

# Daesh in Afghanistan Aims to Attack US: Mckenzie



## Pakistanis Among 24 Militants Arrested in Kandahar

KANDAHAR CITY - Local officials on Thursday claimed 24 insurgents including four Pakistanis have been arrested by National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel in southern Kandahar province.

The rebels arrested in the provincial capital and districts were showed to the media today during a press conference.

Kandahar governor, Hayatullah Hayat said that NDS forces captured 24 insurgents including four Pakistani nationals in Kandahar city and districts.

He said some of the detainees were involved in targeted killings and others were attacking government facilities. However, he did not provide information about the date of detentions.

Detained insurgents confessed on their crimes.

Abdul Raziq, one of them told Pajwhok Afghan News that he was a resident of Pakistan's Peshawar city and he was told to join Jihad in Afghanistan. He said he regretted going to Afghanistan.

On the other hand, Kandahar police spokeamn, Jamal Barakzai told Pajwhok that the insurgents arrested were involved in destructive activities in Kandahar city and districts.

He said two of the insurgents were members of the Taliban's Quetta Shura, who he said were recruiting fighters in Kandahar city and districts.

Three weeks back, 30 insurgents were arrested in Kandahar and three of them had links with Daesh or Islamic State (IS) group and were residents of Pakistan's Punjab state. (Pajwhok)

KABUL - The Daesh group in Afghanistan is a "very worrisome" threat to the United States, and US counterterrorism efforts have yet to shrink its extremist ambitions, Head of US Central Command Marine Gen. Frank McKenzie said Wednesday, according to Military Times report.

"ISIS (Daesh) in Afghanistan certainly has aspirations to attack the United States," McKenzie said. "It is our clear judgment that as long as we maintain pressure on them it will be hard for them to do that."

McKenzie, with responsibility for managing American military operations across the greater Middle East, spoke in Germany with reporters returning home with him from an eight-day trip that took him to Qatar, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt.

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## 38 militants killed in security forces operations

KABUL - Thirty-eight militants have been killed in separate operations country-wide in the past 24 hours, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said on Friday.

Security forces had conducted nine joint offensives and clearing operations, 78 special commando assignments and 30 airstrikes amid at eradicating insurgents' hideouts and security threats.

Air Forces had conducted 124 air flights in support of security forces, according to MoD statement.

Militants had been inflicted casualties in Paktia, Kandahar, Ghor, Ghazni, Nangarhar and Zabul provinces. Weapons, explosives and motorcycles are re-



covered during the raids. (Pajwhok)

## Taliban Executes Murderer of 11 Civilians in Farah



KABUL - The Taliban have punished the resident of Khak-i-Safaid district in western Farah province who recently killed 11 people including his family members and injured six others.

Haji Jummah, the administrative chief of Khak-i-Safaid district, confirmed the killing of Mullah Ali at the hands of Taliban who recently killed 11 people, including his family members.

He said five women, three children and as many men were among the dead while six others were injured.

Mohammad Naem, the resident ... (More on P4)...(14)

## Nimroz Melon, Watermelon Yield Doubles this Year

ZARANJ - Excessive rainfall this year helped doubled melon and watermelon yield in southwestern Nimroz province compared to the previous year, an official said Thursday.

Agriculture Director Mohammad Akbar Sharifi said last year melon and watermelon crops were cultivated on 40,000 hectares of land in Niromz.

"More melon and watermelon are cultivated in Chakansour district, which is yet to be brought to the market. The prices would come down drastically once the fruits supply starts to the market," he said.

Sharifi said this year 500,000 metric tonnes of melon. He said last year the yield of melon and watermelon was low due to drought and slight rainfall, but this year there was massive cultivation of melon and watermelon and their yield would be bumper. (Pajwhok)



## Outlook Horoscope

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

A friend may ask to borrow some money today, Aries. You may feel that he or she is asking for more than is really needed, and certainly more than you're willing to give. You might think this puts you in an awkward position. Try to talk to your friend and explain your situation. If you have to say no, just say it. A real friend will understand and look elsewhere for the money.

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

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### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

A sudden fascination with metaphysical or spiritual concepts could have you wanting to read as much as you can on the subject, Gemini. Your enthusiasm could lead you in a dozen different directions, which could eventually lead to mental overload. It might be a better idea to take one subject at a time than try to learn about them all at once. Stay focused!

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

A business enterprise with a friend might seem a little shaky today, Cancer. You could alternate between enthusiasm and gloom regarding this project. It's probably a good one and could lead to the success you want. Don't make any negative judgments about its future based on what happens today. All should be progressing again within a few days. Hang in there!

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

A business deal that you may have been working to finish could require you to tie up a lot of loose ends today, Leo. You might be pulled in a lot of different directions. Don't panic! Get some help if you can. Make a list of what you have to do and cross each task off as it's completed. Stay focused and all should go well. You will achieve the results you want.

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

Accomplishing some important business might require touching base with many people who live and work far away, perhaps in other countries. This might require that you spend a lot of time on the phone, and it also would require allowing for the different time zones, which could be a drag. You will eventually make the contacts you need, even if they don't come until tomorrow.

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

If you've been thinking about investing, Libra, this isn't the day to commit to anything. This is a great day to consider your options, study economic trends, and analyze what you want from investing. It isn't a good day to hand over the money. Land could be a strong possibility. Consult with professionals, read the papers, and look into all kinds of opportunities before committing to one.

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

Working at home could be difficult today, especially if you're finalizing a business deal, Scorpio. Other household members will be coming and going, slamming doors, asking questions, bringing their friends in. If you're doing household chores, forget it for now and return to it when it's quieter. If you're approaching a deadline, close the door and tell others to leave you alone for a while.

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

Today you might feel the urge to get all unfinished work done, Sagittarius. You could suddenly be in a frenzy to work quickly but perhaps not as conscientiously as you should. You may spend a lot of time going through paperwork and discarding what's outdated. It might be a better idea to slow down a little and look closely at what you're doing. You won't want to throw out something you may need later.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

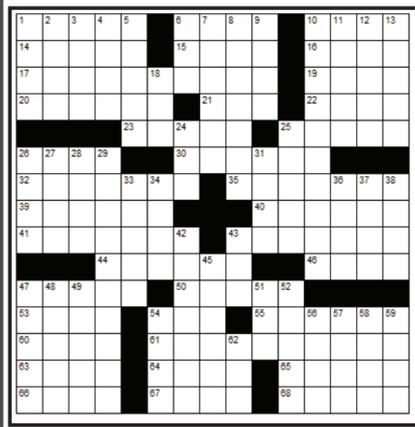
A sudden burst of inspiration for a creative project might keep you busy in the morning and afternoon, Capricorn. You will need information and materials you don't have at home, and finding them might require a larger expenditure of time, energy, and money than you initially thought. Don't give up on the idea. It's likely to be a good one and you will definitely want to pursue it.

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

Too many people may be vying for your attention today, Aquarius, both at work and home. You will want to make them all happy, so you may feel a little frazzled. Your temper might also be on edge. It would be better to put off the less urgent demands than work yourself into a frenzy. Those who matter would rather have you enjoy life than tire yourself out for their sake.

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

Communications coming your way today may be more plentiful than useful, Pisces. You could receive lots of confusing phone calls. At first you will be excited by the mailbox full of letters, but then you'll find that some are junk while others are addressed to people you've never heard of. Hang in there. This tendency should pass by tomorrow!



### Across

- Adult female, 6. At one time (archaic), 10. Applaud, 14. Hard wood, 15. Contest, 16. Egg-shaped, 17. Moonshiner, 19. Former Italian currency, 20. Elderly, , 21. A leg (slang)
- King of the jungle, 23. More recent, 25. Blood vessels, 26. Bungle, 30. Bloating
- A company that flies, 35. Physicians, 39. Gambling house, 40. A Japanese feudal baron,
- A window above a door, 43. Impassioned, 44. Lower, 46. Terminates, 47. Hoar
- Loose flesh under the jaws, 53. Flat float, 54. Not high, 55. Journey, 60. Data
- To begin with, 63. Food thickener, 64. Heredity unit, 65. Seaweed, 66. Depend
- Border, 68. Interprets written material, ,

### Down

- Nets, 2. Double-reed woodwind, 3. Natural satellite, 4. Against, 5. Man-made fiber, 6. It comes from a hen, 7. Uneven, 8. Besmirched, 9. School session, 10. United
- 58 in Roman numerals, 12. Moses' brother, 13. Schemes, 18. Before, poetically 24. Tiny, 25. Parish priest, 26. Proven information, 27. Teller of untruths, 28. Constellation bear, 29. The trifurium of a church, 31. Style, 33. Map within a map, 34. Newbie (slang), 36. Portent
- Peel, 38. Drunkards, 42. Studied 43. Not many, 45. Planting seeds, 47. Mendicant
48. Cooktop, 49. Viscera, 51. 56 in Roman numerals, 52. Submarine detector, 54. Balcony section
56. Harvard rival, 57. Aquatic plant, 58. Happy, 59. Visual organs, 62. G,

### Yesterday's Solution



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