

# 20 ISIL Terrorists Killed in Airstrike East of Afghanistan

JALALABAD - At least twenty insurgents affiliated with the ISIL terrorist group were killed in an airstrike in Eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan. The Afghan Defense Ministry said in a statement that the airstrike was carried out during the past 24 hours, supporting the ongoing offensive to eliminate the threats posed by the terror group, Khaama press reported. A statement said the insurgents were targeted in the vicinity of Achin district, one of the main areas in Nangarhar where the ISIL loyalists are active in some of its parts. The anti-government armed militant groups have not commented regarding the report so far. Nangarhar is among the relatively calm ...*(More on P4)...(17)*



## ISIS Militants Suffer Casualties in US Drone Strike in Kunar Province of Afghanistan

KABUL - The militants of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group's offshoot in Afghanistan, ISIS Khurasan, suffered casualties in a drone strike conducted in eastern Kunar province of Afghanistan. According to the local government officials, the airstrike was carried out late on Thursday in the vicinity of Manogi district.

Provincial police spokesman Faridullah Dehqan said the US forces based in Afghanistan conducted an airstrike using unmanned aerial vehicle, targeting the ISIS militants in Manogi district. Dehqan further added that the information they have received indicates that three ISIS loyalists were killed and another one was ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

## Prince Charles, Camilla to Honour Canadian Soldiers who Died in Afghanistan



ONTARIO - The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall start the second day of their royal tour of Canada at CFB Trenton in eastern Ontario on Friday, and will honour soldiers who lost their lives in Afghanistan. They began their three-day

tour Thursday in Iqaluit, where they discussed revitalization of the Inuit language and visited Sylvia Grinnell Territorial Park. Prince Charles and Camilla plan to meet with members of the military at CFB Trenton, beginning at 11.15 a.m. ET. ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

## Bid to Kidnap Afghan Army Officer Turns Deadly for Militants in Logar

KABUL - A bid to abduct an officer of the Afghan national army in central Logar province, close to capital Kabul, turned deadly for the insurgents in this province as the militant appointed for the task was brutally shot dead by the army officer. According to the local government officials in Logar, the incident took place early on Wednesday in Khosh district. The provincial government media office in a statement also confirmed the report and said the insurgent given the task for the abduction of the army officer faced an unexpected reaction as he was trying to kidnap the army officer.

The statement further added that the incident took place in the vicinity of Qala-e-Safid area of Khosha district on Wednesday morning as the army officer was travelling in a vehicle and the militants were attempting to kidnap him. However, the bid turned deadly for the insurgents after the army officer used the opportunity to take out the gun and instantly kill the driver of the vehicle, apparently a member of the insurgents group, who was attempting to take him to the custody of the militants. (KP)

## Mattis Says US 'may have Pulled our Troops out too Rapidly' on Afghanistan

WASHINGTON - Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said Thursday at the NATO defense ministerial meeting in Brussels the U.S. may have cut the number of troops in Afghanistan "too rapidly" amid a resurgent Taliban. Mattis' remarks came as NATO agreed to send more forces in response to commanders' requests for as many as 3,000 troops to train and work alongside Afghan security forces. That number does not include an expected con-



tribution of almost 4,000 American forces, divided between the NATO mission and America's counterterrorism operations against Taliban, Al Qaeda and Islamic State militants in Afghanistan. Mattis said at a news conference after the meeting that he was pleased by allies' willingness to contribute more. The U.K. said it ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

## Afghanistan Announces Squad for the Historic Match against MCC

KABUL - The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) on Wednesday announced the national team squad for the upcoming historic match against the World's Best XI team, Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). The One Day International (ODI) match is scheduled to be played in Lord's of London, United Kingdom on 11th July. The squad for the match includes Asghar Stanikzai, Noor Ali Zadran,



Samiullah Shinwari, Mohammad Nabi, Shafiqullah Shafiq, Gulbadin Naib, Rashid Khan, Javed Ahmadi, Dawlat Zadran, Shapoor Zadran, Rahmat Shah, Afsar Zazai, Nasir Jamal, and Farid Ahmad Malik. The match has been scheduled for July 11th based on an agreement ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

## Nangarharis Face Unruly Traffic after Roads Closure

JALALABAD - Residents say several roads have been closed in the capital of eastern Nangarhar province for security reasons, creating inconvenience for local residents and commuters. Passengers on the Jalalabad-Torkham highway and residents of 11 districts of Nangarhar complain the closure of the airport road has created problems for them.

The road was closed after a car suicide bombing targeted a security post at the airport about a month ago. Another road leading to the governor's house in Jalalabad city has also been closed since a month following threats of attack.

An elderly woman, who walked several kilometers on a hot summer day to reach Torkham border town, angrily criticized government officials, saying the government was only concerned about itself.

Jan Mohammad, a resident of Momand Dara district of Nangarhar, said they had to travel on another road which was longer and insecure after closure of the road passing in front of the airport.

He said the government was paying no attention to people's concerns and even created problems for them.

Ghulam Jan, a resident of Lalpura district, also asked the government to resolve traffic problems. "The airport road is blocked from the first ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

## Six Farah Policemen Killed in Taliban Attack

KABUL - Farah officials said five Taliban were killed and nine others were wounded in the fight against police force members in Sheb Koh district on Thursday night.

At least six police force members were killed when a group of Taliban fighters attacked their check post in Sheb Koh district in Farah province, Farah police confirmed on Friday.

The incident took place on Thursday night, Farah police spokesman Eqbal Baher told TOLOnews.

Baher said that five Taliban fighters were killed and nine others wounded in the clash.

According to him, the police check post is named Karez Shekhan. Taliban is yet to comment on the report. (TolOnews)

## Outlook Horoscope

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



You may be annoyed with someone close to you who won't say exactly what's on his or her mind. You know there's more to the story and would prefer unspoken grievances to be out in the open. Nevertheless, the more you push, the more others retreat. Change your strategy completely by shifting your focus to something else.

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



You're willing to cooperate with others today, but only to a certain point. Although you carefully state your preferences and draw your boundaries, people still might want to push you further than you're willing to go. Unfortunately, your frustration can get in the way of a pleasant day, especially if you give in to someone else's wishes just to maintain the peace.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



It's tempting to feel one thing yet say something else today, especially if you're attempting to sidestep an unnecessary disagreement. Nevertheless, some differences are best resolved by talking about them before they grow into an irresolvable situation. Your feelings will not dissipate by pretending that everything is okay; in fact, a tiny molehill can quickly morph into a substantial mountain now if you slip into denial.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



It seems as if people disagree with you today no matter what you say, leaving you to consider a strategy based on non-communication. You're not in the mood to share your feelings with anyone because you don't want to waste time and energy defending your motives. However, keeping your plans to yourself enables everyone else to make assumptions without basing them on reality.

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



Your ambivalence about today's activities might be enough to drive everyone around you bonkers. Even if no one agrees with you, they just want you to commit to one plan or another. However, you might not have a preference because you can see the pros and cons to each option. Succumbing to emotional pressure might create more tension than you can stand.

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



You might spend an inordinate amount of time lost in your thoughts today as you try to determine your best move. Unfortunately, you may lose your opportunity to influence the dynamics of a current relationship if you wait too long to speak your truth. Logical thinking is usually one of your greatest strengths, but it could be a real obstacle to your happiness now. Set your rationalizations aside and just act from your gut.

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



Sometimes an argument escalates when someone tries to force a resolution to a complex issue. Like the mythical many-headed Hydra, each answer creates two new problems. You might be caught in the middle of a powerful difference of opinion today, and you can't untangle yourself from the melodrama. But your current determination to find the right solution to a serious conflict might only lead to resentment.

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



You could take a strong position on a heart-felt matter today, prompting everyone to agree or disagree with you. Ironically, you're much more flexible in your thinking now than you sound. Your false bravado may be part of a clever strategy to hide your lack of clarity. Unfortunately, your attempts at misdirection might backfire when you can't muster up the passion to defend

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



You see several different paths that could lead you into very different futures now, and you're unsure which version you like the best. Of course, people who are close to you have their own ideas and they're not hesitant to share them with you. But you might not like what you hear today, motivating you to dream about your future as you envision it, even if you feel unsupported by your friends and family.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You don't understand why people look to you for answers and then reject the truth you offer. It's as if someone is trying to set you up today, but you can see through their games. However, you're treading on dangerous ground now, because it's nearly impossible to tell what's originating from others and what's actually coming from within.

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

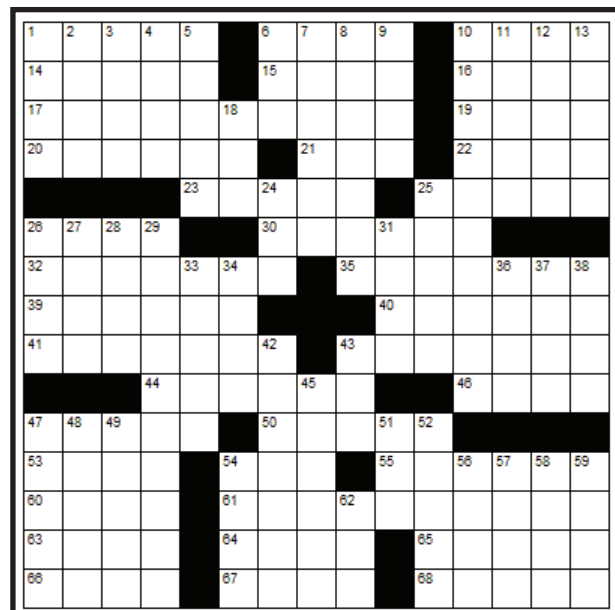


Although you may be entertaining a variety of possible adventures ahead, your current obligations prevent you from hitting the road today. In fact, there could be unspoken assumptions about your involvement in caring for someone in need. It's probably too soon to bring this delicate discussion out into the open, but it's prudent to prepare your talking points while there's still time.

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



You possess the ability to sink far deeper into emotional depths than others today and you're not afraid to wear a badge of honor upon your return. You want everyone to be aware of your courage while you make the most of your willingness to face your fears and limitations. However, your little journey into the underworld might not progress according to your expectations, prompting you to worry about the wisdom of your choices.



### Across

- 1. Corridors, 6. Nets, 10. Felines, 14. Expect, 15. Dwarf buffalo, 16. Egg-shaped, 17. Appalling, 19. Agreeable, 20. Acid neutralizer, 21. G, 22. Told, 23. Trolleys, 25. Openings, 26. Satisfy, 30. An evil supernatural being, 32. City on San Francisco Bay, 35. Feeling, 39. Gang fight, 40. Plunderer, 41. Levied, 43. Sickness, 44. Render harmless, 46. International trade agreement, 47. Start, 50. Pontiffs, 53. Bit of gossip, 54. Which person?, 55. Loutish, 60. A ridge of sand, 61. Nonphysical, 63. Biblical garden, 64. Bearing, 65. Negatively charged particle, 66. Exam, 67. Cushions or mats, 68. Factions,

### Down

- 1. Laugh, 2. Absent Without Leave, 3. Frolic, 4. Former Italian currency, 5. Supporting column, 6. Direction, 7. Conundrum, 8. Agueweed, 9. Wise one, 10. Agreeing, 11. Birdlike, 12. Implied, 13. Sleighs, 18. Coniferous tree, 24. American Dental Association, 25. Outspoken, 26. Indian dress, 27. Astringent, 28. Pack down, 29. Avatar, 31. A crumbling earthy deposit, 33. Shoemaker's awl, 34. DDDD, 36. Bright thought, 37. "\_\_\_ we forget", 38. At one time (archaic), 42. Water flea, 43. Evil spirit, 45. Absolutely still, 47. Anagram of "Debit", 48. Chopin composition, 49. Segments of DNA, 51. A very long period, 52. Heroic tales, 54. Weaking, 56. French for Finished or Done, 57. Footnote note, 58. Blackthorn, 59. Female chickens, 62. Autonomic nervous system

### Yesterday's Solution



acquiesce, await, better, bite, blast, bound, bunch, came, confederate, cute data, deal, delay, dwell, endure, energy, freedom, glass, grade, grime, heart, human, leave, letup, lively, loathe, molt, none, odium, patron, peach

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