

Faryab: 120 Pro-Govt Fighters Surrender to Taliban

As many as 120 pro-government uprising members have joined the Taliban in the Kohistan district of northwestern Faryab province, an official said on Monday.

MAIMANA - Abdul Karim Yourish, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the surrendering fighters were among more than 200 security personnel besieged by the Taliban after the fall of the Kohistan district centre. He, however, added some security personnel, led by Naser and Sulaiman Rahmani, managed to flee the area. They arrived in Ghor and are currently fighting against the Taliban alongside police and commando forces in Khairabad Qala. Yourish continued the security forces planned to retake Lolash. Rahmani, meanwhile, confirmed Naser and he managed to flee the area with 60 other personnel. Hitting out...*(More on P4)...(13)*



Taliban Teams Check Vehicles on Zaranj-Dilaram Road

ZARANJ - The Taliban have tasked their mobile teams with checking cars and passengers on the Zaranj-Dilaram highway in Khashrud district of southwestern Nimroz province, said local officials on Monday. Mohammad Hashim Noorzai, the district chief for Khashrud district, said the Taliban teams a day earlier pulled 10 passengers from a car en route to Nimroz from Herat and Kandahar provinces. A passenger, Gul Ahmad, who arrived from Herat in Zaranj, the provincial capital, said the Taliban had created checkpoints near Khash city. "They check passengers of every car to identify people working for the government," he added. ...*(More on P4)...(14)*



Prominent Taliban Leader Mawlawi Shahidullah Killed in Kunduz Airstrike

KABUL - A prominent leader of the Taliban group has been killed during the air and ground operations in northern Kunduz province of Afghanistan. According to the local security officials, Mawlawi Shahidullah was killed during the operations conducted late on Saturday night. A spokesman for the 20th Pamir Division in North-eastern parts of the country Nazar Mohammad Ghiasi said the operations were conducted in Kunduz city, Qala-e-Zal, and Khanabad districts. He said at least 17 Taliban insurgents were killed during the operations and 15 others were wounded. Ghiasi further added that Mawlawi Shahidullah was one of the prominent leaders of the Taliban in Kunduz province who had a major role in the destructive activities. The Taliban insurgents group has not commented regarding the report so far. Kunduz is among the relatively volatile provinces in northern Afghanistan where the Taliban insurgents are actively operating in its various districts and often carry out insurgency activities. The Afghan security forces are busy conducting counter-terrorism operations in various restive districts of Kunduz, including the strategic Kunduz city as the Taliban insurgents are attempting to expand their insurgency in this key province. *(KP)*

Nangarhar Residents Claim Foreign Airstrike Targeted Civilians

KABUL - Officials say Daesh militants were killed in the airstrikes but acknowledge a delegation has been sent to investigate the claims. Residents of Haska Mena district of Nangarhar province said on Monday that a foreign forces airstrike on Sunday killed eight civilians and wounded ten others. "People had gathered in Meyaje Baba area for a prayer ceremony when foreign forces bombed them and killed lots of people and now we brought a number of wounded people to the hospital," said Neyaz a resident of Haska Mena. Relatives of the wounded civilians, who are in a Jalalabad city hospital, said the airstrike mostly affected civilians. "According to my information eight people were killed including a woman and ten others were wounded. Such airstrikes should be stopped and the safety of civilians must be considered seriously," said Asmatullah Shinwari a parliament member. But Nangarhar police said that civilian casualties will be determined after an investigation by a delegation sent to investigate the airstrike. "Daesh was using civilian houses and ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

40 ISIS Militants Killed, Wounded in East of Afghanistan



JALALABAD - At least 40 militants affiliated with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group's offshoot, ISIS Khurasan, were killed during the operations in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan. The provincial government media office in a statement said the militants were killed or wounded during the ground operations and airstrikes in Haska Mina district. The statement further added that 25 militants in-

cluding their three commanders were killed and 15 others were wounded. The militants were killed after they launched an attack on the Afghan forces during a clearance operation in Miaji Baba area of Haska Mina district, the statement said, adding that the Afghan forces were busy in clearance operations in Rod Khana, Char Wazi, Dand Khana, Mariz and Miaji Baba areas when the clashes started. According to the local officials, the clashes started after the ISIS militants engaged the security forces from the residential houses where they had taken shelter. The operations were conducted with the support of the airpower. ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Statement by the Spokesperson on the Attacks and Civilian Casualties in Afghanistan

BRUSSELS - Afghanistan has started, a long time ago, a difficult path towards peace. It often happens that those that oppose this process try to undermine it. This has happened again yesterday in the Taywara district of Ghor and today in Kabul. The European Union expresses its deepest condolences to the families of those who were killed in these attacks and wishes a speedy recovery to the many people wounded. The targeting of civilians, particularly doctors and patients in a hospital, is a clear breach of international humanitarian law. The European Union continues to stand by the Afghan authorities and people in the fight against terrorism and to support their efforts to build a peaceful and prosperous future for all Afghan citizens. *(PR)*

Pashto Singer Zarsanga Injured During Dispute over Money

KABUL - According to news reports a dispute over money led to the assault on the popular singer and her two sons on Saturday. Popular Pashto singer Zarsanga and her two sons were wounded during a dispute at their house in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Saturday, Dawn News reported. The incident occurred on Saturday afternoon when five men entered their house in Azakhel Bala village of Nowshera district. According to police a dispute over money led to the assault. Azakhel police station officials said once they have received the medical report they will register the case. Dawn News reported that the five suspects had been arrested but were released on bail of 50,000 Rupees each. Police said both parties registered complaints against each other and that some of the suspects had also been wounded in the incident. According to police, the group of men reportedly went to Zarsanga's house to collect money owed to them by her sons. A brawl between both parties ensued. Dawn News reported that Zarsanga and her sons were taken to hospital for treatment but later discharged. Zarsanga and her sons told media that ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



There is a lot to do today and you are eager to demonstrate your competence. You want everyone to see how successful you can be when you put your heart and soul into your work. But you're not planning on going quietly off into the shadows; you still seek the spotlight where you can put on your dog-and-pony show.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



It's as if a cloud of uncertainty is lifting and you finally see clearly into the distance. Fortunately, you can take your bearings and chart a course to your next destination with the confidence that reality will conform to your map. Allow enough time to consider which path will give you the greatest opportunity for self-expression.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You like it when there are lots of alternatives in your life, but you might need to make a decision today that eliminates several possibilities in one fell swoop. The pragmatic Virgo Moon enters your 4th House of Security, pitting the excitement of multiple roads with the fear of taking the wrong one. Rather than seeing your current choice as a final judgment, view it as another point on your journey of discovery.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Your words seem to have more importance than your actions, possibly because your message is so on point today. You cleverly make your case with great efficiency and eloquence. Naturally, you must follow through with behavior that supports your position, but it's the actual verbal or written delivery of your thoughts that creates the greatest influence on your future now.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Your finances are on your mind today, but not only for paying bills or creating a budget. You may be eyeing a particular object you want to purchase or dreaming of a vacation you long to take - but you don't know if you can afford the expenditure. Thankfully, the exacting Virgo Moon is working her way through your 2nd House of Personal Resources.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



The cosmos gives you a taste of your favorite flavors today as you trade a 'dreamy fantasy for the real thing. The Moon's return to your discerning sign, followed by logical Mercury, pulls you out of the clouds of illusion and sets you on solid ground. But you could be so intrigued by one unusual element that you ignore everything else. You're sure that your new obsession is a path to happiness.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



You may begin a process of detaching from the busyness of social activities as yesterday's fun becomes today's distraction. An associate might criticize your behavior if he or she feels abandoned by your disappearing act. But you are not trying to escape; in fact, you're doing whatever you can to increase your productivity over the days ahead.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You're less interested in getting ahead now than you are in furthering the objectives of your entire workgroup. Ultimately, you're primarily concerned with your career trajectory, but a quick assessment of the situation enables you to see the value of being a team player today. Naturally, you're not known for doing anything halfway; you want to lose yourself in a cause larger than your personal agenda.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



As the champion of big thinking, you can take someone's idea for a party theme and spin it into a worldwide movement. You possess the Midas touch, but you're too busy transforming mole hills into mountains today. However, the detail-oriented Virgo Moon is traveling through your 10th House of Public Responsibility now, urging you to limit your discussions to concrete career objectives.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Paradoxically, you can bring the power of logical analysis to the irrational realms of fantasy today. Balancing your nebulous dreams with exacting goals is tricky work, yet you seem to walk the fine line between fact and fancy with great finesse now. Your down-to-earth manner enables you to leave a trail of accomplishments in your wake.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



People may go out of their way to communicate their feelings to you today. Although you hear the words that are spoken, your intuition is telling you something significant is being left unsaid. Normally, you have a high tolerance level for uncertainty and are willing to wait for the missing information to surface.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



It's a familiar frustration when someone close to you wants more details about your feelings than you can provide. It's not that you're unwilling to share; it's just that your emotions extend out past the limits of language. Your efforts to put the complexity of your soul into a paragraph fall disappointingly short. Science fiction author Frank Herbert wrote, "Words are such gross machinery, so primitive and ambiguous."

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