

# Umar Khalifa Killed in US Forces Raid in Afghanistan

JALALABAD - A top Pakistani terrorist has been killed in a drone strike carried out by the US Forces in Afghanistan, the US Department of Defense (DoD) confirmed Thursday. Known terrorist leader Umar Khalifa was killed July 9 along with four other enemy combatants in a U.S. Forces-Afghanistan airstrike targeting Islamic State-Khorasan Province members in Afghanistan's Nangarhar province, Pentagon Press Secretary Peter Cook said in a statement issued today. Cook further added that Khalifa was a



terrorist leader with the Tariq Gidar Group. According to Cook, Khalifa orchestrated multiple terrorist operations in Pakistan to include the January 2016 attack on Bacha Khan University, the September 2015 Badaber Air Force Base attack, and the December 2014 Peshawar school attack that resulted in the deaths of more than 130 children. While this strike was taken pursuant to U.S. rules of engagement and counter-terrorism interests, the specific ...*(More on P6)...*(19)

## Taliban Gun Down 4 Wedding Guests in Paktika



SHARAN - Taliban militants shot dead four guests at a wedding party in the Sar Hawza district of southeastern Paktika province, an official said on Thursday. Provincial police chief Brig. Gen. Khalilullah Ziayee told Pajhwok Afghan News the rebels gunned down the four over their alleged connection to the government on Wednesday. He said all the slain persons were civilians and had no links with the government. A resident of the area, who declined to be named, said the Taliban came to the wedding party around 9pm last night. "They opened fire and killed four people including a former policeman," he said. Another resident of the area, Farid Ahmad, confirmed the deaths and said a fifth person was seriously injured in the incident. The Taliban have not commented on the incident yet. The attack comes amid increasing targeted killings in Paktika province, an issue that has concerned local residents. *(Pajhwok)*

## Ireland Beat Afghanistan to Level 5-Match Series 1-1

KABUL - Ireland defeated Afghanistan in their third One-Day International (ODI) match on Thursday, leveling the five-match series 1-1 after the second match between the sides washed out. After winning the toss, the Afghan skipper opted to bat in the 50 overs game at the Civil Service Cricket Club in Stormont, Belfast. Afghanistan made 336 runs with Shehzad Mohammad contributing 81 runs and Najib Zadran 61. Chasing 237, the hosts won the game in the 48th



over with 15 deliveries to spare as Ed Joyce hit an unbeaten 105 off 135 balls. Kevin O'Brien contributed an 85-ball 75 in a fourth-wicket stand of 144 with Joyce inside 29 overs. O'Brien and Barry McCarthy earlier took 3-28 and

## Daesh Radio Destroyed in Nangarhar, 12 Insurgents Killed

JALALABAD - Daesh radio station was destroyed and 12 insurgents were killed in separate drone strikes carried out by foreign troops in Nangarhar province, local officials said on Thursday. Attaullah Khogyani, spokesman for Nangarhar governor said that 12 Daesh rebels were killed in a foreign troops drone strike in Mohmand and Dara area in Achin district on Wednesday. A number of weapons related to Daesh were also destroyed in the raid. He added that other drone attack was carried



out in Kharawa area in Achin district that destroyed the propaganda radio of Daesh. Initial reports reveal that some of those working at the radio station were killed in the attack, he added. He did not provide further details about the operations. *(Tolonews)*

## Unknown Gunmen Kill Attorney in Dawlatabad

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Unknown gunmen shot dead an attorney near the centre of Dawlatabad district in northern Balkh province on Thursday, an official said. The attorney was attacked in the Dawlatabad district near the district headquarters before noon, a government official in Charbolak district said on the condition of anonymity. He said the gray-bearded attorney, Abdullah, was travelling in his car when unknown gunmen fired at his vehicle, killing him on the spot. The official said the slain attorney discharged his duty in both Dawlatabad and Charbolak districts. A resident of the area, Abdul Halim, said the attorney's car was also torched in the attack. The corpse of the attorney had been shifted to the ...*(More on P6)...*(21)

## 2 of A Family Gunned Down, As Many Injured in Kabul

KABUL - Unknown gunmen shot dead two persons and injured as many during separate but near simultaneous gun attacks in the 500-family area of central capital Kabul on Friday, police said. Kabul's 11th district police chief Col. Kabir Ahmad Barmak told Pajhwok Afghan News the shootings took place in the limits of the 11th and 15th security districts. He said the injured and the dead belonged to the same family. Gunmen in a car opened fire at two separate locations at the four family members, killing two of them and injuring the remaining two. "Two persons were attacked and killed in the 15th police ...*(More on P6)...*(22)

## Afghanistan Cricket Looking to Host ODI Matches in India

KABUL - The Afghanistan National Cricket Team is looking to host more One Day International (ODI) matches in its home ground in India. The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) officials are hope to schedule bilateral One-Day Internationals in India in a bid to arrange more fixtures against the full members. With the September 2017 cut-off fast approaching, Afghanistan need to play more ODIs to further their chances in order to qualify



for the 2019 Cricket World Cup, according to cricketworld.com The chief executive of ACB, Shafiq Stanikzai, told ESPNcricinfo that the board has sent a proposal to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to host bilateral fixtures in the country against the teams visiting India on an annual basis. "If we sign the MOU which we ...*(More on P6)...*(23)

## Tajikistani Terrorist Commits Suicide by Jumping into River in Badakhshan

FAIZABAD - A Tajikistani terrorist killed himself by jumping into a river before the Afghan intelligence operatives manage to arrest him. Another Tajikistan terrorist was among four arrested during an operation of the Afghan intelligence operatives in northeastern Badakhshan province. The Afghan Intelligence, National Directorate of Security (NDS), said the terrorists were arrested during an operation in Kof district. A statement by NDS said the terrorists have been identified as Sheikh Mohammad Esa a citizen of Tajikistan, Rohullah, Murtaza and Shahrullah who were fighting for the Taliban group. The statement further added that the group was involved in the harassment of the local residents and other terrorist activities in Badakhshan province. The Afghan intelligence operatives confiscated four Ak-47 rifles along with a GPS equipment from he detained militants, NDS said. According to NDS, another Tajikistani terrorist jumped into river and killed himself before he was arrested by the Afghan intelligence. The anti-government armed militant groups have not commented regarding the report so far. *(KP)*

### Outlook Horoscope

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

It's as if you lost the ability to tell the difference between enough and too much. You may be reflecting on your own personal version of the global meltdown where all signs are blindly pointing down the Road of Excess. Nevertheless, you might want to limit your indulgent proclivities before finding yourself in an awkward predicament.

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

It makes you nervous when your adrenaline heats up your blood. You normally seek freedom by creating practical plans, but now they only bore you. You might surprise your friends with your new outlook as you strive to squeeze more into your weekend. Although others see you in a different light, you're not as comfortable with all the fanfare as you seem.

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

You have slipped into a cosmic grace period when people seem to enter your life just to make it better. Naturally, there's no resistance on your part; you like the idea of participating in activities just for the fun of it. But you might need to make some tough choices because you can't say yes to everything. Take cues from your environment; the flow of events will lead you in the right direction today.

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

Your big plans for the weekend might sound like a dream come true, but first you must make it through today's list of chores. Unfortunately, piles of work prevent you from jumping into play mode too soon. Nevertheless, you can't stop your brain from planning for the good times to come while the Moon influences your 6th House of Logistics.

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

You're eager to finish up your chores because the Moon's shift into your 5th House of Fun and Games is inviting you out to play. Although you might not be free to call your own shots until you finish your work, nothing can stop you from imagining all the fun that's just around the corner.

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

Fighting the temptation of inflated thinking is one of your recognized skills, but today it will require a consistent high level of concentration. Thankfully, you're up for the task while your key planet Mercury challenges bombastic Jupiter in your sign. You are walking a fine line between optimism and realism now. Keep in mind that "practical" is not a dirty word. It just takes a little more creativity to imagine castles in the air while

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

A sweetness of spirit permeates your day but it can quickly turn sour if you are too greedy. Indulging your senses is a well-earned luxury now as long as you know when to stop. Although Mae West said, "Too much of a good thing can be wonderful," it's just not true for you today. Basking in a lovely experience is fabulous, but pushing your limits too far leads to disaster. Get ahead of the curve by practicing moderation before it's too late.

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

You're anticipating some overdue downtime, yet still may need to juggle work and play today. Performance art takes on an entirely new meaning now as you share your ideas about the future. But knowing your audience is absolutely crucial or you could ramble on endlessly about something that isn't even of interest.

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

Although the weekend is quickly approaching, you might be required to reverse your priorities by indulging yourself early in the day and settling down to work later in the evening. Nevertheless, you're restless and on the lookout for your next adventure while the Moon is visiting your expansive sign. Additionally, prosperous Jupiter is in the spotlight, inspiring you to reinvest in an idea or a person.

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

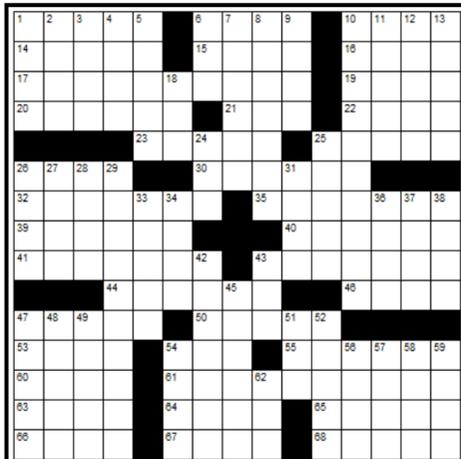
Your external success is dependent upon your internal housekeeping today. For someone who likes to keep your world orderly, it might be more constructive if you let some corner of your domain remain completely chaotic now. This uncharacteristic behavior is a metaphor that gives you permission to leave your imagination raw and wild.

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

You're enjoying the company of your friends and colleagues so much today that it's difficult to get back to unfinished business. But it's absolutely imperative that you live up to your professional commitments now because your forward progress will be inhibited until you do. Nevertheless, your enthusiasm can work in your favor if you imagine the fun times ahead as a reward for a job well done.

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

Everything at work is flowing so smoothly today that you might begin to wonder if you're missing something. The truth is you could easily overlook an important piece of information that will be crucial later on. Don't assume you have all the answers. Asking a friend or colleague for advice gives you the perspective you need to you can turn a pretty good day into one that rocks your world.



#### Across

- Lit to a higher degree, 6. Money owed, 10. Flat float, 14. Earlier in time, 15. Paris airport, 16. Arab chieftain, 17. A riotous brawl, 19. Ancient marketplaces, 20. Black Sea port, 21. Female deer, 22. Regretted, 23. Typewrote, 25. Analyze syntactically, 26. Bristle, 30. Bloated, 32. Advanced screening, 35. Artificial tooth, 39. Have in mind, 40. Makes amends, 41. Adolescent, 43. Fables, 44. Metamorphic rock, 46. Oxen's harness, 47. Jibe, 50. Songs for two, 53. Study hard, 54. Mouth (British slang), 55. Inequitable, 60. Kid, 61. Fealty, 63. Portent, 64. Foot digits, 65. Moon of Saturn, 66. A musical pause, 67. Picnic insects, 68. Small slits.

#### Down

- Style of hairdo, 2. Goad, 3. Connects two points, 4. Charged particles, 5. Secret meeting, 6. To make a fool of (archaic), 7. Worn away, 8. Of unmixed ancestry, 9. Kid, 10. Recalcitrant, 11. French for "Love", 12. Infernos, 13. Exchange, 18. Alcove, 24. Church bench, 25. Kind of bean, 26. Expectoration, 27. Sea eagle, 28. French for "Head", 29. Vengeful punishment, 31. Food from animals, 33. Absurd, 34. Border, 36. Pearly-shelled mussel, 37. Stink, 38. Being, 42. An apparition, 43. South southeast, 45. Sublease, 47. He plays a role, 48. Filth, 49. Scrapes gently, 51. Pull, 52. Piques, 54. Nurse shark, 56. Prison, 57. "Do \_\_\_ others..." 58. Leave in a hurry, 59. 10 10 10 10, 62. S.

#### Yesterday's Solution

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basket, bind, bore, butler, chain, eagle, effort, entry, fudge, giddy, goatle, halter, important, lumber, manor, mortgagem, night, normal, note, number, office, other, prince, raid, rear, reckon, reef, ridicule, roast, rumble, sinister, something, sore, spear, topics, trace.

