

88 Daesh Rebels Killed in Nangarhar Operation

JALALABAD - At least 88 Daesh fighters were killed in a military operation conducted by Afghan security forces in eastern Nangarhar province over the past 48 hours, local official said on Wednesday. The operation was launched in Kot district in the province after the insurgents attacked security forces' outposts on Friday night, Nangarhar governor spokesman Attaullah Kho-



gyani confirmed. He added that the military operation is moving forward steadily in order to prevent civilian casualties. The battle in Kot district has so far left over 400 families displaced. Nangarhar governor Salim Kunduzi said the rebels had torched 90 houses in the district. He said they will provide the displaced families with facilities and assistance. (Tolonews)

37 Militants Killed in S. Afghanistan



KANDAHAR - Up to 37 Taliban Timor area on Tuesday and so far 37 rebels have been killed and several others injured," Razeq told Xinhua. Seven vehicles, 20 motorbikes and a number of arms and ammunitions of the militants have also ... (More on P4)... (20)

Corruption Alleged in Scholarships Offered to Allaiddin Orphanage

KABUL - Malalai, an 18 years old student of Allaiddin Orphanage in capital Kabul complained scholarships offered to the orphanage students were given to people having connections with powerful individuals. Malalai, who spent 11 years of her age in the orphanage, is currently studying in 12th grade. She told Pajhwok Afghan News her mother died six years ago during childbirth. She said her father had long



been jobless and he had "My mother would earn money through tailoring and sometimes working at

people's homes families," she said. After the death of her mother, her father handed her and her three other sisters over to the orphanage. "One of my two brothers sells plastic bags and another begs, both are living with father," Malalai said. Optimistic about future, she said she had always been able to win first position in her class since first grade. Malalai said she was also a ... (More on P4)... (21)

Prabhakar's Contract with Afghan Team Not Renewed

MUMBAI - Former India all-rounder Manoj Prabhakar's contract with the Afghanistan team has not been renewed. This was revealed by Shafiq Stanikzai, the CEO of the Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB). Speaking from Edinburgh, where he has been attending the ICC meetings, Stanikzai said, "We have decided not to hire the services of Prabhakar." The 54-year-old Prabhakar was named the bowling coach of the Afghanistan side and he, along with Pakistan's Inzamam-ul-Haq as coach ensured the team gets recognition at the international level. "Budget was not the primary concern but we have recently appointed Lalchand Rajput as our head coach and we



intend to utilise the services of our own local men for the job. Rajput will guide our local coaches and groom them," the CEO added. "Afghanistan team will play against Scotland, Ireland and Netherland. We are in discussions with few other national boards but so far nothing is decided about our future tours or home series. The Indian cricket board has been helping us a lot for the betterment of the game," he added. Afghanistan is scheduled to play two ODIs against Scotland (Edinburgh), five ODIs against Ireland (Belfast) in July. The team and newly-appointed coach Rajput have already been in Edinburgh. (Agencies)

15 Taliban Killed in Kunduz, Badakhshan Offensives

KUNDUZ CITY/FIAZABAD - At least 15 militants, including foreigners, have been killed and 10 others wounded during operations in northern Kunduz and Badakhshan provinces, official said Wednesday. Kunduz police chief, Brig. Gen. Qasim Jangalbagh, told Pajhwok Afghan News the insurgents suffered the casualties during an overnight operation in Hazrat Sultan area on the outskirts of Kunduz City. He said three security personnel were also injured in the operation. Seventeen suspects were arrested and three villages cleared



as a result of the operation conducted by Afghan National Army (ANA) troops and police. Hazrat Sultan area, located eight kilometers from Kunduz City, has been under Taliban control for the past one year. On the other hand, police detained six militants including two Tajikistanis in

an ambush in Kufab district of Badakhshan province. Deputy police chief, Col. Mohammad Nabi, said one of the two Tajikistanis injured by security forces succumbed to his wounds while attempting to swim across Amo River. Four weapons were recovered ... (More on P4)... (22)

17-Km Road Gravelled in Dara-I-Sauf District

AIBAK - The Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) has gravelled a 17-kilometre road in the Dara-i-Sauf Payeen district of northern Samangan province, an official said on Wednesday. Eng. Rafi Refah, the MRRD director, told Pajhwok Afghan News the road connected Damki village with the district centre. With 5.5 metres width and 33 culverts, the road cost 24.5 million afghanis and took 10 months to complete. Eng. Mohammad Qurban, executive manager of the district, said around 10,000 families in 28 villages would benefit from the project. The road was completely destroyed as result of floods in recent years, he added. Residents of local villages were happy with the road's reconstruction. Mohammad Ismail, a resident of Bayan village, said they were faced with many problems before road ... (More on P4)... (23)

Old-Fashioned Antique Shops a Treasure Trove of Relics for Dealers in Afghanistan

KANDAHAR - The old store keeper was standing behind a glass case in his dusty shop in the southern Kandahar province and bargaining enthusiastically with a customer over the price of a rare and expensive artifact. He explained to the customer that this particular relic was worth around 3,000 U.S. dollars and in fact worth several times more than that outside of Afghanistan. "I have countless numbers of antiques, including teapots,

old rifles, revolvers, daggers, swords and precious gems here in my store," the shopkeeper told his client. "Some of these items are thousands of years old and the prices of these relics differ depending on their historical importance." There are a dozens of antique shops in Kandahar city, but interestingly none of the shopkeepers have a license to sell their artifacts openly and legally. "The ... (More on P4)... (24)

Taliban Commander Involved in Robbery Arrested from Charikar City

CHARIKAR CITY - A commander of the Taliban group involved in robbery, extortion and other criminal activities was arrested from the northern Parwan province of Afghanistan. The National Directorate of Security (NDS) said Abdul Manan who is also famous as Wazir was arrested from the vicinity of Charikar district. According to a statement by NDS, another companion of Manan was also arrested by the intelligence operatives. The statement further added that Manan was involved in robbery, roadside bombings and harassment of the local residents and a Ak-47 ... (More on P4)... (25)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Lately it's been easier to dance around the idea of intensifying a relationship than to actually do anything about it. However, your key planet Mars turns direct in your 8th House of Intimacy, motivating you to deepen a partnership now. Instead of distracting yourself with someone or something new, work through this metamorphosis, even if you don't know where the transformation will lead.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You might be quite contemplative today as you try to gain perspective on a key relationship. If retrograde Mars has stymied positive developments over the past couple of months, his direct turn in your 7th House of Companions indicates that forward movement is imminent.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Sometimes you quickly lose interest and place your attention elsewhere when you don't see immediate results from your efforts. Your recent laissez-faire attitude at work might have contributed to a lack of observable progress. However, action-planet Mars turns direct in your 6th House of Daily Routine today, motivating you to overcome sluggishness on the job. You have fiddled with your plans long enough.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You are intent on revitalizing an existing relationship or finding new outlets for your emotional expression now. You're looking forward to experiencing more joy in your life and want to replace delays with successes. Thankfully, you can summon your natural patience as superhero Mars turns direct in your 5th House of Love and Creativity.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your spirit of risk-taking is encouraged today as impulsive Mars turns direct in your 4th House of Roots. The gears of change begin to engage at a very fundamental level, prompting you to get new projects up and running. Although you might prefer more immediate gratification from your bold initiative.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You have grown weary of paddling as hard as you can, only to find you're still drifting in the same circles. However, plans that were postponed start to take shape once superhero Mars turns direct in your 3rd House of Immediate Environment. Although there are powerful forces to overcome, it's time to restate your goals and put a solid plan into play. It may take a couple of weeks yet to see real progress.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Adapting your vision for the future to the three-dimensional world is top priority now. You have an opportunity to connect the ideal and the real when physical Mars turns direct in your 2nd House of Resources. The action planet's forward shift in powerful Scorpio energizes you with the motivation and materials required to fuel your ambitions.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Your waiting period is finally over and perhaps you already see the signs of a cosmic green light ahead. Recent frustrations will begin to fade in the rear-view mirror as your ruling planet Mars turns direct in your 1st House of Self, starting a work party that lasts until it leaves your sign on August 2.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Releasing the past automatically frees up your creative resources. Your recent progress may fall short of your expectations, but development has been occurring behind the scenes. Dynamic Mars turns direct in your 12th House of Destiny to mark the beginning of a new wave of forward momentum. Ironically, you are also at the end of a larger cycle of self-expression between now and August, when Mars enters your sign.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

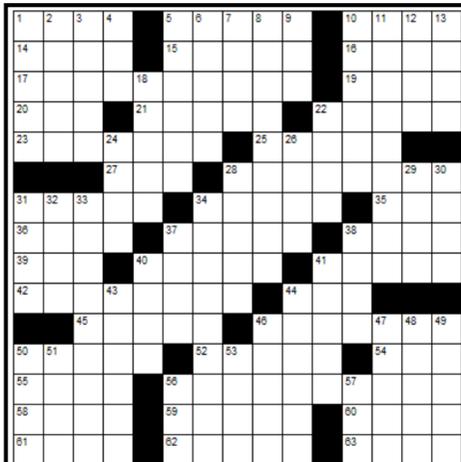
Your hard work is likely to pay off as long as you involve others in your endeavors. Thankfully, persuasive Mars turns direct in your 11th House of Social Networking, inspiring you to deliver a convincing argument as you gather support for your cause. Although working within a group may be most effective, be prepared to push on alone if necessary.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

It's time to channel your frustration into intention if your success at work has been thwarted recently. Energetic Mars turns direct in your 10th House of Career, making it easier to get new projects off the ground. The rising force of Mars feeds your enthusiasm; take the bull by the horns.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Although you may have experienced more than your fair share of setbacks in recent months, the tide is about to turn and worldly success will be within your grasp. Fortunately, Mars turns direct in your 9th House of Big Ideas, placing unfulfilled dreams back on the front burner. Keep the faith, even if you feel a bit discouraged by the snail's pace at which things are moving.



Across

- Eatery, 5. Apprehend, 10. Cease, 14. Border, 15. Fall color, 16. Threesome, 17. Absolution, 19. South African monetary unit, 20. Children's game, 21. Unlocks, 22. Certain basketball shots, 23. Besmirched, 25. Eyeglasses, 27. Tavern, 28. Race car, 31. Foolishness, 34. Picture, 35. Conceit, 36. Comply with, 37. Cat sounds, 38. Prig, 39. Governor (abbrev.), 40. Femme fatale, 41. Gnatlike insect, 42. Stoneless, 44. Soak, 45. French for "Queen", 46. Crafty, 50. Navigational aid, 52. Cantillate, 54. Neither ___

Down

- Wagons, 2. Perpendicular to the keel, 3. Soft creamy candy, 4. French for "Summer", 5. Metallic element, symbol Cu, 6. Performed, 7. Not fat, 8. Other side of the city, 9. Female chicken, 10. Hit, 11. Exceed, 12. Pig sound, 13. Seedcases, 18. Type of eel, 22. A style of design, 24. With competence, 26. Kettles, 28. Footwear, 29. All excited, 30. Gown, 31. Mists, 32. Double-reed woodwind, 33. Used borrowed capital, 34. Cause to suffer, 37. Bearing, 38. Anagram of "Sing", 40. Narrow opening, 41. Usually 30 or 31 days, 43. Lower the capability, 44. Assorted, 46. A proofreader's symbol, 47. Accustom, 48. Snouts, 49. Extraordinary, 50. Greenish blue, 51. Vagabond, 53. Derbies or berets, 56. Snagged, 57. Buffoon.

Yesterday's Solution

CAFE, SLATCH, STOP, ABOUT, OCHRE, TRIO, REDEMPTION, RAND, TARS, OPENS, DUNKIE, SMEARED, SPECS, BARS, STOCKCAR, HOLLER, PHOTO, EGO, OBEY, BROWS, SNOIS, GOV, STREN, MIDGE, SEEDLESS, SOG, CHARTER, GUNNING, CHARTER, GHANT, NOR, YOGA, GUARDHOUSE, ABST, OTTER, AREA, NODE, CHEM, FEST

About, charm, cloud, consecutive, covet, defense, distinction, divine, field, gable, house, hypnotic, image, induce, lucky, magic, mast, mote, nimble, reason, rocket, score, soprano, special, spoil, stage, stuff, tailgate, taut, throw, torpedo, vest, wonder.

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