14 ISIS Killed as Airstrikes and Artillery Units Pound ISIS Targets in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - At least fourteen militants affiliated with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group were killed during the operations in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan.

The militants were targeted in the vicinity of Achin district of Nangarhar which was once of the main strongholds of the terror group.

The provincial government media office in a statement said the operations were conducted in the past 24 hours with the support of the air forces and artillery units of the Afghan national army.

The statement further added that the militants were targeted in Pekha area of Achin district and several foreign insurgents are also among those killed.

According to the officials, some heavy and light weapons used by the terror group were also destroyed during the operations.

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US Forces Camp Engulfed in Fire Near Pul-I-Alam

PUL-I-ALAM - A US forces' oil reservoir was engulfed in fire on Tuesday in Pul-i-Alam, the capital of central Logar province, after a rocket hit the facility, an official said.

Governor's spokesman Saleem Saleh told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban fired a rocket that struck a US forces' oil reservoir in Altaimor locality at around 2:00pm.

He said efforts were underway to control the blaze on the American forces forward operation base Shank near the provincial capital, Pul-i-Alam, but it would be difficult to douse the fire soon.The official said the entire US forces camp was engulfed in the huge fire which was so powerful and seemed beyond control. (Pajhwok)

5 Faryab Police Killed, 1 Captured in Taliban Attack

MAIMANA - Five policemen have been killed and a sixth captured by Taliban in the Qaisar district of northwestern Faryab province, an official said on Tuesday.

The district chief, Abdul Jamil Siddiqi, told Pajhwok Afghan News the militants stormed security check-post in Qaisar late on Monday night.

He said five policemen were killed and one captured in injured condition by the insurgents. One check-post also fell to the assailants.

A local official, who declined to be named, claimed ...(More on P4)...(15)

Balkh Farmers Charged 'Extra' Taxes on Goods' Transfer

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Farmers in northern Balkh province say the municipality has imposed taxes on transportation of their agriculture harvests in areas it has leased out.

The farmers in Char Bolak, Chamtal, Balkh and Dawlat Abad districts said they had to pay taxes at various locations near the provincial capital, Mazae-i-Sharif, on the transfer of their goods to the city.

The municipality acknowledges the issue and says farmers should pay the levy in line with the municipality's policy not more.

A tribal elder in Char Bolak district, Haji Mohammad Iqbal Yaqubi, told Pajhwok Afghan News farmers were charged more than the actual lease tax.

"People have to pay them the money to protect their honor. The municipality ...(More on P4)...(16)

Taliban Offensive Kills 5 Policemen in Northern Afghanistan

PUL-E-KHUMRI - An Afghan official says that five policemen were killed and another six were wounded in a fierce battle with the Taliban after the insurgents launched a three-pronged push in the northern Baghlan province.

Police official Amir Gul Hussainkhil says the police repelled the Taliban assault in Baghlan's Jaded district on Tuesday but that the fighting was intense and is still underway in some areas.

The Taliban, meanwhile, claimed in a statement that they killed several members of the Afghan security forces and wounded ...(More on P4)...(17)

Suspected Parliament Attackers to be Rearrested

KABUL - A Wolesi Jirga or lower house member on Tuesday said he had been assured by the National Directorate of Security (NDS) that the five suspects who wanted to attack the parliament would be rearrested.

Mirdad Najrabi, who heads the house internal security commission, had said a week back a number of suspected men -- probably terrorists – were detained by security forces after they tried to enter the parliament building.

Since their detention, Meshrano Jirga Chairman Fazal Hadi Muslimyar had repeatedly contacted security forces to release the suspects without knowing their motive behind entering the parliament, he said.

A day earlier, Wolesi Jirga asked the internal security commission of the house to summon the NDS chief to provide information about the case.

Haji Hazrat Ali, a lawmaker from eastern Nangarhar province, told reporters here that the NDS had assured him that the ...(More on P4)...(18)

Civilians among 14 Dead in Herat Blast, Clash

HEART CITY - Three civilians and 11 Taliban were killed in a roadside bomb blast and a clash in western Heart province on Tuesday, an official said.

Jailani Farhad, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News three civilians, including children were killed in early morning blast in Shindand district.

Farhad claimed the landmine was planted by the Taliban which killed innocent people.

Separately, 11 Taliban were killed and 13 others wounded in a clash with security forces in the Chasma locality of Shindad district, he said.

He added four security personnel were injured during the gun battle. A number of militants from Farah province joined the Taliban in the clash. ...(More on P4)...(19)

Taliban's Deputy Shadow Governor for Kunduz Killed in Airstrike

KABUL - A police official confirmed that the deputy shadow governor and three other insurgents died after their vehicle was targeted in an airstrike.

Taliban's deputy shadow governor for Kunduz Mawlawi Nooruddin was killed along with three other insurgents in an airstrike in Kunduz city on Monday afternoon, police officials confirmed.

The airstrike took place in a suburb of Kunduz city after the Afghan Air Force targeted a vehicle Mawlawi Nooruddin was traveling in, the police commander of northeastern zone of Afghanistan, Khalilullah Zeyaye, said.

"Zabihullah Majroh, former Taliban's district governor for Chahardara district is also among the dead," Zeyaye said.

However, he did not provide further details about the airstrike. (Tolonews)

Kabul Elevator for the Disabled Remains Unused

KABUL - A lift made three years ago for the disabled people in the Department of Labour and Social Affairs remains unused and has started to get damaged, a member of the Meshrano Jirga claimed on Tuesday.

Nisar Ahmad Haris, head of the Senate Public Welfare Commission, told Pajhwok Afghan News the issue raised by officials of the department in a meeting with the panel's members on Monday.

According to him, three years ago, a special elevator was installed in the building of the department in the Old Macro Ryan area in the 16th police district.

The lift, which was operated only on the day of inauguration, had since been abandoned, he said.

Haris linked the situation to weak management and corruption in the administration, demanding the authorities concerned should be held accountable.

But Abdul Fatah Ashrat Ahmadzai, spokesman for the relevant ministry, denied the lift was damaged after its inauguration day. The disabled used the vertical transport facility to move between the first and third floors of the ...(More on P4)...(20)

Outlook Horoscope

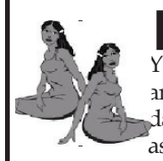
Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You hope to extend the good times for a few more days, but you can feel the weight of unfulfilled promises demanding your attention. You are eager to maintain a positive attitude about everything you do while the lighthearted Gemini Moon visits your 3rd House of Communication. Nevertheless, you can't put off the inevitable; the sooner you

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

There are many intriguing ideas floating around in your head now, and it's up to you to pick one that leads to success. You are in the process of shifting gears but you might not be sure yet which direction you're going. Nevertheless, change is already afoot, but it will take months for the larger picture to become clear. There's no reason to force a choice prematurely. Continue

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You might think you already have the answers to all of your questions, but today you realize the folly of your faulty assumption. In fact, your newfound awareness may be prompted by a close friend or partner who asks a seemingly innocent question. Nevertheless, it's serious enough that it could ultimately alter your perspective. Don't waste time blaming others for your lack of success. Set ambitious new goals and

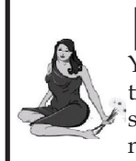
Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You are enthusiastic about your long-term goals now, even if you have little time to think about them. It's not that you're a glutton for punishment, but you are in a production-minded phase and want something substantial to show for your efforts. However, you're probably not quite ready to announce your plans for what's next. Put the finishing touches on your professional agenda so you can

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your friends can't get a word in edgewise today because you have so much you want to share with them. The chatty Gemini Moon takes up residence in your 11th House of Social Activities, increasing your time spent in the conversational spotlight while also attracting people with unconventional ideas. But you won't likely say anything too controversial until your research is

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Your world has suddenly grown extra noisy, triggering you to think about how you can restore peace to your surroundings. But you're not easily sidetracked by someone's clever words or possible quick fixes today. You're committed to finding a long-lasting answer that deals with the problem on a very fundamental level. Thankfully, your analytical powers are quite strong now; stick with your commitment to improve your environment. Remember

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You're eager to finalize plans for a little getaway, but you might run into a glitch trying to coordinate all the details with everyone involved. There may be basic logistics that need sorting out today, especially if schedules are not in sync. Fortunately, resolution is relatively easy as long as everything is discussed early in the process.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You get an odd kick out of talking about the very issues that tend to scare others in the light of day. In fact, your approach to deep and meaningful conversation often thrives on bringing up topics that are sensitive or controversial. Nevertheless, you have good reason for broaching subjects that a casual acquaintance might avoid, since you hope to shine

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Everyone seems to be talking out of both sides of their mouths, making it currently impossible to trust what you hear. The trickster Gemini Moon is stirring up trouble in your 7th House of Others, creating the illusion of lots of words that are disconnected from one another. Meanwhile, you're less interested in clever gossip now that you are hoping to take one heartfelt discussion to a transformational place. No one can deny your intense perspective if they converse with you today.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

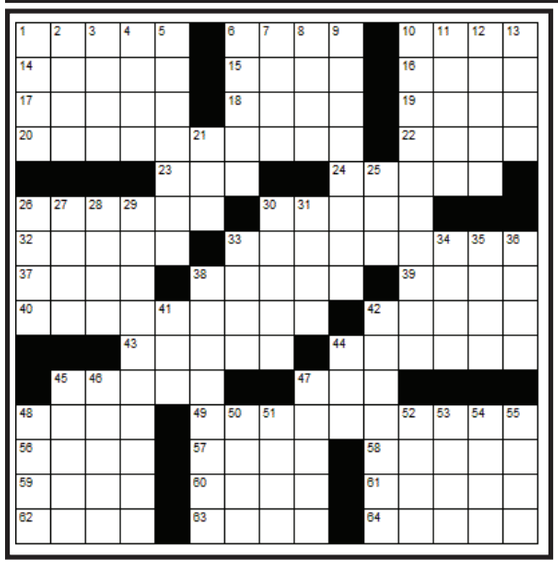
Although there are plenty of tasks on your plate today, you are focused and eager to accomplish as much as you can. Rather than scattering your energy, rational Mercury's trine to persistent Saturn blesses you with the right stuff to finish whatever you start. The key to your current success is taking enough time at the beginning of the day to think through all the logistics and create the

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You might not be very motivated to work hard today. You wish you could escape from your previous commitments and enjoy the whimsical Gemini Moon's presence in your 5th House of Fun and Games. However, an attitude adjustment could make you more practical when a serious wave of energy washes over you. Fortunately, you're smart enough not to resist; talking to

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You're bouncing around from one thought to another today, but your mental chaos is shielded from others. Instead, your peers see you as singularly focused on getting ahead at work. There's no doubt about it, you are determined to reach your goals and demonstrate your commitment to excellence. However, it's your reputation for reliability that enables you to explore your imagination without being hassled by peo-



Across

1. Stave, 6. ___ du jour = Meal of the day, 10. Shower, 14. Greetings, 15. Mentally irregular (slang), 16. Doing nothing, 17. Relieves, 18. Region, 19. French for "Black", 20. Sleepiness, 22. Alumnus, 23. Type, 24. Domesticated, 26. Enlist, 30. Grave marker, 32. Eyelets 33. Athlete, 37. A type of liquid food, 38. Howls, 39. Pipe, 40. Discomfited, 42. Solidifies 43. Dog-___, 44. Rapscallion, 45. Sail supports, 47. A common cyst, 48. Charged particles 49. According to custom, 56. 62 in Roman numerals, 57. Bit of gossip, 58. Not dead, 59. Large luxurious car, 60. Ceremonial splendor, 61. Varnish ingredient, 62. Observed, 63. Neuter, 64. Abominable snowmen,

Down

1. Outbuilding, 2. Rip, 3. As well, 4. Took flight, 5. Dinosaur bones, 6. Board, 7. Wisdom, 8. Cards with 1 symbol, 9. Kitchen appliances, 10. Master of ceremonies, 11. Love intensely, 12. Homeric epic, 13. Egghead, 21. Sick, 25. Altitude (abbrev.), 26. If not, 27. Midday, 28. Debauchee, 29. Subjugation, 30. Caught a glimpse of, 31. Informed, 33. Satisfy, 34. Think (over), 35. Competent, 36. Where a bird lives, 38. Cruisers and destroyers, 41. Big wine holder, 42. First month, 44. Animal doctor, 45. Daring, 46. Japanese cartoon art, 47. Weak and ineffectual, 48. Ailments, 50. At the peak of, 51. Chancel, 52. Away from the wind, 53. Enumerate, 54. 57 in Roman numerals, 55. Cravings, ,

Yesterday's Solution

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