

# Nearly 300 ISIS Loyalists Killed, Wounded as Operations Conclude

KABUL - The loyalists of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group suffered heavy casualties as the clearance operations against the terror group concluded in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan. The provincial government media office in a statement said the operations to suppress the activities of the terror group under the name of Shaheen-18 concluded on Saturday. The statement further added that the operations covered Achin district of Nangarhar where the loyalists of the terror group were actively operating. The operations continued for 21 days, involving security personnel



from all security institutions, including the Afghan Air Force. According to the local officials, nearly 300 ISIS loyalists were killed or injured during the operations. The operations by the Afghan forces were launched amid concerns that the loyalists of the terror group were looking to expand foothold and turn the region into a regional operational base. The coalition officials estimated around 1,000 to 3,000 Islamic State fighters are stationed in eastern Afghanistan and are trying to establish a base of operations in the rugged mountains of Nangarhar Province. (KP)

## 700kg of Drug Seized from 7 Vehicles in Logar Raid

PUL-I-ALAM - Intelligence operatives have seized 700 kilograms of narcotics during an operation in the Khoshi district of central Logar province, an official said on Sunday. The seizure came during an operation on Saturday in Dobandi area of the district, the governor's spokesman, Salim Saleh, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said the 700kg of drugs were recovered from seven vehicles. Besides the drugs, 350kg of ammonium ni-

trate, 200kg of potassium nitrate and 12kg of explosives were also recovered from the seven vehicles. The official said no one had been arrested in connection with the seizure, but efforts were underway in this regard. He said the drugs had been brought from eastern provinces to Logar for supply to other provinces. Saleh said the NAD forces conducted a separate operation in Dobandi area of Khoshi district, arresting a ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

## Afghan, Pak Forces Trade Fire on Nangarhar Border

JALALABAD - Afghan and Pakistani security forces exchanged weapons fire at the border near Ghoshat district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Sunday. Col. Wali Khan Shinwari, a border police official in the east, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Pakistani forces fired light and heavy weapons at Afghan security forces in the area. He said the exchange of fire continued periodically but no causality had been reported on this side of the border and he had no information about casualties across the border.



Provincial Council Chief Ahmad Ali Hazrat confirmed the incident and said Pakistani forces were firing heavy and light weapons at Afghan bor-

der security forces based in Anargi locality. He lamented the incident occurred amid intensified efforts at reviving the Afghan peace talks. (Pajhwok)

## Pakistani Forces Capture 20 Afghan Asylum Seekers

KABUL - Pakistani forces have captured 20 Afghan migrants who wanted to enter to Iran, Pakistani media reported on Sunday. These Afghans had been captured in the Mashkhel locality of Chaghi district in Baluchistan province. According to the sources the detained Afghans did not have legal documents and wanted to enter into the Iranian soil. Pakistani forces have referred the detained Afghan to the concerned authorities for more investigations. The fresh detention of Afghans came a day after Afghan Envoy Hazrat Umar Zakhelwal and Pakistani official agreed that Afghan refugees would not be harassed anymore by Pakistan security forces. (Pajhwok)

## Roads Being Rebuilt with Public Support in Kandahar



KANDAHAR/MAZAR-I-SHARIF - With locals' volunteer participation, construction work on five kilometers of roads has been launched in the capital of southern Kandahar province. While reconstruction work on projects executed under National Solidarity

Programme (NSP) has been initiated in northern Balkh province. Kandahar mayor Rokhan Wolasmal told Pajhwok Afghan News the construction of the roads in Kandahar city would take three months to complete, with each family contributing ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

## 2 Senior Pakitka Officials Arrested Over Graft Charged

SHARAN - Intelligence officials have arrested two senior government officials in southern Paktika province over corruption charges, an official said on Sunday. Counternarcotics department head Mohammad Tahir Yaqubi and environment protection department director Yahya Ghaforzai had been arrested by the National Directorate of Security officials, an NDS official said. The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, told Pajhwok Afghan News the two officials had been arrested four days apart and Ghaforzai had confessed to his involvement in corruption. Momin Afghan, a he resident of Sharan, the provincial capital, said he was not aware of the arrests. He said arresting low scale officials would not end corruption and big fishes if arrested would leave an impact. The governor's office and officials of the two departments refused to comment over the arrests. (Pajhwok)

## Two Killed in Kabul Shooting

KABUL - At least two people were killed in a shooting in Kabul city on Saturday night, local officials said. The incident took place at about 7:00am local time in Haji Yaqoob Square of Kabul city after a gunman attacked a Turkish store in which one Turk and an Afghan were killed, Fraidoon Obaidi, the head of Kabul's Criminal Investigation Department said. Three other Turks were injured in the attack, he said. No one has so far been arrested over the incident and investigations are underway, he added. However, the motive for the attack is not yet clear. (Tolonews)

## 24 Taliban Militants Killed Helmand

LASHKAR GAH - Some 24 Taliban militants have been killed and 13 others injured in southern Helmand province over the past 24 hours, according to an army statement out on Sunday. A total of 15 militants have been killed at Marja district and 9 others at Khanshin district in the province, a former Taliban stronghold, since Saturday morning, the statement said. Meanwhile, 13 more militants have sustained injuries in both the districts, it added. The statement, however, did not comment on the possible casualties on the side of the security personnel.



Local officials said fierce fighting has been continuing between government forces and Taliban militants in Marja district over the past few days. Taliban militants, who have been challenging the gov-

ernment forces in Helmand province with LashkarGah as its capital 555 km south of Kabul over the past couple of years, are yet to make comments on the situation in both Marja and Khanshin districts. (Xinhua)

## Govt. Has Ignored Jalalabad Bank Attack Victims' Families

JALALABAD - The bereaved families of those killed and wounded in a massive attack in April on a Kabul Bank branch in Jalalabad city, the capital of eastern Nangarhar province, say the government is yet to take notice of the situation they are in. Bad economic situation, a lack of aid and no follow-ups of cases of the people detained in connection with the attack are among complaints the families carry. A suicide bomber blew himself up in front of the Kabul Bank, leav-

ing 35 people dead and more than 124 injured in Jalalabad City on April 18, 2015. The attack also caused heavy financial losses to people, but the local government has not yet provided the exact amount of the losses. After the incident, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said five suspects had been detained in connection with the attack. However, the victims' families say they are unaware of the fate of those detained. Victims Eighteen children whose ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

### Outlook Horoscope

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

Experimenting with a variety of methods to reach satisfaction today may still leave you annoyed if you don't achieve results as quickly as you wish. Surrounding yourself with loyal friends and family helps keep your energy as positive as possible. But relying on others isn't a permanent solution to your frustration. Nevertheless, losing yourself in a crowd can temporarily reduce your self-inflicted pressure.

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

Entertaining ideas for a new direction may include weighing the pros and cons of going back to school. It's exciting that your eyes are opening to all the possibilities ahead. However, studying a subject like philosophy or psychology must also have a practical side or it won't hold your attention for long. Rather than making a significant commitment now.

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

Exercising your curiosity is nothing new to you, yet your current need for additional information can turn into an obsession about a foreign destination or a fascination with an unconventional theory. In any case, you're being pulled out past the edges of your present worries today. But ultimately, escaping your personal or professional obligations comes with a cost. Although you may want to pursue a lifelong dream.

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

The most realistic approach is your safest bet today, but your current pragmatism won't stop you from creating opportunities out of a chance encounter. If someone opens a door for you, don't hesitate to confidently walk through to the other side. Even if a trusted relative criticizes your plans, make sure to closely listen to their words so you can respond accordingly.

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

Sticking to a preset agenda is unlikely today because your goals seem to clash with those around you. The focus is on everyone else in your life now that the Moon is reflecting your 7th House of Relationships. Dancing through the day with a partner is easier once you accept that you don't exist alone in a void. Loosen your grip and relax your expectations. Don't worry if you can't get traction on your pet project.

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

You are a Master of Paradoxes because you're extremely positive about the potential of nearly any scenario now, no matter how improbable the circumstances. But this doesn't mean you're willing to blindly follow someone into a sparkly fantasy that originates from sloppy thinking. Ultimately, your dedication to the truth cannot be minimized. Consider all the possibilities, make a choice and then live with your decision.

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

Turning a dream into reality can be very tricky now because you're distracted from experiencing life in the present moment. It doesn't matter where your great inspiration comes from today; rejoice in the fresh wind finally blowing your way again. Your muse is encouraging you to manifest something beautiful, but you might still struggle with the act of creation. No matter how out of place you feel.

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

You're extra protective of your feelings today, prompting you to spend time at home with your loved ones who understand your moods. Others appreciate your stabilizing influence on the changing domestic dynamics now that the Moon and Venus are dancing through your 4th House of Emotional Security. You can earn the title of super-hero by showing up and speaking your truth.

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

You may spend an inordinate amount of time examining how you emotionally detach when you encounter a dilemma. You could even be questioning your career choice and thinking about alternative ways to make money that are more aligned with your heart. However, it's not the right time to change directions because the cosmic weather is still in flux. Although your predetermined course might not be the one to carry you into the future.

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

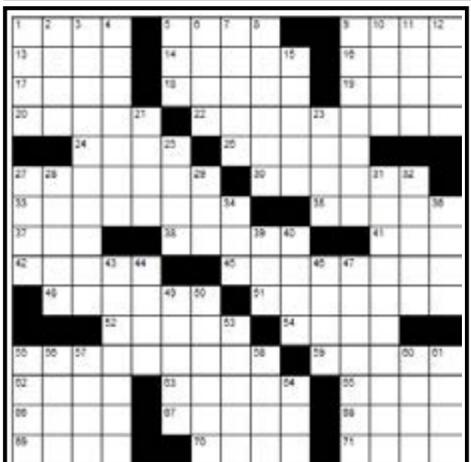
Your most innovative ideas appear to be co-opted by a group of very smart people who give you little credit for your contribution. You might need to fight for recognition every step of the way now. Maintaining the status quo may seem more important today than anticipating what is next. Keep in mind that fear of the future is an unhealthy motivator. If you're frightened of the uncertainty ahead.

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

You're guardedly optimistic about your future, even if you know there's still a lot of hard work in front of you. However, your unexpressed concerns could remain invisible to everyone else. Your friends won't even realize that you're going through an intense process now unless you go out of your way to tell them. Nevertheless, don't speak too soon.

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

You may receive an unexpected cash windfall today and, thankfully, every little bit helps to get you closer to your dream. Fortunately, something that starts out as a subtle ripple materializes from a different dimension right before your eyes. Useful financial advice arrives in the form of a concrete suggestion from someone you know. But don't be satisfied sticking with one approach.



**Across**  
1. Publicize, 5. A long way off, 9. Possesses, 13. Balm ingredient, 14. A green fabric mixture, 16. Found on a finger, 17. King of the jungle, 18. Lying facedown, 19. Prong, 20. Water lily, 22. Stated falsely, 24. Expect and wish, 26. Painful grief, 27. Mollify, 30. Lunatic, 33. Sort, 35. Testicle, 37. Fodder, 38. Investment, 41. Calypso offshoot, 42. What's happening, 45. Discolored, 48. Found at the end of a pencil, 51. City on San Francisco Bay, 52. Ranted, 54. Blend, 55. Overestimates, 59. Make into law, 62. Opera star, 63. Cut into cubes, 65. Double-reed woodwind, 66. Weight loss plan, 67. Muse of love poetry, 68. Forearm bone, 69. "Your majesty", 70. Distinctive flair, 71. Clairvoyant.

**Down**  
1. Gloomy atmosphere, 2. Hodgepodge, 3. Seer, 4. Slight, 5. European peak, 6. A mold for setting concrete, 7. Steer clear of, 8. Redemption price, 9. One of the Great Lakes, 10. Pause, 11. 1 less than 10, 12. Toboggan, 15. Electrical pioneer, 21. Resorts, 23. Chinese mafia, 25. Auspices, 27. Throb, 28. A person who is owned by someone, 29. Eastern newt, 31. Responsible to a higher authority, 32. Coated, 34. Cheer, 36. Early 20th-century art movement, 39. New Zealand parrot, 40. L L L L, 43. Provide commentary, 44. Russian emperor, 46. Tardy, 47. Inauspicious, 49. Avoid, 50. Hit the sack, 53. Sticker, 55. Probabilities, 56. 8 in Roman numerals, 57. Always, 58. Bristle, 60. Ice cream holder, 61. Rip, 64. Put clothing on.

**Yesterday's Solution**  
afraid, alien, alone, bandage, boar, brush, concrete, cult, damper, encode, entrance, equally, flattery, foreign, house, jaguar, kempt, lope, lord, lunch, near, panel, participate, player, riot, runner, secret, spade, stare, sweet, tiros, tong, track, trunk, tumble, wads.

