

IS Militants Helping Taliban in Kunduz: Officials

DUSHANBE - Radio Liberty reported that officials in northern Afghanistan say Taliban fighters who launched an offensive against government security forces last month have been joined by foreign fighters from the Islamic State (IS) militant group.

Kunduz Province Governor Mohammad Omer Safi told RFE/RL that the bodies of 18 foreign militants have been retrieved from areas where battles have been raging since April 24. He said they included militants from Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey, and Chechnya. Provincial police chief



Abdul Saboor Nasrati told RFE/RL "We cannot ignore the presence of Islamic State fighters" in the province. Fight continued early on May 10 in the districts of Ali-Abad, Chardara, and Imam Sahib as well as the Gul Tepe area on the northwestern side of the provincial capital, Kunduz. The UNHCR says more than 100,000 displaced civilians are desperately calling for humanitarian assistance. It says many of the displaced are from Gul Tepe, where the Taliban have fortified positions, and the Imam Sahib district about 50 kilometers north of Kunduz city. (Asia-Plus)

Afghan Clerics Warns to Turn Kabul Upside Down



KABUL - Outraged with growing civil rights movements and demonstrations, the Afghan religious clerics have threatened to turn Kabul city upside down if the government did not intervene to stop such movements.

The remarks by Enayatullah Baligh comes as Kabul witnessed rare civil rights protests and widespread anger over the lynching of a young woman who was falsely accused of burning a Quran.

Another demonstration by a young female activist also sparked furor after she performed an 'iron underwear' stunt in Kabul city a metal suit featuring exaggerated breasts and buttocks.

It is believed that such movements are posing challenge to the authorities of the religious scholars (Ulemas) who exert considerable influence in a country that remains deeply conservative.

Baligh who is also an adviser to President Ghani and university lecturer, told Reuters "We ask the government to tell them (civil rights groups) to stop. Otherwise, we know how to stop them."... (More on P4)... (21)

Three Civilians Shot Dead in Kunduz

KUNDUZ CITY - Unidentified gunmen shot dead three civilians in Khan Abad District of northern Kunduz province on Sunday. Abdul Wadood Wahidi, spokesman for the governor of Kunduz province says that a Saracha vehicle traveling from Kunduz city to Khan Abad District was stopped by unknown gunmen in Jangal Bagh area yesterday. He said that gunmen shot dead three passengers of the vehicle and a 10-year-old child sustained injuries during the attack. Wahidi further said that two of the three killed in the attack were associates of Amanullah, commander of a local illegal armed group. But he added that the case is under further investigation. Another older-age man and three women were also traveling in the vehicle but gunmen have not harmed them. (KP)

20 Rebels, 4 Security Men Dead in Charsada Clashes

FIROZKOH - Twenty insurgents, four security forces personnel and a civilian were killed following heavy clashes in Charsada district of western Ghor province, officials said Monday.

Fazal Haq Ehsan, head of provincial council, told Pajhwok Afghan News clashes



erupted after insurgents stormed security check posts on Sunday afternoon. He added clashes were still ongoing. The governor spokesman Abdul Hai Khatibi said Taliban suffered heavy casualties in the fighting. Afghan National... (More on P4)... (17)

FIFE Becomes Home to Afghan Interpreters Who Helped UK Troops

KABUL - Afghan interpreters who put their lives at risk by providing support to British forces during the Afghanistan war have been resettled in Fife. Following the draw-down of British forces in Afghanistan, Defence Secretary Philip Hammond recently announced the UK Government intends to resettle at least 300 Afghan households in the UK in 2014/15.



John Mills, Fife Council's head of housing services, has confirmed that Fife has taken a share. He said: "Since January 2015, Fife has successfully resettled seven Afghan interpreters into Fife. "At the moment, they are housed in temporary accommodation and they're being given advice and support to help them move on and build new lives here." The possibility of the move was first made public a year ago and welcomed by Fife councilors, who said ... (More on P4)... (20)

34 Taliban Insurgents Killed in ANSF Operations



KABUL - At least 34 insurgents have been killed in a series of coordinated operations over the past 24 hours by the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said in a statement on Monday. In addition, 8 insurgents were injured.

The operations were conducted in Nangarhar, Kunar, Ghazni, Jowzjan, Baghlan, Sar-e-Pul, Faryab, Badakhshan, Kunduz,

Takhar, Balkh, Parwan, Uruzgan and Herat provinces, the statement said. "During the same 24 hour period, Afghan National Police discovered and defused 3 different types of IEDs placed by enemies of Afghanistan for destructive activities in Kandahar and Herat provinces," it said. The MoI, however, did not comment on whether any security force members were injured during the operations. (Tolnews)

Hundreds Rally in Paktika Against Governor's Removal

SHARAN - Hundreds of people on Monday rallied in the capital of southeastern Paktika province against the removal of Abdul Karim Matin as the provincial governor and warned his replacement was not acceptable to them.



Matin was unseated as Paktika governor two days ago in light of a decision by the National Security Council (NSC) after the former governor alleged the NSC had distributed money to families linked to the self-styled Islamic State or Daesh group.

The NCS had rejected Matin's allegation and said the previous government had distributed \$250,000 among displaced families from Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal region to Paktika. Pajhwok Afghan News has obtained some official documents ... (More on P4)... (18)

UNAMA Strongly Condemns Attack on Judges and Prosecutors

KABUL - The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) strongly condemned Sunday's suicide attack against a civilian bus transporting employees of the Attorney General's Office in Kabul.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack that killed five prosecutors, including three women prosecutors and injured 19 other civilians. "An emerging pattern of deliberate targeted attacks by the Taliban against civilian staff in the At-

torney General's Office and legal professionals is reprehensible and must stop," said the Secretary-General's Deputy Special Representative for Afghanistan, Tadamichi Yamamoto. "Attacks deliberately... (More on P4)... (19)

India and Afghan Food Festivals in Kabul and Delhi from 19 to 29 May

KABUL - India and Afghanistan have historical and cultural linkages since centuries and the same gets reflected in the cuisines of the two countries. As part of cultural exchange, Indian Embassy in Kabul and Afghan Embassy in Delhi have jointly organized reciprocal food festivals in Kabul

and Delhi through India-Afghanistan Foundation. A 10 day food festival celebrating Afghan cuisines started at ITC Maurya, New Delhi on May 1 wherein four chefs from Inter Continental Hotel, Kabul have showcased delicacies of a wide variety of Afghan food. The event generated ... (More on P4)... (22)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Confusion catches you off guard today if someone you trust seems to be working against you. You might think that everyone's on your side, only to find that complex interpersonal dynamics are hidden from your view. The antidote to your current struggles may be as simple as renewing your commitment to the mutual good of all involved.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Your dreams are so lifelike today that you're unsure of who or what to trust. You want to build your future on a firm foundation, not on whimsical fantasies. In fact, you may quickly grow uncomfortable when you realize how much the real world is influenced by your imagination now. Fortunately, you can refocus your energy by consciously waking yourself up from your reverie.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



The solution to a job-related predicament may come to you as a vision today. Or, maybe a dream is instrumental in helping you see what to do next. However, you must proceed with caution now; you can create chaos if you just accept anything that pops into your head as the truth. An unverified hunch will lead you in the wrong direction if your thinking is warped by your colorful fantasies.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Sticking to your schedule is nearly impossible today because you prefer to spend time in unhurried contemplation rather than letting the clock determine your next move. Unfortunately, daydreaming about your ideal future is not the most effective way to manifest it. However, completely denying your desire to drift off into fantasyland isn't the answer, either.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You have plenty to learn from delving into the shadows of your subconscious today, but it might not be obvious how to do it. Undoubtedly, it would be nice if you could simply beam yourself into another dimension and back again on command. Although you normally benefit by activating your imagination, you can't slip away if others are expecting you to be productive now.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Your coworkers may be a source of deep frustration because they don't seem to support your plans. You could be overwhelmed with how much you have on your plate right now and you want to focus on being as efficient as possible. But people seem to float in and out of your day without concern for what you're trying to achieve. Don't rely on anyone else to jump in and help you; establish your objectives and follow your path on your own.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Focusing on your work isn't a simple task today because your mind is wandering off to other times and places. Ironically, the more you force your thoughts back into the present moment, the more distracted you become. Keep in mind that willpower alone won't fix your lack of concentration now, so go ahead and surrender to your daydreams for a while.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You don't want anyone dictating your schedule today because you plan to take some time off to play while the reflective Moon dances with imaginative Neptune in your 5th House of Fun and Games. The problem is your current wish may go unfulfilled because others are depending on you now and you must demonstrate your reliability.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



You know you can't float off into the clouds, your feet must remain on the ground so you can perform at your very best. However, you may have a tough time meeting your responsibilities now. Thankfully, you know exactly what needs to be done, but you're also aware that everything could grow more complex once you start your project. Remember, you can make more progress if you don't try to control every aspect of your work.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Your creativity has a magical life of its own today, yet you might not be able to manage your schedule with any sense of consistency. As soon as you begin to work, you may realize that you're moving into uncharted territory. However, if you assume you know where you're going, you could inadvertently miss the energetic wave completely. Sometimes it's the journey, not the destination that matters.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



You might doubt your own wisdom today because everything seemed so simple at first. However, it's obvious that you must stabilize your recent growth or you could risk losing the ground you have already gained. Adhering to your original agenda makes good sense, but only up to a point. Following your intuition and reconsidering your direction is the smartest thing to do now.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You can't hide your true intentions because others can see straight through your attempts at secrecy. Although the Moon's conjunction with vulnerable Neptune in Pisces makes you feel hypersensitive, your fears may be worse than any real danger. Don't waste your energy protecting yourself from those who mean no harm; instead, work to build your self-esteem so the opinions of others won't impact you negatively.



Across

- Northern diving birds, 5. Sad song, 10. Vipers, 14. Make a sweater, 15. African virus, 16. Urgent request, 17. Doing nothing, 18. Officer, 20. Baffle, 22. Gist, 23. A single-reed woodwind, 24. Purposes, 25. Having low blood pressure, 32. Without company, 33. Cars, 34. Uncooked, 37. Not more, 38. Tendon, 39. An exchange involving money, 40. An uncle, 41. Meeting place, 42. European blackbird, 43. Enthused, 45. Spanish for "Friend", 49. Small portable bed, 50. Windfall, 53. Long-lasting, 57. Inadvertent, 59. Meat from cows, 60. Cold-shoulder, 61. Heart artery, 62. Foliage, 63. Hearing organs, 64. Stratum, 65. Terminates.

Down

- Analogous, 2. Annul, 3. Pottery oven, 4. Sons of a new spouse, 5. Luxurious, 6. Nile bird, 7. Caviar, 8. Adhesive, 9. Dines, 10. Breathing problem, 11. Sneaked, 12. British penny, 13. Satisfies, 19. SSSS, 21. Tardy, 25. Fit, 26. The original matter (cosmology), 27. Sit for a photo, 28. Nigerian monetary unit, 29. Dawn, 30. List components, 31. Solemn promise, 34. Tease, 35. Away from the wind, 36. Join, 38. Comes after Mi and Fah, 39. Desirable, 41. Leaf, 42. Smell, 44. Relating to the eye, 45. Lower, 46. Chocolate-flavored coffee, 47. Bring upon oneself, 48. Advances, 51. Ardor, 52. Dwarf buffalo, 53. A romantic meeting, 54. Existed, 55. Its symbol is Pb, 56. F F F F, 58. Attempt.

Yesterday's Solution



anger, before, blood, boast, candle, canoe, care, clear, cold, derange, fascinate, frown, gate, hand, horse, intend, lens, market, movie, nieces, perfection, pest, potential, prince, prove, rain, rear, relax, skull, sorry, strong, tissue, title, total, tote, upstairs, video, visit, watch, wear, widow, yearn,

