

# 40 ISIS Militants Killed, 22 Wounded in Airstrikes

JALALABAD - At least 40 loyalists of Islamic of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group were killed in airstrikes in eastern Nangarhar province. The airstrikes were conducted in Kot district as the loyalists of the terror group launched a major attack on police check posts early on Friday. According to the officials, at least 22 loyalists were also wounded in the airstrikes. The ISIS terrorist group has not commented regarding the re-



port so far. Local officials in Nangarhar earlier said at least 30 militants of the terror group were killed during the clashes in Kot district yesterday. At least 3 civilians

were also killed and at least 15 others were wounded during the clashes which continued until later Friday. The loyalists of ISIS terrorist group are actively operating in a number of the districts of Nangarhar province, mainly in Kot and Achin districts which have been the hotbed for ISIS militants. The group continues to pose threats and often conduct insurgency activities despite they received major blows as a result of the Afghan and US forces raids.(KP)

# Civilian Casualties Slightly Increase in Kandahar

KANDAHAR - Officials in provincial office of Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) in Kandahar have said that civilian casualties have surged up to six percent in the province over the past three months - compared to the same period last year. Kandahar is among relatively secure provinces in the southern zone, but the commission says they are concerned about the increase in civilian casualties for which they mostly blame militants. "If the conflicts continue, Kandahar residents will face a crisis, because they will not only lose their lives, but also their living facilities will be lost," said AIHRC spokesman in



Kandahar, Abdul Aziz Akar. Meanwhile, head of AIHRC monitoring office in Kandahar, Fakhruddin Fayiz, said the warning sides are not paying enough attention to protect civilians during their clashes. According to him, nearly 245 civilians were killed...(More on P4)...(13)

# Daesh, Civilians Suffer Casualties in Kot Offensive

JALALABAD - Local officials on Saturday said dozens of militants have suffered casualties during an ongoing clearing operation in the Kot district of eastern Nangarhar province. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News 37 Islamic State (IS) militants were killed and 32 others wounded during air and ground operations in the district in the past 24 hours. He said two security officials



were also killed and three others injured. The fighters killed eight civilians including four children and three women and injured seven others, he alleged. The rebel

group also torched 23 civilian houses and caused huge financial losses to the people, Khogyani continued, accusing the militants of taking 30 civilians, including children and women hostage. But some of the civilians were rescued by the security forces, who continued with air and ground operations against the group, the spokesman said. Public Health Director Dr. Najibullah Kamawal confirmed receiving 13 injured civilians at the...(More on P4)...(14)

# Badakhshan Pistachio Forests Being Revived

FAIZABAD - The Badakhshan Agriculture Department on Monday announced 100-hectare pistachio forests were being rehabilitated in the northeastern province. In the past, Badakhshan had 30,000 hectares of pistachio forests, but 30 percent of them have been destroyed as a result of fighting in the country. The natural resources manager at the department described forests as a national asset and said rehabilitation of pistachio jungles was ongoing in five districts of Badakhshan. Noor Mohammad told Pajhwok Afghan



News they were trying to revive the damaged pistachio jungles and help add to farmers' income and increase greenery in the area. He said planting pistachios had been underway in Yaftal Payeyen, Shahr-i-Bozarg, Argo, Darayem and Kashm districts for the past four years. Mohammad added 41,000...(More on P4)...(15)

# Child Labour May Stop Me Becoming Engineer, Fears Ali



KABUL - A 15-year-old boy who may not be able to get higher education due to being a child laborer complain media outlets - interested only in pocketing profits - do not highlight their situation in an effective manner. Besides going to school, Ali has been working as a car mechanic at an auto workshop in the capital Kabul. We found him in bad shape - dirty clothes and his hands smelling of oil and gasoline. During an exclusive chat with Pajhwok Afghan News, Ali narrated some heart-rending

memories of his life. "When I came here for work for the first time, I would play with tools. However, I learnt soon how to fix faults of automobile faults after being slapped often for not concentrating on my work. I still remember the pain of those slaps in my face," recalled the teenager. With black circles around his eyes and a smile playing across his tired visage, the boy admitted he had not become auto mechanic by choice. It was financial woes that...(More on P4)...(17)

# Fired Workers Close Afghan Coal Offices in Pul-I-Khumri

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Hundreds of coalmine workers of northern Baghlan province on Saturday closed the department concerned in protest against their removal from jobs. Around 200 workers staged a demonstration for a second time in Pul-i-Khumri, the capital of Baghlan, and did not allow officers of northern coalmine department to go to office. The protestors warned they would not allow anyone to work on any coalmine in the province until the national unity government addressed their problems. Mohammad Jan, one of the protestors, alleged a private company named Afghan Coal had fired more than 580 workers in disregard of their rights over the past 10 days. "Our protest is aimed at securing our rights; we should be reinstated forthwith; otherwise we will continue our protest," he warned. Yar Mohammad, another protestor, said they...(More on P4)...(18)

# Night Raids Boost Kandahar Security: Officials'



KANDAHAR CITY - Night raids have increased in parts of Kandahar in order to destroy militants' hideouts and limit their activities, security officials said Saturday, adding that the operations have strengthened security in the southern province.

According to police officials, they have recently conducted a number of night raids in Reg village in Pajwai district, which is used by insurgents to cross to Maiwand and Zherai districts. Afghan National Army (ANA), NDS operatives as well as national

and local police force members participate the night raids in Kandahar, officials said. "Our night operations have proved vital to eliminate and weaken the Taliban. We have a plan to target Taliban's convoy in our upcoming raid," said Hazrat Wali, acting police chief for Pajwai district. The soldiers that have participated in the night raids said the operations have incurred heavy losses to the insurgent Taliban. "We carried out a night raid and targeted a Taliban's convoy that wanted to travel to Zherai district. The militants...(More on P4)...(16)

# Taliban Hang two Men in Farah Province

FARAH CITY - Taliban militants hanged a member of the Afghan intelligence agency and a civilian in Farah province of Afghanistan. Provincial police security chief Muhammad Ghawis Malyar said a member of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) who was earlier in charge of Shib Koh district was travelling along a civilian mate from Farah City to the Qala Kah district. Taliban have stopped and shoot them to dead during the way, he added. According to the reports the militants have taken their dead bodies to Khak Safid district of Farah province where they have hanged them in public on a Friday market. Farah is among the volatile provinces in western part of Afghanistan where the insurgents are actively operating in a number of its districts.(Agencies)

## Outlook Horoscope

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

You know that realizing your long-term dreams is possible if you consistently work toward manifesting them. However, putting your beliefs into action isn't always a simple task. Your key planet Mars is nearing the end of its retrograde cycle, prompting you to focus on recent setbacks rather than successes. If you want to improve your life now, there is no room for self-doubt.

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

It might seem as if your friends aren't interested in your pet project or favorite social cause. But don't write them off too quickly, because they could turn out to be your most ardent supporters over time. People may agree with your underlying objective, while differing with your methods. Unfortunately, you probably won't have much luck convincing anyone to join your parade.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Containing your erratic energy requires a superhuman effort today. Fortunately, you can do nearly anything you put your mind to now as long as the end result is supported by your core beliefs. However, once you decide whether you are in or out, you still need to apply yourself diligently to your goals. A lackadaisical attitude won't work in your favor; your commitment must be one hundred percent.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

A molehill can suddenly transform into a mountain if you don't get what you want today. Although you might only experience a short delay, your growing concerns could be the source of your defeat. Thankfully, the cosmos will align on your behalf if you're willing to accept its help. However, a positive attitude alone is not a guarantee for happiness.

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

You are not afraid of turning everything upside down now in order to break out of the status quo. However, you realize that you're not in this predicament alone and your ability to improve your life is entwined with the lives of others who share your values. Nevertheless, there will still be points of contention between you and your loved ones. Don't let petty differences stand in the way of progress.

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

You can't deliver a new message in the same old way. In fact, you must step outside the realms of predictability in order to shock your audience awake. However, there is a fine line between being unconventional enough to grab everyone's attention and so outrageous that no one listens to your speech. Fortunately, you possess the power of persuasion now and can convince others to see the world from your unique point of view.

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

It's scary to tell others what you want if you're not sure that they share your desires. You might be afraid of being judged or rejected for your personal preferences when you actually need the support of your friends and family now. It's never fun to worry about whether or not you will be loved unconditionally. Luckily, people will likely accept you along with your proclivities, even if they don't share similar tastes.

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

Intense waves of change are flowing in your direction now, empowering you to influence the future. Even the tiniest actions can generate very significant consequences, yet suspicious Pluto doesn't take kindly to the selfish use of its powerful energy. Thankfully, auspicious Jupiter is in the mix, reminding you that there will be rewards waiting for you if you include everyone in your plans.

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

Sometimes your magnanimous approach to life can seem too idealistic for others to support. However, your same big ideas are currently grounded in very practical ways that lead to concrete improvements at home or at work. But this level of profound change doesn't occur overnight, even as evolutionary Pluto trines your key planet Jupiter today. You can't judge the success of your efforts by the progress you make now.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You are normally driven by your ambitions, but your desire for emotional security becomes more important than anything else today. Unfortunately, stability might be lacking in your relationship world now. Nevertheless, you have all the tools you need in order to transform your life. Establishing priorities, organizing your resources and creating specific goals will set the stage for the work ahead.

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

There's a tremendous amount of change occurring deep within your subconscious now. You might notice your dreams are more intense but probably haven't given it much thought. Nevertheless, tectonic plates are shifting within your imagination, creating metaphysical earthquakes and releasing a tremendous amount of energy.

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

It takes quite a bit of contemplation today to choose which of your friends and relatives are worthy of your trust. Everyone seems to have a bright idea now, but you can't say yes to every opportunity that shows up at your door. You must limit your choices or you will scatter your energy without accomplishing anything. However, developing a working relationship with the right person can take your life in an entirely new direction.

**Across**

1. Set of principles, 6. An aquatic bird, 10. Taverns, 14. A pungent stew, 15. Rabbit, 16. Margarine, 17. Stream, 18. If not, 19. Hard work, 20. Unsurpassed, 22. Melody, 23. Initial wager, 24. Worn away, 26. Breezed through, 30. Effeminate, 31. Not brilliant, 32. Thorny flower, 33. Angers, 35. Andean animal, 39. Incarcerate, 41. Long-legged spotted cat, 43. Velocity, 44. Handout, 46. A few, 47. A gesture of assent, 49. Church bench, 50. Unwanted email, 51. Scuffle, 54. Component of urine, 56. Against, 57. A lyric soprano, 63. Anagram of "Cabs", 64. Beers, 65. Ancient empire, 66. Gangly, 67. Short skirt, 68. Course around a star, 69. Type of sword, 70. Kettles, 71. Middays.

**Down**

1. Beige, 2. Not fat, 3. Apiary, 4. Holly, 5. Approximately, 6. Protected, 7. Pike (fish), 8. Backside, 9. Required, 10. Extremely deep, 11. Not silently, 12. French for "Queen", 13. Anagram of "Doles", 21. Finally (French), 25. Anger, 26. Circle fragments, 27. Henhouse, 28. Feudal worker, 29. Capable of being defended, 34. Induration, 36. At the peak of, 37. Mother, 38. Throat-clearing sound, 40. False god, 42. Lumberjack, 45. Luxurious, 48. Leave suddenly, 51. Flavor, 52. Open, as a bottle, 53. Not fresh, 55. Moses' brother, 58. Hodgepodge, 59. Lawn mower brand, 60. Part of an ear, 61. Shower, 62. Picnic insects.

**Yesterday's Solution**

accompany, across, admire, anxious, blast, category, celebration, chunks, compete, continue, cube, drawn, dream, erase, evict, faint, force, fresh, great, hourly, importance, keen, lines, lover, perfect, safety, scene, smoke, strain, think, times, toes, tree, voices.

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