

# 3 Foreign ISIS Militants Killed in Achin District

KABUL - At least three foreign insurgents affiliated with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group loyalists were killed in an airstrike in East of Afghanistan.

According to a statement released by the provincial police commandment, the militants were killed in an airstrike carried out by the US forces in Achin district.

The statement further added that the airstrike was carried out late on Friday afternoon in Jawargar area and all those killed in the raid



are foreign insurgents.

No further details were given regarding the identities of the insurgents killed in the airstrike. This comes as local officials said Friday that four ISIS militants, including two Pakistanis and two Tajikistani militants were killed in a similar airstrike in this province. The anti-government armed militant groups including the loyalists of the terrorist group have not commented regarding the report so far.

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## Taliban's Magnetic Bomb Expert Arrested

KABUL - A key Taliban fighter expert in making magnetic bombs was arrested by the Afghan intelligence operatives in Jalalabad city, the provincial capital of Nangarhar province.

The National Directorate of Security (NDS) in a statement said the detained militant has been identified as Baryalai son of Mohammad Jalat Khan.

The statement further added that Baryalai was expert in making magnetic bombs besides he was conducting other insurgency activities including target killings and bombings.

Baryalai was looking to transport 6 magnetic bombs to Jalalabad city to target the civilian and military vehicles when he was arrested from Shah Amanullah town.

According to NDS, the intelligence operatives also confiscated two pistols with silencers from Baryalai.

The anti-government armed militant groups ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

## 2 Afghans Arrested in Delhi for Raping University Student



KABUL - Two Afghan citizens have been detained for sexually assaulting a 21-year-old student of the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in New Delhi.

A media report quoted police as saying on Friday that Twaab Ahmed and Suleman Ahmadi assaulted the student at a friend's residence in Green Park area on January 12.

Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police Chinmoy Biswal said the Afghan met the victim at a pub at Hauz Khas Village and took her to a flat, where they served her a sedative-laced drink.

The men raped the young woman when she fell unconscious, according to the IANS, which said police arrested the accused and remanded them in judicial custody on the victim's complaint.

*(Pajhwok)*

## Petrol, Firewood Prices Go up in Kabul

KABUL - The prices of firewood and petrol increased while that of flour and Arabia gold decreased during the just concluded week in capital Kabul, market sources said Saturday.

Sayed Islam, a firewood seller in Charahi Shahid square in Kabul city, told Pajhwok Afghan News the price of 560 kilograms of peeled oak increased from 6,600 afghanis to 6,800 afghanis and the price of the same quantity of cedar from 6,400af to 6,600af during the week. He said the demand for firewood and its price increased after the air

turned colder. Abdul Hadi, a filling station worker in Wazirabad, said a liter of petrol price increased from 45af to 46af while of the same quantity of diesel stood at 42af this week.

Ahmad Siar, a gas seller in Kolola Pushta area, that the price of a kilogram of the commodity stood at 50af, the same price as of last week's.

In food items, the price of only flour dipped. Food Traders Union head, Fazal Rahman, said the price of 49 kilograms of Kazakh flour dipped from 1,150af to 1,140af. But he said 49 kilograms



of Pakistani sugar cost 2,300af, 16 liter of Khurshid ghee 1,100af and 24.5kg of Pakistani rice 1,550af, the same prices as of last week's.

Haji Rahmatullah, a tea seller in Kabul Mandavi, sold a kilogram of Madina green tea for 240af and the same amount of African black tea for 260af.

But a retailer in Taimani area, Ahmad Sharif, sold a 49kg bag of Kazakh flour for 1,220af, a 49-kg ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

## 4 Rebels, Local Police Commander Killed

LASHGARGAH/SAR-I-PUL - Four Taliban militants and a local police commander have been killed in separate incidents in southern Helmand and northern Sar-i-Pul provinces, officials said on Saturday.

215th Maiwand Military Corps spokesman, Lt. Col. Mohammad Rasoul Zazai, told Pajhwok Afghan News the four militants were killed and three others wounded during a clash with security forces in Shamalan locality of the Garamsir district on Friday night.

Security forces suffered



no casualties in the battle, he said.

Sha Mohammad, a resident of the area, also confirmed the last night clash but had no figures for casualties on either side.

Separately, an Afghan local police commander, Koterma, was killed in a remotely controlled ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

## 2 Foreigners with Links to Taliban Detained in Sar-I-Pul

KABUL - At least 20 people were killed and nearly 50 others wounded in a blast at a vegetable market in Pakistan's northwestern tribal region of Kurram on Saturday morning.

"At least 20 people have been killed and 49 others wounded," Parachinar-based Political Agent Ikramullah Khan was quoted as saying by Dawn Newspaper. The blast resulted from an improvised explosive device (IED) concealed in a vegetable box. The Pakistan's Inter-Services Public Relations

(ISPR) said the explosion took place at 08:50am. In December, 2015 a similar blast in a makeshift market in Parachinar had killed 25 people. Lashkar-i-Jhangvi Al Alami and Anarul Mujahideen based in South Waziristan Agency, had claimed responsibility.

Kurram is one of the most sensitive tribal areas as it borders three Afghan provinces and at one point was one of the key routes for militant movements across the border.

It has witnessed scores of attacks and kidnappings

for ransom in the past several years.

The blast occurred in Eidgah Market, where people were busy purchasing vegetables. Soldiers had reached the site and cordoned off the area. Army helicopters evacuated the injured.

Sabir Hussain, a doctor at the main hospital in Parachinar, said 11 critically wounded people died during treatment. He said there were still several people in serious condition who are being shifted to other hospitals. *(Pajhwok)*

## 3 ALP Members Killed in Kapisa

MAHMOOD RAQI - Three Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel have been killed in a Taliban attack in the Najrab district of central Kapisa province, an official said on Saturday.

"The Taliban attack on ALP post happened midnight and continued till early morning in Chokan bazaar," said Qais Qaderi, the governor's spokesman.

The attack was effectively responded by security officials, but there is no information about the assailants' casualties. *(Pajhwok)*

## 2 Killed, 3 Wounded in Jawzjan Clash

SHIBERGHAN - A local policeman and a militant have been killed and three rebels wounded during a clash in northern Jawzjan province, an official said on Saturday.

Mohammad Reza Ghafoori, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the rebels and the APL personnel clashed in Jarjoq locality of the Qush Tapa district late on Friday night.

The Taliban have not yet commented about the incident.

Meanwhile, police found the dead body of one Muhibullah in Mankoti locality of Shiberghan, Jawz-



jan's capital, Ghafoori said.

The slain man from Mazar-i-Sharif, the capital of northern Balkh province, had been kidnapped a month ago. *(Pajhwok)*

## Outlook Horoscope

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



You are at ease with your emotions today and willing to stretch into new territory by sharing your inner process with someone you trust. But you're not just interested in reporting your feelings; you're hopeful that you'll learn something valuable in the exchange. However, you might want to bail when the conversation takes an unexpected turn.

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



You might think you're missing something important today because people's actions don't seem to align with their words. It's disconcerting when you can't trust your own senses, but the disparity may be in your logic rather than in someone else's behavior. Instead of spending time trying to find the missing puzzle pieces, just accept the paradox as part of the picture.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Although you're ready to swing into action as if you have all the answers, you're not surprised when you realize you need to refine your strategy. Fortunately, you're eager to accept new information, even if it means your initial plans must be scrapped. People like to be around you today because they are entertained by your mental agility; you gracefully change horses in midstream without getting wet.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Sometimes you are so wrapped up in your emotions that you don't even see how they are coloring your perceptions. Be wary of clinging to hurt feelings from the past because they can prevent you from experiencing the beauty of the present moment. It has been said that holding onto anger is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die.

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



You may act as if everything is copasetic today, but you're likely suppressing feelings you don't want to acknowledge. Unfortunately, your friends and family can see right through your veneer. They might not know the specifics of your emotional disconnection, but they'll fill in the missing information with their best guesses.

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



You want to count on the support of others today, but you can't get a clear reading on their intentions. Asking for help seems to be out of the question when you're afraid of being rejected. Nevertheless, there's no way to test the water without jumping in to see what happens. Although revealing your vulnerability isn't easy, the answer is automatically no until you lay your cards out on the table.

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



You won't likely share your action plan with anyone else today. Your quiet self-confidence could quickly vanish as soon as you open your mouth to talk about your ideas. It's best to just get on with your work; you don't owe anyone a detailed explanation of your methods. Accomplishing your goals is a simpler task when you're not on center stage in everyone's line of vision. Abraham Lincoln said, "Don't worry when you are not recognized."

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



Your secretive nature is at home in this emotionally charged planetary landscape. You correctly believe that it's better for everyone involved if you cool your passions now and process your feelings on your own. Impulsively expressing your thoughts will likely produce a high shock value, but won't go far toward settling the energy.

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



You might like to hide out at an undisclosed location today. You need some space away from the maddening distractions of life and a spiritual retreat will do the trick. It's not about how much alone time you get as long as you can separate yourself from your regular routine. But don't let your rejuvenating escape turn into a long-term absence. Flow with the emotional currents and let them carry you where they will.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You're on a straightforward mission today, but your psychic radar keeps receiving alien instructions that help you to navigate through parallel universes. Unfortunately, these higher dimensions don't manifest here on Earth, leaving you confused as to which way to turn next in the real world. Fortunately, human intervention is more useful now than high-tech tools. Your friends will surprise you with exactly the information you need.

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



You may extend your authority today and take control of a situation that's beginning to flounder. Although you can be quite domineering now, others won't seem to mind; in fact, they welcome your guidance since you actually appear to know what's going on. Your charisma might be so disarming that people step forward to offer their assistance.

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



You are in your watery element today as you swim through the dark uncharted depths of your subconscious. Although you cannot see what's ahead of you, your psychic sense is functioning on full-strength and fills in the details as you go along. Nevertheless, you still might be happily surprised when you end up somewhere very different than you expected. Poet W.B. Yeats wrote, "The world is full of magic things, patiently waiting for our senses to grow sharper."

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**Down**

1. Boyfriend, 2. Forsaken, 3. Utilized, 4. Type of cereal grass, 5. Entangle, 6. Waterfalls, 7. Commemoration, 8. Expunge, 9. Waif, 10. Protect by insurance, 11. France's longest river, 12. Exploded stars, 13. Disconcert, 21. Shrunken, 25. Poultry, 26. Close violently, 27. Cypher, 28. Food thickener, 29. Designation, 34. Mileage meters, 36. Nights before, 37. Collections, 38. Tall woody plant, 40. "Smallest" particle, 42. Ancient Roman magistrate, 45. Bumpkin, 48. Silver wattle, 51. To scatter about, 52. A kind of macaw, 53. Hermit, 55. Chatter, 58. Matured, 59. Kittens' cries, 60. Colored part of an eye, 61. Agreeable, 62. D D D D.

**Yesterday's Solution**

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