



### Taliban Capture 7 Daesh Insurgents in Faryab

MAIMANA - A group of seven Daesh -- or so called Islamic State (IS) -- militants has been captured by Taliban in the Balcheragh district of northwestern Faryab province, an official said on Wednesday. A security official, who wished to go unnamed, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Daesh fighters -- sneaking from Ghor province into Faryab on motorcycles -- were seized by Taliban in Tash Qala area late on Tuesday. However, an uprising commander, Dadullah Aka Dadai, said five Daesh militants had been arrested by

Taliban commander Ghaz-anfar. He added a large number of Daesh members from Qosh Tapa and Darzab districts had gathered in parts of Balcheragh to launch attacks on Taliban. The Taliban have also been dispatched to parts of the district and there is a possibility of a clash between the two rebel groups, according to the source. A local Taliban commander, who requested anonymity, confirmed a group of Daesh militants had been captured. However, Daesh has not yet commented on the capture of its fighters. (Pajhwok)

### Blast inside ALP Commander's Residence Kills 4

SHARAN - Four children were killed and seven others, including women, wounded in a blast inside the residence of an Afghan Local Police (ALP) commander in southeastern Paktika province, an official said on Wednesday. Muhammad Barat, police chief for Janikhel district where the incident happened, told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosion

took place in the morning. "During a clash between Taliban and ALP personnel on Tuesday, two militants were killed and their motorcycles brought to the house of the injured ALP commander, Abdul Shakoor." An update on the commander's condition was not immediately available. The Taliban have not yet commented on the incident. (Pajhwok)

### Explosives-laden Car Destroyed near Judge's House

TIRINKOT - The chief judge for central Uruzgan province survived a car bomb attack on Wednesday, an official said. Malak Zainullah, commander of the first police battalion, told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosion took place in the limits of the first police district of Tirinkot in the morning. He added the militants had parked an explosives-laden

vehicle in front of the Chief Judge Maulavi Mohammad Jan's residence. Police detected the plot and the car was remotely detonated, he said. No one was hurt in the incident. Meanwhile, Mohammad Jan criticised police for failing to improve the security situation. He said the car was once parked in front of his house yesterday but police could not capture the militants. (Pajhwok)

# 11 Taliban Killed in Kapisa Overnight Clash



MAHMOOD RAQI - Eleven Taliban, including the group's three commanders, have been killed in a clash in the Tagab district of central Kapisa province, an official said on Wednesday. Police Chief Moham-

mad Razzaq Yaqubi told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash took place between Afghan Local Police (ALP) and the Taliban on the outskirts of Babakhel locality. Taliban commander Fateh, Mir Hamza and Sharafat

were among the dead during the clash. Police said the overnight fire fight erupted after the Taliban wanted to storm ALP personnel check-post in a bid to retake areas from security forces. (Pajhwok)

### Explosion Targets Vehicle in Kabul, no Casualties Reported: Officials

KABUL - An explosion took place in Kabul city few minutes earlier but the security officials are saying that no one was hurt in the incident. The Ministry of Interior (MoI) acting spokesman Najib Danish confirmed the incident has taken place in the vicinity of the 5th police district of the city. He said a magnetic bomb planted in a Ford vehicle went off in Koti Sangi area but one was killed or injured as a result of the explosion. No group or individual has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident and the main target has not been ascertained yet. Danish said an investigation is underway regarding the explosion and further details will be released as appropriate. No individual or group has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident.

### Civilian Killed in Blast, 8 Militants Eliminated in Clashes

GHAZNI CITY/ SHARAN - Eight Taliban and a civilian have been killed as a result a bomb blast and clashes in southern Ghazni and southeastern Paktika provinces, officials said on Wednesday. Ghazni police spokesman Fahim Amarkhel told Pajhwok Afghan News the bomb exploded in the 2nd police district of the provincial capital at around 9am. One civilian was killed and a policeman wounded. Mohammad Naeem, an in-



habitant of the locality, said the explosives device had been attached to a motorcycle, "The explosives went off when a police vehicle was passing by," he added. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast. Separately, three Taliban were killed and three others wounded in infighting in the ... (More on P4)... (18)

### Taliban Commander for Musahi District Killed in Security Forces Raid

KABUL - Three Taliban, including the group's commander for Musahi district of Kabul province, have been killed in security forces raid, an official said on Wednesday. District Police Chief Sanaei told Pajhwok Afghan News the National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel had conducted raids in the Tori Kala and Dam Chinaro localities on the bases of tip-off on Tuesday. During the raid the Taliban



commander for Musahi district Mullah Nazir and two others were killed. He said Nazir was involved in subversive activities, incidents of violence and killing of common people in the district. Nazir's killing would leave positive impact over the security situation of the district. (Pajhwok)

### Clash in Kabul City Leaves Armed Robber Dead

KABUL - An armed robber was killed during a clash with the security forces in Kabul city on Tuesday afternoon, the security officials said Wednesday. The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) officials of the Kabul police commandment said the clash between the security forces and the armed robbers took place in the vicinity of the 4th police district of the city. The officials further added that a group of armed robbers were attempting to loot the cash, jewelry, and other precious items from a house located in Parwan-3 area of Kabul city when the security forces intervened, resulting into armed clash between the two sides. At least one of the robbers was killed during the clash and another one was arrested, the officials said, adding that the cash, jewelry, and other precious items stolen by the robbers were recovered and returned to its owner. This comes as the criminal related incidents are on the rise, including armed robberies, burglaries, and kidnappings in the key cities of the countries, including capital Kabul during the recent months. The Kabul police commandment officials said Tuesday that a robber who had stolen more than 1.5 million Afghans from a city resident was arrested by the security forces from the vicinity of the 5th police district of the city in Silo area. (KP)

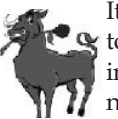
## Outlook Horoscope

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



Someone may present you with ideas today that contradict your own position. The willful Sun opposes stern Saturn in your 9th House of Philosophy, encouraging you to rationalize your actions with authoritarian ideas. But rather than wasting time trying to justify old patterns, you're better off exploring new metaphysical territory now.

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



It feels as if time is running painfully slow today, and everything seems to take longer in reality than on paper. You could adopt a negative attitude this morning on a moment's notice, especially if you must overcome an obstacle that catches you off guard. Nothing will be gained by complaining about your bad luck or by attempting to shift the blame to anyone else.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Your attempts to restore an energetic balance in a relationship may be blocked today, especially if you think you can take the easy way out. It's a sign of maturity to actually consider what people say before rejecting their perspective out of hand just because it's inconvenient. Accept whatever situations arise, rather than demonstrating how stubborn you can become when there's a good reason.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Serving others today can bring you more contentment than you expect, even if your own needs remain unfulfilled. However, there's a fly in the ointment when someone's selfish behavior upsets you now, prompting you to resist doing anything nice. Nevertheless, forgiving petty annoyances is still your best strategy because you won't be happy with yourself unless you take the high road.

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



Controlling your cravings for pleasure is an uphill battle, especially if you believe you deserve some time off now to replenish your energy. There is nothing wrong with pursuing happiness as long as you don't overdo it. The smartest approach is to set aside a specific time to nurture your soul as well as your physical senses.

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



Maintaining an even keel on the home front can be a struggle today, especially if someone is tempting you with a fun-filled distraction. You see everything through a very expansive filter now, but don't let an impulsive moment inspire you to jump too quickly just because an offer sounds right up your alley. These are serious times and you could court unnecessary problems if you don't keep your priorities in balance.

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



You might wake up with lofty intentions today, aiming to be methodical about accomplishing your goals. But as the day wears on, you could become increasingly lackadaisical and fall further behind until you just give up. Don't be too self-judgmental if you find yourself on the wrong end of the stick now; give yourself the gift of reprieve.

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



It's certainly not helpful if you can't make up your mind about spending money today. Be responsible and stick to your budget or you could find yourself in a difficult cash position sooner than you might expect. However, conserving resources is probably the single smartest thing you can do now, since it's very easy to talk yourself into buying something you don't really need.

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



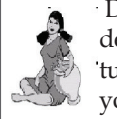
Interactions with others seem strained today for no apparent reason. It's as if people are on your case while the free-wheeling Gemini Sun opposes conservative Saturn. You might think the smartest solution is to simply withdraw from social activities for a while. Nevertheless, keep in mind that retreat doesn't need to be an all-or-nothing option.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Although a spiritual discipline can offer much-needed peace of mind today, you must follow through with your practice if it's to create a long-lasting impact. You possess a strong need for self-expression now, yet rationalizing what you do might be difficult. However, there is no law that says you must follow a tradition or explain why you're not doing so.

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



Determine what you need to do today by first deciding where you want to end up. Unfortunately, fascinating distractions could lure you off course if you're not paying attention. In any event, it's crucial to achieve a modicum of balance between your immediate craving for variety in your daily life and your non-negotiable long-term goals.

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



Your current commitment to social responsibility is strong, yet you may be searching for an escape clause in an agreement you no longer wish to keep. It's not that you're so bent on defaulting on your commitments now; however, if there was an honorable way out, you might take it. You're better off meeting your previous obligations without trying to renegotiate the deal.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-61.

Across: 1. Visage, 5. Climate, 10. Fabricated 14. Genuine... 15. Assistants, 16. Dwarf buf,falo, 17. Pearlescent, 19. Terminates, 20. What we breathe, 21. A nymph of lakes, 22. Snob, 23. Stronghold, 25. Dental filling, 27. Genus of macaws, 28. Having no tail, 31. Hockey footwear, 34. Intelligent, 35. Not used, 36. Helps, 37. Flavorless, 38. Unit of land, 39. Greatest possible, 40. Characteristic, 41. Adolescents, 42. Former English naval punishment, 44. Not against, 45. Seeking damages, 46. Sandstorm, 50. Woman's sleeveless undergarments, 52. Doglike nocturnal mammal, 54. Chemist's workplace, 55. 66 in Roman numerals, 56. Warehouse, 58. Beasts of burden, 59. Auspices, 60. Catches, 61. Sage, 62. Float, 63. Anagram of "Sees"

Down: 1. Mendicant, 2. Eagle's nest, 3. Vagrant, 4. A late time of life, 5. Yellowish melon, 6. Allowed, 7. Notion, 8. Beggar, 9. Eastern Standard Time, 10. An unnaturally frenzied woman, 11. Bother, 12. Extinct flightless bird, 13. Where the sun rises, 18. Habituate, 22. A promiscuous woman, 24. Horse feed, 26. An aromatic ointment, 28. Electronic letters, 29. Small slender gull, 30. Female sheep (plural), 31. Went under, 32. Go fly a \_\_\_\_, 33. Glues, 34. Butcher, 37. Fiber source, 38. Relating to aircraft, 40. Not that, 41. Synagogue scroll, 43. Wolf-like, 44. Most satisfactory, 46. Anagram of "Fires", 47. Hints, 48. Throws away, 49. Overweight, 50. Not fast, 51. 71 in Roman numerals, 53. Cartoon bear, 56. Unhappy, 57. In song, the loneliest number

Yesterday's Solution

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FENNEC	FIELD	
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ENSEMBLES	DELVE	
WASTE	REDEEM	
ADOPT	AIM	
AVIER	REUP	ERATE
SALT	UPON	RURAL
KITH	CENT	ILLUM
SLAY	TEES	TEATS

appeal, attraction, barbarian, beach, beige, brave, cape, capture, castle, circus, confuse, conspiracy, curve, doubt, focus, forge, grapefruit, loin, moist, moral, ominous, peasant, person, pixel, please, rues seep, slave, smuggle, soot, thrall, trust, waver

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