

36 ISIS Militants Killed in Nangarhar Province

JALALABAD - At least 36 loyalists of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group were killed in ongoing operations in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan. The provincial police department in a statement said the militants were killed in the ongoing 'Qahr Silab' operations being conducted in Achin district. The statement further added that some weapons and ammunition were also seized during the search operations in Kot and Haska Mina districts. The loyalists of the terror group have not commented regarding the report so far.



The Afghan forces launched a major operation against ISIS militants in eastern Nangarhar province over a week ago to eliminate the safe terrorists of the group from the province. The operations were launched amid concerns the terror group is attempting to expand insurgency in the province and other parts of the country. The top US commander in Afghanistan Gen. John Nicholson recently said the loyalists of the terror group in Afghanistan... (More on P4)... (18)

2 Children, Policeman Killed in Kandahar & Kunar

KANDAHAR CITY/ASADABAD - Two children were killed in an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast in eastern Kunar province while a policeman lost his life in a clash in southern Kandahar province, officials said on Saturday. Kunar police chief, Brig. Gen. Abdul Habib Syedkhel, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the IED exploded in the Sikandar area of Sarkano district late on Friday. Two children were killed and three others including a girl injured in the incident. The victims were aged between five and 10 years, he said, adding the condition of the injured was stable. Separately, a policeman was killed and six others were wounded in a clash with insurgents in Kandahar. The governor's spokesperson said the clash took place when militants stormed Afghan Local Police (ALP) posts. However, Samim Khpalwak was unaware of militants' casualties in clashes in the Mirkhel area of Maroof district on Friday night. The Taliban have not yet commented on the incident. (Pajhwok)

Boy, 12, Assigned for Attack on A Stadium Arrested By Afghan Forces

QALA-E-NAW - The Afghan security forces foiled a suicide attack plot by the anti-government armed militant groups on a stadium in Badghis province. The Afghan Intelligence, National Directorate of Security (NDS), said the terrorist groups had appointed a 12-year-old boy for the attack on the stadium in Qala-e-Naw city. NDS in a statement said the terror group of Abdul Aziz was looking to detonate an Improvised Explosive Device in the stadium which was planted in the body of the young boy. The statement further added that a wrestling match was organized the terror group was looking to attack the gathering of the people by detonating the body-borne Improvised Explosive Device using a remote control. The anti-government armed militant groups have not commented regarding the report so far. ... (More on P4)... (19)



Herat Blast Leaves One Dead, Five Wounded



HERAT CITY - At least one civilian was killed and five others including a police force member were wounded in an explosion in Herat city on Saturday morning, local officials said. Herat police said the incident took place in Minarets Road in Herat city at around 10pm local time. According to officials, the explosives were placed in a hand cart. Meanwhile, Public Health Directorate in Herat said two of the wounded are in critical condition. (Tolnews)

15 Militants Killed, 8 Wounded in Garmser Gunbattle

LASKARGAH - At least 15 Taliban insurgents have been killed and eight others wounded during a clash in the Garmser district of southern Helmand province, an official said on Saturday. Omar Zwak, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the insurgents suffered casualties when they attacked security posts in the Banadar area of the district late on Friday. The security personnel initially retreated but later launched an operation against the militants and killed 15 of them and wounded eight others. The bodies of slain rebels were still lying at the scene, Zwak said, adding Afghan security forces suffered no casualties. However, the Taliban claimed capturing some areas and inflicting casualties on a large number of forces. A security official, who wished to go unnamed, said the Taliban conducted attacks from Khanshin district on the ... (More on P4)... (20)



Gunmen on Motorcycle Kill Intelligence Official in Logar

PUL-I-ALAM/TIRINKOT - An intelligence official has been killed in central Logar province and two suspected terrorists detained in Uruzgan province, officials said on Saturday. The Logar governor's spokesman, Salim Saleh, told Pajhwok Afghan News the National Directorate of Security (NDS) officer came under attack from two gunmen near a playground in Pul-i-Alam, the provincial capital, on Saturday. He said the attackers were able to flee after killing the intelligence officer. Zahid, giving an eyewitness account, told Pajhwok Afghan News that they were playing cricket at the ground when two motorcyclists opened fire and then fled. The Taliban have said nothing in this regard. In Uruzgan, police said they had arrested two persons, including ... (More on P4)... (21)

Commander Among 3 Rebels Killed By Own Bomb

PUL-I-ALAM-MEHTARLAM - A blast killed a Taliban commander along with his two accomplices in central Logar province while another rebel commander was arrested in eastern of Laghman province, sources said on Saturday. Salim Saleh, the Logar governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the commander, and his men were planting landmines in Dwohandi area of Khoshi district when one of the explosive devices went off, killing the commander and two others. Separately, a group leader of Rahmani faction of Taliban and six others were arrested with ammunition in different areas of Mehtarlam, the capital of Laghman province, during an operation, the National Directorate of Security said in a statement. The operation involved personnel from the intelligence service, Afghan National Army (ANA) and police, the statement said. It also said intelligence operatives a person with 29 kilograms of opium from a car in the province. (Pajhwok)



11 Drown in Kokcha River As Vehicle Veers Off Road

FAIZABAD - Nearly a dozen people have drowned in a river in the Baharak district of north-eastern Badakhshan province, an official said on Saturday. The district's administrative chief, Abdul Sami Attique, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident occurred late on Friday when a vehicle veered off the road and fell in Kokcha River. He said 11 passengers drowned and a 12th was wounded in the incident, which happened in Kh-waja Abdal area. The vehicle was on its way from Baharak to Faizabad, the provincial capital. Attique added the dead, whose bodies were yet to be fished out, included the driver. The ill-fated vehicle has not been found as yet, according to the district chief. He said: "All the victims were residents of Takhar province, going to Badakhshan for recreation. Two of them, enrolled in a Turkish university, were relatives of the Badakhshan governor." (Pajhwok)



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Sticking with your original intention might be tricky today as rationality overpowers your feelings. Flying by the seat of your pants usually gives you the ability to make the most of the changing circumstances because you can modify your plans on a moment's notice. But you can't get away with cavalier behavior now and must commit to a specific schedule.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You may feel the weight of responsibility lift from your shoulders today, especially if you stop and take a few deep breaths of relief. You are back in your element as mental Mercury shifts into earthy Virgo, emphasizing your natural tendency to be stable and sensible. Although your unexpressed feelings linger, you no longer need to say everything that's on your mind.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It seems as if someone has grabbed the controls and is playing with the volume knob in your imagination. You Twins are exceptionally attuned to your key planet Mercury and its entry into Virgo creates a power surge in your brain. Your dilemma is that just because your thinking is louder today, doesn't mean that it's better. You must carefully consider what you say and what you keep to yourself.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You are returning to a familiar place today as Luna cycles back into your sign. Since you Crabs are so attuned to the pull of the Moon, you might be moodier than others now. Although you're quite comfortable with your temporary emotional withdrawal, people may misinterpret your retreat and ask you what's wrong.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You may observe that one of your inner voices is muted today as verbose Mercury leaves your sign. Although this exit from lively Leo and entry into timid Virgo won't necessarily have a huge impact on your life, you might not be as quick to express your thoughts. You can derive great benefit now from your newly found ability to filter out the excess noise.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

It's time to step out of the shadow and into the light. Consider sharing your thoughts with those close to you, especially if you recently danced around the edges of the truth. Pensive Mercury is busy in your sign until October 7, bringing you a heightened sense of your own analytical process. Use these days wisely to strengthen your logic and research your area of expertise.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You're inclined to demonstrate your ability to nurture others by performing random acts of kindness. However, your actions may not be fully aligned with your heart today. This gulf between your thoughts and your emotions prompts you to remain unresponsive. Unfortunately, this dilemma can result in unexpressed anger, pouting or even passive-aggressive behavior.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

It's as if you are awakening from a deep sleep today; your mental clarity seems sharper than it has been in a while. Suddenly, you are thinking more about the future than the present. This is especially true at work, where you can refocus your intentions on longer-range goals, rather than just putting in the hours.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You are being pulled in two opposing directions now. Your mind is quickly becoming more discriminating and detail oriented, but you still prefer to be thinking about the entire universe. You might grow anxious when you realize that you must concentrate on the minute particulars instead of the global picture. However, if you can focus on your specific role in the community, there will be real payoffs just around the corner.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

A major change is occurring in your outlook on life that could positively impact the next couple of months. Since Capricorn is an earth sign, Mercury's current shift into earthy Virgo means you Mountain Goats are receiving an intellectual zap that you can put to good use. You're thinking in a more pragmatic manner, but you may encounter unexpected challenges today.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You can't get away with your typical quirkiness now. However, it's not likely you're going to change overnight. It's just that circumstances are going to keep calling you back to the details you would rather forget. There's no escape; swallow your annoyance with reality and try to get the unpleasant tasks out of the way so you can put your attention toward things of greater interest.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

It's a mixed bag for you soft-hearted Fish today. The Moon's shift into watery Cancer enables you to be nourished by the emotional richness that is reentering your life. The problem is there are deep feelings that you are afraid to share now. Fortunately, if you are willing to face your fears straight on, you may just discover that you will accelerate into the future. Your life is an adventure that's waiting to begin, so open your heart and see what happens.

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Down

- Pear variety, 2. Always, 3. Lasso, 4. Happy, 5. Not fluid, 6. Anagram of "Dissonate", 7. Sniveler, 8. A Freudian stage, 9. Ransom, 10. Ethical motive, 11. Muse of love poetry, 12. Hoarder, 13. Napped, 21. Thigh armor, 25. Arid, 26. Border, 27. Sodium chloride, 28. Nursemaid, 29. Hades, 34. Reformers, 36. Corridor, 37. "Smallest" particle, 38. What we sleep on, 40. To endure (archaic), 42. Ranted, 45. Voter, 48. Stain, 51. Fabric, 52. Cowboy sport, 53. French school, 55. Feel, 58. Slaw, 59. Short sleeps, 60. Fastens, 61. Region, 62. Gentlewoman

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