

US Forces in Afghanistan Confirm Killing IS Senior Commander

KABUL - A senior commander of Islamic State (IS) has been killed following a US airstrikes in eastern Kunar province of Afghanistan, US forces in Afghanistan said in a statement released on Saturday. "US Forces-Afghanistan confirms that Abu Sayed, the Emir of Islamic State, Khorasan Province in Afghanistan was killed in a strike on the group's headquarters in Kunar Province on July 11," said the statement. "This operation is another success for defeating IS in Afghanistan", the statement said. "Abu Sayed was the third IS leader we have killed since the last year and we will continue until they are annihilated," NATO-led Resolute Support mission commander Gen. Nicholson said ...*(More on P4)...(11)*



Taliban Kidnaps Eight Soldiers in Badghis

KABUL - The soldiers were kidnapped after a group of insurgents attacked their check post in Ab Kamari district of Badghis on Friday night. Taliban insurgents kidnapped eight Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers on Friday night from a check post in Badghis province, local officials said Saturday. Governor of Badghis, Mohammad Anwar Ishaqzai, confirmed the incident and said a Taliban commander, along with a number of his fighters, attacked a check post in Ab Kamari district on Friday night. He said the insurgents captured the soldiers and took them and their weapons. According to officials, there is no news so far of their whereabouts. In a separate incident early Saturday, the Taliban killed four policemen in Zabul province. They also made off with their weapons and took with them two police Ranger vehicles.*(Tolonews)*

Two Suicide Bombers Shot Dead by Afghan Forces in Paktia Province

KABUL - The Afghan security forces foiled a deadly suicide attack plot by the anti-government armed militant groups in southeastern Paktia province. According to the local security officials, two suicide bombers who were looking to carry out suicide attacks in the provincial capital Gardez city, were shot dead by the security forces before they manage to reach their target. Provincial police spokesman Sardar Mohammad Tabasum confirmed that the two suicide bombers were killed on Friday in Kabul Lane area. He said the two suicide bombers were shot dead as they were attempting to escape from a police check post. The anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban insurgents have not commented regarding the report so far. ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

9 Daesh Rebels Eliminated in Nangarhar Offensive

JALALABAD - Nine Daesh or Islamic State (IS) rebels have been killed during Afghan forces air and ground offensive in the Pacheragam district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Saturday. Police spokesman Hazrat Hussain Mashraqiwal told Pajhwok Afghan news nine IS fighters were killed and 5 other were injured during Afghan forces operation in the past 24 hours in Pacheragam. Foreign members of IS were also among dead during the offensive, he added. Due to growing insecurity security forces have launched offensive against insurgents in Pacheragam and Chaparhar district, he said. Daesh have not commented about recent incidents of violence. *(Pajhwok)*

Four Policemen Killed in Zabul

QALAT - Officials said the Taliban fled the area after the attack and took with them the bodies of the dead policemen. At least four policemen were killed in a clash with Taliban in Zabul province, local officials said Saturday. Zabul security officials confirmed the incident and said that Taliban opened fire on police early Saturday morning close to Qalat city. Security officials said that one other policeman was wounded. Security officials said the Taliban fled the area with police Rangers and ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Uzbek Snipers Kill 3 Faryab Uprising Members

MAIMANA - Local officials in northern Faryab province on Saturday said Uzbekistani militants in Afghan Taliban ranks used advanced weapons designed for long range shooting in targeting Afghan security forces. Three uprising fighters (tribal militia) were shot dead on Saturday morning and a fourth injured in Khwaja Sabz Posh district, said Abdullah Masumi, the district chief. He told Pajhwok Afghan News the uprising members had been hit from a long range in a desert area. ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

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Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Your current restlessness triggers impulsive behavior, but doing nothing is smarter now than doing the wrong thing. You can convince yourself that putting a sensible deal together will work out well for everyone involved, but your intentions are not necessarily supported by your choices today. Lay low until the emotional storms blow over.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You have a few tricks up your sleeves today and it's prudent to keep an ace in the hole for when you need it. You are currently thinking about the big picture, but concentrating your focus leads to more concrete accomplishments. Nevertheless, narrowing your vision too much might be just as counterproductive as overextending your reach.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You're thrilled by all the social activity today, but it may become so demanding that you're tempted to do a major disappearing act. Unfortunately, in the absence of others, you still can't hide from yourself. You might judge yourself harshly because of your shortcomings in the real world. Nevertheless, making friends with all sides of your personality can heal your relationship karma on many levels.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You don't want to perform in public today, but circumstances might require you to be in the spotlight anyhow. Fortunately, you possess enough confidence to do what is expected of you, regardless of your personal preferences. Once you overcome your initial resistance, you could even enjoy being the center of attention for a while.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Your words seem to be clear and to the point, but it's possible that there's a whole subtext that you're avoiding today. Although others might have no idea that your message is only part of the story, they'll eventually realize something is amiss because your actions don't quite match with what they hear now.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You may spend a lot of time today reflecting on your changing values. You're secretly concerned that your core beliefs don't fit in with those of most of your friends and family. But keeping your desires to yourself doesn't fix the underlying issue; it only buries the tension deeper, making it more difficult to uncover later on. The road could get rough for a bit if you choose to confront others with your differences now.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Your attempts to keep relationship dynamics from melting down may seem more futile as the day unfolds. At first, you're able to adapt to each emotional challenge as it demands your attention. But something happens after a few go-arounds; your patience wears thin and you can't continue smiling your way through this charade.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Your emotions are so volatile today that they could frighten you into temporary silence. Thankfully, you'll find your voice again sooner than you expect. But in the meantime, you must find a way to process your stress without going all the way back to square one every time someone says something that sets you off again.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



There's no holding you back today, even if you know you're stepping over the line. You are enthusiastic about showing up in fine form and are unconcerned about offending people with the truth as you see it. However, your cavalier attitude may lead to a situation where you'll be apologizing later on. Remember, you can still be honest without being hurtful. Taking full responsibility for your own emotions frees you from projecting your disappointments onto anyone else.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You might not be able to run away from love today, but you're not sure you're ready to share your heart with someone new. Feelings grow complicated if you think another person is pushing too hard or progressing too fast. Communication can be strained if you erect arbitrary boundaries to protect your heart. But there's a fine line between maintaining emotional security.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



You can't prevent your schedule from falling apart today; random changes demand radical solutions. Trying to rigidly cling to an unmanageable agenda only makes matters worse now. Follow the course of least resistance and let your entire calendar fall like a house of cards. Once the stress of keeping up appearances is gone, you're free to recreate your day to your liking.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



There can be a wide gulf between what you intend to say today and the words that actually slip out of your mouth. It's as if there is an impenetrable wall that makes your final message invisible to you until after you speak your piece. You might even be surprised when you compare what others tell you they heard with what you believe you said. Remember, good communication fosters healthy relationships.

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