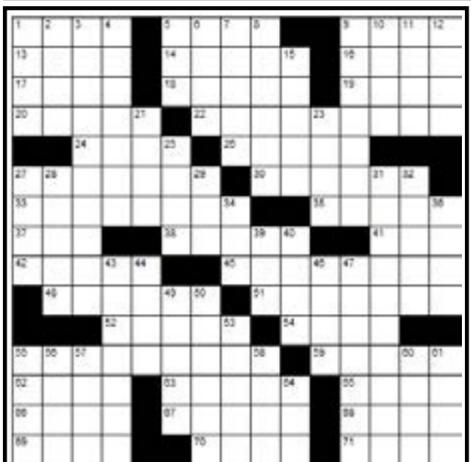
You may mistakenly believe you can sidestep a relationship dilemma today by just burying your head in the sand; however, escapist behavior will only take you so far. You could certainly end up with something to show for your work if you redirect all your attention toward a home-improvement project or an artistic pursuit. But left unattended, the underlying stress will only grow stronger throughout the day.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

There are chores to do that simply can't be delayed any longer. However, you still might try to slip in another round of procrastination if you think you can get away with it. Thankfully, your laissez-faire approach works in your favor now, enabling you to easily convince others that your plan makes sense. Nevertheless, overplaying your hand is a bad idea because you could lose the support of a trusted ally.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Although you are imagining every possible way you could enjoy yourself today, you're torn by a familiar tug-of-war between fun and responsibility. Your current lack of motivation makes the conflict even more annoying because you can think of so many other things you'd rather do before you finally take care of weekend chores still left undone. Instead of struggling with an all-or-nothing approach, strive to balance work with play.



Across
1. Light bulb unit, 5. Aquatic plant, 9. Burst of wind, 13. vera, 14. Exotic jelly flavor, 16. Chocolate cookie, 17. Roman deity, 18. Incited, 19. Applications, 20. Brusque, 22. Silkscreen, 24. Marcel Marceau was one, 26. Water vapor, 27. Adjust, 30. Surprisingly good, 33. Hypersensitive, 35. Cubic meter, 37. A law enforcement agency, 38. A jet of vapor, 41. Muck, 42. 1000 kilograms, 45. Conceding, 48. Small carnivorous mammal, 51. Kit for a baby, 52. Concerns, 54. Lease, 55. Hereinafter, 59. Hiding place, 62. False god, 63. Everglades bird, 65. Within, 66. Mobile phone, 67. Cut, 68. Stigma, 69. Leg joint, 70. Depend, 71. Small slender gull.

Down
1. Drift, 2. Wings, 3. Transparent gem, 4. Ductile, 5. Era, 6. Totes, 7. Measuring instruments, 8. Turns away, 9. Epicurean, 10. Constellation bear, 11. Dribble, 12. Nonsense (British), 15. French farewell, 21. Arab chieftain, 23. Openings, 25. Hens make them, 27. Flat float, 28. Arm joint, 29. Bite, 31. A payment of money, 32. Main impact, 34. Weep, 36. Border, 39. Be unwell, 40. 365 days, 43. Aircraft engine enclosure, 44. Brother of Jacob, 46. Caustics, 47. Tooth doctor, 49. Sea eagles, 50. Account book, 53. Wait on, 55. Bumpkin, 56. Biblical garden, 57. Part in a play, 58. Bobbin, 60. Sun, 61. Trumpet, 64. Attempt.

Yesterday's Solution
adverse, angry, apple, argue, aspects, awesome, beige, blizzard, bunch, commission, cosmic, criminal, crumble, dare, dime, disc, fierce, focus, fridge, fungus, goon, grind, horse, humor, iconic, limit, lounge, planet, premise, ransack.

