

# 37 Daesh Militants Killed, 40 Injured in Kot Offensive

JALALABAD - Officials on Tuesday said 37 Islamic State or Daesh fighters have been killed and another 44 wounded since last evening when a major operation against was launched in the Kot district of eastern Nangarhar province. Attaullah Khogyani, the Nangarhar governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News security forces had recaptured a number of areas including Khwargai, Janjal Ghundi and Seh Pai villages from the self-



Officials saying security forces tactically retreated from these areas. Gen. Mohammad Nasim Sangin, the 201 Selab Military Corps fourth brigade commander, told Pajhwok the latest offensive had resulted in recapturing a number of areas. "We launched the offensive yesterday afternoon and captured Janjal Ghundi, Seh Pai and other nearby areas. We lost two soldiers and another two... (More on P4)... (14)

## Rashidan District Court Judge Gunned Down in Kabul



KABUL - Unidentified gunmen have shot dead an appellate court judge for the Rashidan district of southern Ghazni province inside his residence in the capital Kabul, a security official said on Tuesday. The murder took place at 12:30am in the Dewan-i-Begi area in the limits of the fifth police district, said Brig. Gen. Humayun Aini, chief of the interior ministry's 119 emergency helpline. Aini said Bakht Gul was serving as senior judge of the appellate court in Rashidan district of southern Ghazni province. The assailants managed to escape. Ghazni... (More on P4)... (15)

## Taliban Extorting Money from Truckers on Jawzjan Highway

SHIBERGHAN - Local officials say Taliban militants extort money from trucks loaded with food items on the Darzab-Shiberghan highway in northern Jawzjan province, a claim the Taliban reject. Rahmatullah Hasher, the Darzab district chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News Taliban had established their posts on Darzab, Qush Tepa and Shiberghan roads, charging drivers according to their truckloads.



"This issue has faced Darzab residents with problems despite being poor," he said, adding extortion had resulted in increased prices. Meanwhile, residents of Darzab district also complained about an increase in food items' prices. They said they could not tolerate the price-hike. Abdul Qudusi, a resident, said Taliban harassed people on roads of the district. "The prices of food items have doubled, people with poor economy cannot afford to buy them," he said, asking the government to resolve the problem. Abdul Sammad, a resident of... (More on P4)... (16)

## ICC Defuses Possible Racial Ordeal Between Afghanistan and Namibia

KABUL - The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that it successfully intervened and resolved a potential racism situation during the Intercontinental Cup fixture between Afghanistan and Namibia which was played in Greater Noida on April 10, 2016. Cricket's highest administrative body confirmed that a confidential reconciliation process was undertaken by the relevant parties during its (ICC's) annual conference in Edinburgh on Monday (June 27), and the matter was resolved to the satisfaction of both the involved parties (Afghanistan and Namibia). The ICC is believed to have engaged an accredited media-



tor ever since the procedure was first established. The mediator chosen was one who had extensive experience in dealing with issues concerning behavioral aspects of the players from two inherently different countries. He is said to have acted as the conciliator, trying to remove the distrust and possible racial ramifications caused by words used by some of the Afghanistan players towards their Namibian counterparts, in accordance with the sports disciplinary matters - as envisaged by ICC's Anti-Racism code. After discussions with both parties, the mediator is said to have... (More on P4)... (17)

## Amu River Swallows More Farmland in North

TALOQAN - Families living along the Afghan side of Amu River in northern Takhar, Kunduz and Badakhshan provinces say their hundreds of acres of land, homes and orchards were recently destroyed by a flooded Amu Darya. The river flows for more than 2,400 km and forms most of Afghanistan's northern border with Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. A resident of Darqad district in Takhar, Malik Khan, told Pajhwok Afghan News his 10 acres of land, orchard and a home had been washed away by the river water during the

past three years. "All homes, arable land and orchards along the river have been demolished and the river's water is heading towards the city. The water has ruined everything and the government didn't carry out any pre-emptive measures to prevent the damage." Meanwhile, a resident of Khwaja Ghar district of the province, Ahmad Musilm, said agriculture lands in their district had been swept away by Amu water. He asked the government to take measures at preventing the massive annual erosion. Meanwhile, 5th water district head in Takhar, Eng. Rahmatullah Safi, confirmed to Pajhwok that the Amu water had washed away thousands of acres of farming land, orchards and homes in the province. He said the Amu River flowed for 120km in Takhar but they had been able only to construct 5.6km retaining walls along the river. Abdul Hakim, a resident of Badakhshan province, said the river had swept away farmland measuring thousands of square kilometers, homes and orchards. He said thousands of acres of more land, homes and... (More on P4)... (18)

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## Peshgam, New TV Channel, Goes on Air

KABUL - A new private television channel, named Peshgam, went on the air on Tuesday. The channel will focus on scientific and educational subjects. Former president Hamid Karzai, inaugurating the channel in Kabul, hailed it as a welcome move. "We are proud of opening a new page in promoting education in the country." The channel's motto is 'University in Every Home'. The project would help promote education among youth and people," the former president hoped, pledging cooperation with Peshgam. Javed Sangdil, founder of the channel, said they had tasked scientists from 100 countries with teaching Afghans bachelor and master courses. He called Peshgam TV a new innovation in... (More on P4)... (19)

## 16 Taliban Killed in Kunduz Drone Strike



KUNDUZ CITY - Nearly 16 Taliban rebels were killed in a foreign troops' drone strike in northern Kunduz, officials said on Tuesday. The air raid was conducted in Chaharsada district on Monday, targeting two vehicles related to Taliban insurgents, local officials confirmed. According to officials, no casualty was incurred to civilians in this airstrike. This comes after international troops decided to surge their drone operations that have so far targeted Taliban and Daesh rebels in parts of the country. (Tolonews)

## NDS Foils Suicide Attack in Kunar

ASSADABAD - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) operatives arrested a suicide bomber on Monday, thwarting his plan to carry out an attack in Assadabad, the capital city of Kunar province, the agency said in a statement on Tuesday. According to the statement, the suicide bomber named Hafizurrahman and has confessed that he was trained in Peshawar of Pakistan and the was sent back to Afghanistan to conduct subversive activities. The statement added that the NDS also seized a vehicle loaded with explosives in Sokai district in Kunar. The statement did not provide further details. (Tolonews)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

You're not afraid to let others know exactly what you think today. However, you could come on so strong that you don't even allow someone else to speak. But the energy imbalance won't last long if the other person's annoyance turns to anger. You might find yourself engaged in a battle that has less to do with what you said than how you delivered the message.

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

What begins as a casual conversation can quickly turn into a heated debate today. Although you know exactly what needs to be said to make your point, you might become so upset that nothing comes out of your mouth at all. Ironically, this argument could be won by what you don't say.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

A difference in fundamental values could create an awkward rift between you and others at work today. Unfortunately, it's difficult to tell in advance whether a heartfelt discussion will bridge the gulf or only make matters worse. One thing is for certain: impulsive responses based upon emotions rather than facts will not lead anywhere productive now. Instead of trying to sell your position.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Although confrontation is rarely your cup of tea, your immediate reaction is to stand up for the underdog if someone tries to railroad their opinion over everyone else's today. Throwing caution to the wind is admirable if your cause is worthwhile. Nevertheless, you will be more effective if you reflect on what you want to say before your emotions hijack your logic. A few

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

You can be so confident your plan is the best one that you don't even listen to what anyone else has to offer today. Unfortunately, this level of certainty will only stir up bad feelings in your coworkers. It's not prudent to provoke dissension within the ranks of your associates now.

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

You may feel conflicted about working closely with someone who constantly pushes your emotional buttons today. On one hand, you recognize that you actually accomplish more when experiencing this high level of intensity. But on the other hand, you grow anxious when you're pulled outside of your normal comfort zone. Don't be complacent and settle for mediocrity when you have the opportunity to conquer your fears.

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

An interaction with a close friend or coworker might grow too emotional for your liking today. However tempting, retreating into your shell does not work to your advantage because others could take your silence as a vote of confidence. Running away from confrontation only increases the distance from the solution. If you're not happy with someone else's behavior now, do the responsible thing and let them know.

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

You are at the end of your rope and could feel as if you have nowhere safe to land. You might even consider putting a risky plan into motion if you feel there is nothing to lose. Nevertheless, exercising caution is advised now because your current sense of desperation will soon fade into the past.

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

You want to express whatever is in your heart today without worrying about the reactions of anyone else. In theory, you should be able to preserve your childlike innocence and do as you please. However, in practice life just doesn't work that way. You are likely to experience remorse if your actions inadvertently hurt someone's feelings. It seems as if you are caught between the proverbial rock and a hard place.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You prefer to keep your emotions under wraps but circumstances continue to poke and prod your most vulnerable spots. Your nerves may be on edge today because you feel like you could lose your temper if pushed too hard. Ironically, the more you try to maintain control, the closer you get to an emotional meltdown. Thankfully, you can easily prevent an unpleasant scene by taking proactive measures early in the day.

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

You need to get something off your chest today and are ready to speak your truth even if others don't want to hear it. Although you might be itching for some verbal fireworks, it's not necessarily in your best interest to disregard everyone else's feelings just so you can express your own.

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

In the heat of the moment, it's impossible to remain objective when discussing your feelings. If anyone challenges your beliefs today, you're likely to take it so personally that you feel as if you're under attack. Unfortunately, your insecurities could get in the way of a constructive conversation. Your current discomfort is a chance for you to grow emotionally and recognize that intelligent people can hold different positions and remain friends.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-64.

Across: 1. 3rd Greek letter, 6. Implored, 10. Probabilities, 14. Extraterrestrial, 15. 71 in Roman numerals, 16. Debauchee, 17. Aspect, 18. Keen, 19. Microwave (slang), 20. Brotherhood, 22. Beers, 23. Excluding, 24. Mommies, 26. A hydrocarbon in petroleum, 30. Communication device, 32. Australian "bear", 33. Piety, 37. Agitate, 38. Consider, 39. Misprint, 40. Assuage, 42. Billiards bounce, 43. Nerdish, 44. Accuse (archaic), 45. Circumference, 47. 2,000 pounds, 48. Blackthorn, 49. A delayed flavor sensation, 56. Breathe hard, 57. Unusual, 58. Fruit of the oak tree, 59. Modify, 60. Apothecary's weight, 61. Reversed, 62. A style of design, 63. Absorbs, 64. Units of paper. Down: 1. Spike, 2. Winglike, 3. Flexible mineral, 4. Encounter, 5. Aerial, 6. Flora, 7. 66 in Roman numerals, 8. Way out, 9. Twin or double, 10. Decorative, 11. Birthing coach, 12. Noblemen, 13. Views, 21. Caviar, 25. Autonomic nervous system, 26. Gumbo, 27. Not hot, 28. A dog wags one, 29. A moderately quick tempo, 30. Devoutness, 31. "Where the heart is", 33. Pinnacle, 34. Tropical American wildcat, 35. Smudge, 36. A few, 38. Traditionalists, 41. Animal doctor, 42. Half man and half horse, 44. To make a fool of (archaic), 45. Clearing, 46. Classical Greek, 47. Abounds, 48. Hurried, 50. Casino game, 51. Snare, 52. Skin disease, 53. Fizzy drink, 54. Snip, 55. Terminates.

Yesterday's Solution: ERST, BIYADIS, SLAY, LATH, AESOP, NODE, LIIT, BASCIVIOUS, SLENDER, STIPPLE, BENIGNITIEDLY, TICORN, BURAL, FELT, THE, BUKU, ORA, EON, SYSPOR, FLOUR, FESSEL, LLA, TEF, GOUPE, LLO, OPPRESS, AVENGER, DEBITITATE, ELSE, EROS, TUDOR, LUNA, SLAWS, ENEMY, SEEM

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