

139 Daesh Fighters Killed in 3 Days of Clashes in Kot: Governor

JALALABAD - A dozen security officials and 139 Islamic State (IS) fighters have been killed in three days of clashes and airstrikes in the Kot district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said. Addressing a news conference here late on Saturday, Governor Salim Khan Kunduzi said some women had also been displaced due to fighting in the district. However, they have now returned home.



At least 18 civilians and security personnel were wounded in the fighting, said the governor, flanked by senior officials. He denied the militants had kidnapped women in Kot. "Undoubtedly, Daesh supporters have respect for nothing. They don't spare children and women. The militants don't balk at torching mosques and schools," the governor remarked. (Pajhwok)

Prominent Taliban Leader Arrested

PARWAN - A prominent Taliban leader was arrested by the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) in northern Parwan province. According to security officials, the detained Taliban leader was identified as Abdul Samad and was arrested as he was traveling in Sia Gerd district. The officials further added that Samad was a senior intelligence figure of the group and was

also supervising suicide attacks. The Taliban militants group has not commented regarding the report so far. This comes as another senior Taliban leader was found wounded in a police vehicle as he was being shifted to Kabul apparently for treatment purposes last week. The Taliban leader identified as Qari Zahir was the spy chief of the ... (More on P4)... (14)

Haqqani Network Ramadan Attack Plots Foiled

KHOST - A group of Haqqani network militants who were planning to carry out attacks during the holy month of Ramadan was busted by the Afghan intelligence operatives. The Afghan Intelligence, National Directorate of

Security (NDS), said the group included 11 fighters who were operating under the supervision of Haqqani terrorist network in Khost province. NDS in a statement said the intelligence operatives ... (More on P4)... (15)

3 Police Killed in Kandahar Insider Attack

KANDAHAR - In a latest insider attack, three policemen were killed by their two colleagues linked to the Taliban in the Khakrez district of southern Kandahar province, an official said on Sunday. The incident took place in Tora post area, the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said the attackers had connections with the Taliban and the duo had fled after killing three police. The two also took away some



weapons with them. Local officials did not speak about the latest green-on-blue attack, for which the Taliban had claimed responsibility. Taliban spokesman Qari

Yousaf Ahmadi said the two attackers were Taliban members who had reached their comrades after the incident. A number of such attacks have taken place in Kandahar and in most cases the attackers had managed to flee. Meanwhile, the Afghan Special Security Forces conducted an operation in the Shah Wali Kot district last night, killing and capturing a number of insurgents and confiscating weapons, the ... (More on P4)... (16)

30 Insurgents Killed in Overnight Helmand Clashes

LASHKARGAH - Police on Sunday claimed at least 30 Taliban insurgents have been killed in various parts of southern Helmand province, including its capital Lashkargah. Police chief Brig. Gen. Aqa Noor Kintoz told a press conference here that insurgents stormed a security check-post in Nawa district last night. He said the security forces returned fire, killing eight insurgents and injuring several others. "Security forces brought with



them two bodies of insurgents and their weapons and the remaining bodies of insurgents took away by their comrades." Nawa district police chief Lt. Col. Ahmad Shah ... (More on P4)... (17)

10 Dead As Police, Taliban Clash near Paktia Dam



GARDEZ - Six Taliban fighters and four police were killed during a clash near Machalgho hydro-power and irrigation dam in Ahmadabad district of southeastern Paktia province, an official said on Sunday. Paktia police chief Brig. Gen. Qader

Gul Zadran told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash was triggered by a Taliban attack on a security post guarding the dam. The attack that began at about 3am lasted two hours. Another five policemen and 10 more assailants were wounded during the fire-

fight, he added. The police chief said the injured police and Taliban had been evacuated to hospital by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) ambulances. Security forces repulsed the Taliban attack after reinforcements arrived and recaptured the lost check-post, Zadran said. A Red Crescent employee, who wished anonymity, told Pajhwok Afghan News "we have evacuated six Taliban bodies to hospital". He said police and Taliban suffered casualties in the overnight attack, but exact figures were yet ... (More on P4)... (18)

Boy, Girl Shot Dead By Unidentified Gunmen in Kabul

PUL-I-ALAM - A boy and a girl have been killed by unidentified gunmen in the Chaharasiab district of Kabul, an official said on Sunday. Abdul Wali Wakil, a Logar provincial council member, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the double-murder incident took place in the Namonia area of the district. He said the boy and girl, having a love affair, had eloped before being gunned down on Saturday night. "The teens from Nader Shah Kot district of Khost province fled their homes. "Some gunmen kidnapped seized from a car in Sang Nushtia area between Kabul and Logar. Later, the gunmen took them to Namonia and gunned down both of them," he said. Wakil said that family members of the victim had filed a complaint with the Logar provincial council and accused the girl's ... (More on P4)... (19)

Balkhab Woman Tortured by Husband for 15 Years



SAR-I-PUL - Khairun Nisa, a 35 years old woman from the Balkhab district of northern Sar-i-Pul province claims she was tortured for 15 years by her husband, but no one listened to her complaints. A mother of four, who is currently living in the provincial capital, told Pajhwok Afghan News 17 years ago, she married a man named Syed Yaqoot in her native village Tarkhoj in Balkhab district. Nisa acknowledged her husband's behaviour was fine in the first two years after their mar-

riage. But later on, he started beating her on different pretexts and forced her to complain to district officials several times. "Whenever I went to the authorities to register my complaint, I was told influential figures are mediating. As a consequence, I had to accept torture at the hands of my husband," the woman added. She was expelled from home by her husband and was beaten along with her father in front of Aqa Mir, the district crime branch chief. ... (More on P4)... (20)

Faryab Clash Leave 3 Dead, 10 Wounded

MAIMANA - Three people including Noor Mohammad, a local uprising commander were killed and 10 others wounded, as a result of clashes between Afghan Local Police (ALP) and local uprising, in the Qaisar district of northwestern Faryab province on Sunday, an official said. District Chief, Rahmatullah Qaisari, said the clashes took place at around 10:30 this morning, in the bazaar of Bora Ghan locality, the exact number of losses was yet to be ascertained. Mohammad Tariq, former Qaisar district chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the two armed groups belonged to Bora Ghan tribe. One was comprised of the Afghan Local Police (ALP) and the other comprised of local uprising members. An individual, who wished anonymity, said, local uprising commander Noor Mohammad was among the dead while Sharafuddin, a police officer who was there to mediate was wounded during the clash. ... (More on P4)... (21)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)

The speed at which you react today creates a thrill a minute. Even if you already are living life at full throttle, you believe you can somehow fit more into it. Nevertheless, others might not be aware of the emotional intensity behind your eyes. Whether you're soaring on the wings of fantasy or plotting to take over the world, everyone else just thinks it's business as usual.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)

Turning a romantic vision into reality might seem like too much work today. Instead, you are content to experience potential love as a sweet fantasy without trying to make it real. However, the extra effort it takes to give substance to your feelings is more than worthwhile when magical Neptune trines sensual Venus.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Wearing rose-colored glasses today enables you to look beyond the current circumstances and see an amazing array of possibilities. Although you must be careful about confusing your professional aspirations with improbable fantasies, it is your unfettered vision that reveals the true potential of the present moment. Instead of focusing on all the sensible reasons to maintain the status quo, concentrate on seeing your future in the rainbow light of perfection.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You are standing at the confluence of two mighty rivers today. Beautiful Venus inspires the waters of your imagination to flow freely now, while the proactive Aries Moon delivers the energy you need to make your dreams come true. Although you might be hesitant to push away from the security of the shore, you can't manifest your destiny if you are afraid of a little turbulence.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You are making your way through a field of illusions today as your desires prompt you to react before thinking through all of your options. Unfortunately, you are seeing the world as you would like it to be, rather than how it actually is now. Nevertheless, there may be rich treasures buried in your imagination, but be careful not to confuse them with reality.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Regardless of recent setbacks, you believe that anything is possible now. Fortunately, this positive thinking is not just based on blind optimism. Whatever you begin today has the potential to turn out even better than your expectations. As you know, you can't just assume that your future will be rosy; you must also be willing to work hard to make it happen.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

It's no fun to feel as if others are pushing you to take action when you aren't ready yet. Nevertheless, you know more than anyone that a moment of patience is a small price to pay for making the right decision. Don't be afraid to establish clear boundaries with someone whose insistence makes you uncomfortable. Your inner guidance will not steer you wrong if you create the space to contemplate the quiet wisdom behind the external noise. Silence is your friend.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)

Although you're willing to jump in and do your part at work, you might prefer to spend time pursuing pleasure more than anything else today. A dreamy Venus-Neptune trine lures you away from your mundane responsibilities and into the misty realms of fantasy.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 20)

Your metaphysical interests take you on a trip down a rabbit hole, even if others are depending on you in more practical ways. Nevertheless, you are driven to explore your visions rather than crossing things off your list of unfinished chores. Luckily, your spiritual pursuits won't prevent you from delivering on your promises now. In fact, you are an inspiration to everyone when you stay in touch with your inner world.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan 19)

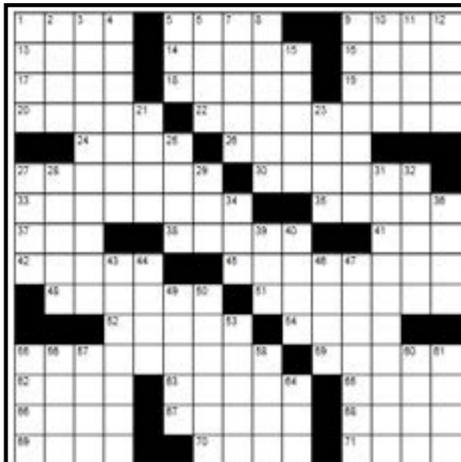
You are normally driven by your ambitions, but your desire for emotional security becomes more important than anything else today. Unfortunately, stability might be lacking in your relationship world now. Nevertheless, you have all the tools you need in order to transform your life. Establishing priorities,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

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb. 18)

Your willingness to express your desires is the secret to a memorable day. But you must remember to temper your tone to match the situation or you could inadvertently offend others. In fact, a gentle approach now can overcome the resistance you might encounter at another time. However, over-intellectualizing your feelings takes the magic out of a special moment.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

You can experience a deeper level of beauty everywhere you look today, even if there's nothing new in your world. Somehow, the same old things are infused with a special glow that inspires you to be a better person. However, it's not that anything in your environment has changed; it's you that is different now. It might come as a surprise when you realize the love that's all around you is emanating from your heart.



Across
1. Boom, 5. Skirt lines, 9. A flat mass of ice, 13. Hindu princess, 14. Construct, 16. Jar tops, 17. Colored part of an eye, 18. Located near the poles, 19. Many millennia, 20. Segments of DNA, 22. Stenosis, 24. Destiny, 26. Wooden shoe, 27. Resolution, 30. See with attention, 33. Popular terrier, 35. A drama set to music, 37. Precious stone, 38. Quench, 41. To make a fool of (archaic), 42. Excrete, 45. Unaffected by time, 48. Invented the light bulb, 51. Various, 52. What we are called, 54. Engineering school, 55. Depicted, 59. Leaf opening, 62. Doing nothing, 63. Ballet skirts, 65. End ____, 66. Rip, 67. Slips, 68. Stink, 69. Blind (poker), 70. Church alcove, 71. Terminates.
Down
1. Trigonometry (abbrev.), 2. Rabbit, 3. Ignorant, 4. Illness, 5. Cool, once, 6. God of love, 7. Thaws, 8. Dung beetle, 9. Aircraft carrier, 10. Place, 11. Smell, 12. Feudal worker, 15. Clan, 21. An upright in a wall, 23. Small salmon, 25. Historical periods, 27. An enclosure, 28. Feudal lord, 29. L, 31. Leather shorts, 32. Smelter waste, 34. Consume, 36. Backside, 39. Child, 40. Send forth, 43. Earnest, 44. Russian emperor, 46. Nights before, 47. A teaching discourse, 49. Leaves out, 50. Interstellar cloud, 53. Install (2 words), 55. Devil tree, 56. Biblical garden, 57. Thin strip, 58. Membership fees, 60. A fitting reward (archaic), 61. Boats, 64. South southeast.

Yesterday's Solution
abroad, blend, branch, bridge, cram, darkness, deer, difference, disappear, erase, final, fullness, grade, health, hearts, heaven, heft, hotel, language, memory, notice, rind, round, seat, smother, state, steady, teen, three, time, together, track, wander, whether, which, wound.

