

37 Daesh Fighters Killed in Nangarhar Clashes

JALALABAD - Four Afghan Local Police (ALP) members and eight Daesh militants have been killed during a clash in the Achin district of eastern Nangarhar province, officials said on Monday. The Nangarhar governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, told Pajhwok Afghan News Daesh fighters stormed security checkpoints in the Koshtal locality of the district on Sunday night. In retaliatory gunfire from ALP personnel, he said at least eight Daesh militants



were killed and another five wounded. Four policemen were also killed and five others wounded. ALP post commander, Khair Mohammad, said many Daesh fighters were killed in the clash. He complained his colleagues suffered the casualties as security forces failed to come to their rescue. (Pajhwok)

Drug Addicts Escape Treatment Center over Uncertain Future

KABUL - A number of drug addicts hospitalized in the Phoenix drug rehabilitation center in Kabul have escaped over what they said was an uncertain future and because of their treatment at the institution. Sediqa is the mother of four children who is spending devastat-

ing life under the Pul-e-Sukhta bridge in the nation's capital Kabul, has called on the Afghan government to rescue her children. "I want to be treated for the sake of my children," said addict Sediqa. "Their father goes for ... (More on P4)...(15)

Taliban Intelligence in Charge Dead, Weapons Recovered

SHARAN - Afghan security forces have killed intelligence in charge of the Taliban and destroyed the group training centre in the Omani district of southeastern Paktika province, a reliable security source said on Monday. According to the sources security personnel from the National Directorate of Security (NDS) conducted raid on the Taliban training centre Sunday night in the Spin Kalai area. Taliban intelligence in charge Ain-ul-Haq was killed in the raid and security personnel capture weapons and ammunition from the training centre, the source ... (More on P4)...(16)

U.S. Judge Weighs Fate of Afghan Family Detained in California

WASHINGTON - A federal judge was due on Monday to consider a petition seeking the immediate release of an Afghan family of five said by their lawyers to have been detained by U.S. agents upon their arrival in California, despite having valid visas to enter the country. The couple and their three young children were granted the visas and resettlement assistance in return for work the father performed for the U.S. government that

put the family's lives at risk, the International Refugee Assistance Project said in its court filing on Saturday. However, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents detained the family shortly after their arrival at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) last Tuesday, and held them incommunicado without access to legal counsel, according to the petition. The petition, filed in U.S. District Court in Santa Ana, California, south

of Los Angeles, says the family was taken into custody, apparently without explanation, and "with absolutely no justification whatsoever." The filing on their behalf said the family's incarceration is a violation of constitutional guarantees of due process and equal protection, as well as a breach of the U.S. Administrative Procedure Act and immigration laws. The petition did not state the exact nature of the father's employment

with the U.S. government in Afghanistan. But it said he qualified for a special visa under a program requiring proof of having worked for the U.S. Armed Forces or the American diplomatic mission for at least 12 months, "as well as proof of completion of a background check and screening." It was not clear on what grounds the government detained the family. As of Sunday night, the CBP had declined to comment on ... (More on P4)...(17)

21 Dead, 33 Injured as Kandahar Battle Goes on

KADNAHAR CITY - Half a dozen policemen and 15 militants have been killed during an ongoing clash that erupted last night in Nish district of southern Kandahar province, officials said Monday. Provincial police spokesman, Zia Durrani, told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash began on Sunday night and was still ongoing. The militants stormed a number of security posts but they were pushed back after Afghan forces received reinforcements



in the area, he said. Durrani said so far 15 militants had been killed and 20 others wounded in the firefight that also left six police dead and 13 others injured. The Taliban claimed capturing many security posts and inflicting heavy casualties on police in ... (More on P4)...(18)

Pakistan deports 262 more Afghan Citizens

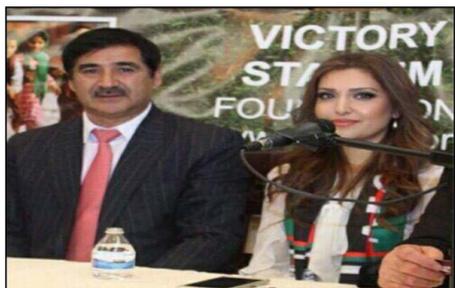
JALALABAD - Pakistani forces have handed over 262 more Afghan nationals, including patients, to authorities at the Torkham border crossing, an official said on Monday. Ghulam Haider Faqirzai, head of the provincial repatriation and refugees department, confirmed to Pajhwok Afghan News over 250 Afghans had been deported by Pakistan. Women, children and 90 detainees were among the ... (More on P4)...(21)

2 Heroin Manufacturing Factories Destroyed

JALALABAD - Two heroin manufacturing factories have been destroyed in security forces overnight operation in the Khogyano district of eastern Nangarhar province, local officials and the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said on Monday. Governor spokesman Attaullah Khogyani said security forces dispatched from the centre conducted operation in the Landai Cambo locality on Sunday night. Two heroin manufacturing ... (More on P4)...(22)

'Peroozi Stadium Construction to Start Soon'

KABUL - A new football stadium would be constructed in Qargha, a tourist location in Kabul, at the cost of \$270 million, a statement from the Afghanistan Football Federation (AFF) said on Monday. The construction of the stadium at the beautiful recreation area in Kabul had been communicated with football fans long back, the statement said. According to Mozhdha Jamalzada, an Afghan



singer and civil society activists based in foreign country, 100 acres of land for the Stadium has been bought by her Foundation, and the fund was being accumulated to ... (More on P4)...(19)

15-Member Suicide Squad Killed in Kunduz Blast

KABUL - A 15-member group of suicide attackers was killed when the explosives-laden car they were in went off in northern Kunduz province, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said on Monday. A statement from the MoI to Pajhwok Afghan News said the incident occurred in Chaghar village of Imam Sahib district on Sunday night. The group was planning to carry out a car suicide bombing in Kunduz city, the provincial capital, the statement said. (Pajhwok)

Taliban's Key Undercover Member Arrested in Wardak Province

KABUL - A key undercover member of the Taliban group was arrested by the Afghan security forces in central Maidan Wardak province of Afghanistan. The Afghan Intelligence, National Directorate of Security (NDS), said Monday that Mohammad Lahore son of Mohammad Aziz was arrested during an operation conducted by the intelligence operatives. According to a statement by NDS, Mullah Lahore was working for Qari Zia-



ul-Haq group as the head of the military committee. The statement further added that the detained militant was actively involved in gathering infor-

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

A realization from the bottom of your mental ocean rises toward the surface of your consciousness today. But your new awareness is only a starting point and you want to turn it into something practical. However, your ideas take on a life of their own as you attempt to shape them into tangible plans. No matter what you learn now, being gentle with the integration process is the most important thing to remember.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

An intimate gathering creates the perfect space to give voice to your dreams. Talking about your aspirations can be nerve-wracking now, especially if you're not entirely sure they're realistic. However, sharing your goals with people you trust helps you recognize both their value and their risk. Your shyness will melt away as soon as you start a conversation, so don't be timid about speaking openly around those who know you best.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You have a rare chance to clarify your intentions at work and clear up any recent misunderstandings. Communicator Mercury joins the shining Sun in your 10th House of Career, giving you a podium on which to stand and make your case. People are likely to hear your tone more than your words today, making uncomfortable negotiations flow more smoothly. You may be tempted to see how far you can take your sugar-coating skills, but they work the best when you speak from the heart.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You can learn plenty of fascinating facts delving into a favorite research topic today. Whether you're busy broadening your horizons or just browsing ideas for a dream vacation, you're like a dry sponge absorbing lots of new information. Follow where your intuitive river flows and your journey will take you to fertile lands ripe for harvest. Anton Chekhov wrote, "Knowledge is of no value unless you put it into practice."

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Conversations about yours, mine, and ours are on the table when canny Mercury joins the golden Sun in your 8th House of Shared Resources. Although it can be awkward talking about such delicate matters, you're able to foster a sense of trust and respect that facilitates mutual understanding.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Your kind words stir the heart and soothe the soul today. Showing how much you care for another person comes naturally with the tender Sun-Mercury conjunction brightening your 7th House of Others. You can tailor your message to convey the sweetness and gratitude you feel for a partner or friend, even if recent disagreements linger in the background. Acknowledging how much you appreciate their presence in your world opens the door to a closer connection.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You may not realize how harsh you are to yourself until you pay close attention to your self-talk habits. If you wouldn't say it to your best friend, you shouldn't say it to yourself. Trickster Mercury joins the altruistic Sun in your 6th House of Routines, shining a light on how often you allow negative thoughts to bring you down. Transform this revelation into adopting a kinder way of relating to yourself; encourage rather than criticize.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

There's no pride to be taken in bottling up your feelings, even if letting them out seems childish. Messenger Mercury's role as a translator is activated by its meeting with the soulful Pisces Sun, inspiring your thoughts to undergo a polish before they find their way into the outside world. Whether your emotions emerge as poetry.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

A small stream of light shines into the deep parts of your psyche, giving you just enough clarity to make sense of what's inside. The quiet thoughts you usually ignore are amplified now, enabling you to hear them in full detail. Although some are likely to make you feel vulnerable, be open to letting your guard down to learn a valuable lesson about yourself. Abraham Maslow wrote, "What is necessary to change a person is to change his awareness of himself."

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

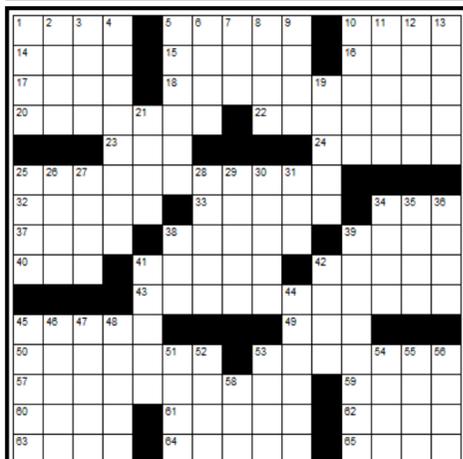
You offer a safe haven for someone who is searching for guidance today, since your listening and speaking skills are both on point. Vocal Mercury and the life-giving Sun join forces in your 3rd House of Communication, encouraging you to be extremely considerate and patient with others. If a friend or family member feels comfortable enough to cry on your shoulder now, don't be surprised if it ends up being just as much of a healing experience for you.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You may currently feel like you're not working hard enough and you should up your game to remain competitive. It's true that the type of worker someone is often reflects their character, but it would be a mistake to base the entirety of your self-worth on your productivity. Your priorities are brought up for reinspection when inquisitive Mercury joins the regal Sun in your 2nd House of Values.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your words evoke a sense of magic today and you can paint whatever picture you wish with them. Although you could probably say almost anything without repercussions now, using this opportunity to creatively embellish your story would be a colossal waste of cosmic magic. This higher vibration potential is best channeled into uplifting people with your message of compassion and forgiveness.



Across
 1. Performance bookings, 5. Statistics, 10. Boast, 14. Ear-related, 15. Black-and-white diving bird, 16. Take it easy, 17. Chancel, 18. Indecipherable, 20. Burst inward, 22. Evasion, 23. Type of dog, 24. 100 to a dollar, 25. Wake, 32. Dams, 33. Corporate symbols, 34. Soak, 37. Focusing glass, 38. Wool, 39. Shopping center, 40. South southeast, 41. Carried, 42. Eagle's nest, 43. Heedlessness, 45. In the sky, 49. A state of SW India, 50. Contrived, 53. Coureur de bois, 57. Ever-yreplace, 59. Expect and wish, 60. Writing implements, 61. Roof overhangs, 62. Not closed, 63. Exam, 64. Distorts, 65. Marsh plant.

Down
 1. Mongolian desert, 2. Bit of gossip, 3. Hobbling gait, 4. Ticket resellers, 5. Smear, 6. Melody, 7. Arrive (abbrev.), 8. Tall woody plant, 9. Secure against leakage, 10. Nonchalantly unconcerned, 11. Batman's sidekick, 12. Grant, 13. Secluded valleys, 19. Channels, 21. Not yours, 25. Hole-making tools, 26. Charges, 27. Prong, 28. Plant life, 29. Spring, 30. Heron, 31. Small portable bed, 34. Indian dress, 35. Hodge-podge, 36. Secluded valley, 38. Bamboozle, 39. Figure of speech, 41. Itsy-___, 42. Dwarf buffalo, 44. Exit, 45. Expert, 46. Embankment, 47. Roasters, 48. Not last, 51. Female sheep (plural), 52. East Indian tree, 53. Anagram of "Wert", 54. Bishop of Rome, 55. Type of sword, 56. Cleave, 58. Night before.

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