

# ISIS Leader Joins Peace Process with His 11 Fighters

KABUL - A local leader of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group's offshoot in Afghanistan has joined peace process in Nangarhar province. Provincial governor Ataulah Khogyani told reporters that Tawiz Khan joined peace process with his 11 fighters due to the ongoing efforts to attract the anti-government armed militant groups to reconciliation process. Khogyani further added that the reconciliation process is being led by the Afghan Intelligence, National Directorate of Security (NDS). He said the group was previously conducting anti-government insurgency in Kot, Nazian, Achin, and Haska Mina districts. According to Khogyani, the group was operating under the direct instructions of Mufti Abdullah Orakzai and the militants also handed over their arms by joining peace process.



Tawiz Khan told reporters that he is originally a resident of Bandar area of Achin district and joined the ISIS terrorist group along with his family three years ago. The local ISIS leader said he decided to leave the terrorist group after understanding the reality and vowed to work for the development of the country by renouncing violence. (KP)

## Suicide Bomber Surrenders to Afghan Forces: Silab Corps

JALALABAD - A suicide bomber has surrendered to the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) personnel in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan, the 201st Silab Corps of the Afghan National Army (ANA) forces said Monday.

A statement by the 201st Silab Corps said the suicide bomber identified as Ahmad son of Feroz surrendered to security forces in Nangarhar province on Sunday. The statement further added that Ahmad is originally a resident of Syed Karam district of Paktia province and he surrendered to the security forces and handed over his explosives laden vest to the security personnel. This comes as the local officials in Nangarhar province said earlier that the suicide bomber was



arrested before he manage to carry out an attack on the provincial police commandment. The provincial governor spokesman Ataulah Khogyani said a suicide bomber who was willing to carry out an attack on police commandment was arrested by the security forces from Jandarma bridge located close to the police commandment compound. (KP)

## 3 ISIS Hideouts Destroyed, 4 Militants Killed in Airstrike

JALALABAD - At least three hideouts of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group's offshoot in Afghanistan, ISIS Khurasan, were destroyed in an airstrike in eastern Nangarhar province. The Ministry of Defense (MoD) in a statement said at least four militants of the terror group were also killed in the airstrike.

According to MoD, the airstrike was carried out in the vicinity of Achin district of Nangarhar, one of the main strongholds of the terror group's loyalists in Afghanistan. No further details were given regarding the parties involved in the airstrike as both the Afghan Air Force and US forces based in Afghanistan ... (More on P4)... (19)

## Suicide Attack on Nangarhar Police Commandment Foiled by Afghan Forces

JALALABAD - The Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) personnel foiled a plot by the anti-government armed militant groups to carry out a suicide attack on Nangarhar police commandment.

The provincial governor spokesman Ataulah Khogyani said a suicide bomber who was willing to carry out an attack on police commandment was arrested by the security forces from Jandarma bridge located close to the police commandment compound.

He said the Explosives Ordnance Disposal team managed to defuse the suicide bombing vest of the suicide bomber.

Khogyani further added that the suicide bomber is in the custody of the counter-terrorism operatives and an investigation is underway from the detained bomber.

The anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban insurgents and ISIS loyalists have not commented regarding the report so far.

Nangarhar is among the relatively calm ... (More on P4)... (20)

## Suspect Arrested in Parwan Blast Case that Killed Ulema Leader



KABUL - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) has arrested a suspect in connection with the explosion that killed Mawlawi Abdul Rahim Shagha Hanafi, the head of the Parwan Ulema Council, last week.

In an NDS statement, officials said the suspect was Nasir Ahmad, and that he had been recruited to the Taliban two years ago. The NDS also said he been assigned to target a number of tribal elders and religious scholars. In a video confession, the suspect said he was a student at the Madrassa where the explosion took place and that he had drawn up the plan to kill Hanafi.

The explosion took place in a classroom at a Madrassa in Parwan last week - killing Hanafi and wounding six students.

"My name is Nasir Ahmad, son of Mohammad Rahim, and a student at Darul Uloom Madrassa in Parwan province. Two years ago I was recruited by Qari Mahbub to the Taliban. Three days ... (More on P4)... (21)

## Shpageeza League Teams Auctioned at High Prices amid Rising Domestic Cricket in Afghanistan



KABUL - The Shpageeza league teams were purchased at high prices as the domestic cricket grows rapidly in Afghanistan.

The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) said the auction took place in Serena Hotel in Kabul and various prominent domestic and international entrepreneurs participated in the auction to purchase the cricket teams for the upcoming Shpageeza season.

The General Petroleum purchased Kabul Bazan (Kabul Falcons) at a price of USD 89,000.

The Spinghar Zmaryan (Spinghar Lions) was purchased at a price of USD 69,000 by Muslimyar group. Band-e-Amir team has been purchased at a price of USD 150,000 by Paragoon Trading Group while the Boost Guardians team has been purchased at a price of USD 80,000.

The Amu Divers team has been purchased at a price of USD 110,000 by Al-Masafi compny while Mes Aynak team has been purchased at a price of USD 90,000 by Waziri Group. This comes as the cricketing sport had major achievements on the ... (More on P4)... (22)

## 3 Dead, 1 Missed as Car Plunges into River

BAMYAN CITY - Three people including two women were killed when a car fell into a river in Shebar district of central Bamyan province on Monday, a local official said.

Mohammad Azim Fareed, district's administrative chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the accident happened in Doabi Bolola area in the outskirts of Shebar district this morning.

"The car was heading from the capital Kabul to Tala wa Barfak district of Baghlan province when the car plunged into river," he said, blaming the accident to recklessness of the driver.

Two women and a man were killed and a child was missed in river water in the incident, Fareed said. However, he added the rescue team immediately arrived to the accident area and rescued two children and a man from the river. (Pajhwok)

## 11 Militants Killed, Soldier Wounded in Helmand Clashes

LASHKARGAH - Eleven militants have been killed during separate clashes with security forces in southern Helmand province, security officials said on Monday.

Lt. Col. Mohammad Rasoul Zazai, spokesman for the 215th Military Corps, told Pajhwok Afghan News six rebels were killed and one soldier wounded during a firefight in Loy Bagh area of Nad Ali district late on Sunday.

Three more Taliban were killed in the Regeshan locality of Greshk district as a result of raid by security forces. A car, a Kalashnikov, a rocket and a walkie-talkie were recovered during the raid, Zazai added.

Police spokesman Mohammad Zaman Hamdard confirmed the Greshk raid, saying the Taliban had gathered to plan attacks against security forces in the district. "Three rebels were killed while the rest escaped." (Pajhwok)

## Outlook Horoscope

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



Your mind is made up and you're not going to let anyone talk you out of your plans. Unfortunately, you could be so stubborn now that you won't change your position even if you discover your conclusions are based upon incorrect data. Nevertheless, the choice is yours; you can overcome your current brush with inflexibility, assimilate the updated information and choose a new strategy.

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



Considering all your options is a healthy thing to do, but now it's time to stop your mental explorations and pick one course of action. Ironically, choosing a single goal does not seem constraining today; it's actually a relief. You feel freer once you hone in on your mission instead of wondering what to do next.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You may be inclined to slip away from the group today because you prefer to collect your thoughts in solitude. Although you don't want to ignore your social connections, you're reluctant to broadcast your ideas when communicator Mercury steps into your 12th House of Privacy. Retreating from too much conversational noise is revitalizing as long as it's temporary.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Your goals are inextricably entangled with the goals of others today, making it tricky to be clear about your personal objectives. Things are even more complicated because you could seek words of wisdom from your friends or coworkers, unaware of the biases that are influencing their advice.

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



or a Lion who likes being on center stage, it's extremely rewarding when others take note of your observations. Although your words may reach the ears of important people now that messenger Mercury is talking up a storm in your 10th House of Career, someone might not agree with your position on a work-related matter.

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



Your curiosity is on fire today, but you remain annoyingly pragmatic. Your peers might wish you could loosen up and take a chance, but intelligent Mercury's shift into sensible Taurus reinforces your need to stick to the facts. Nevertheless, there's a part of you that wants to give your imagination free rein, but you just can't ignore the data knocking on your door.

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



A conversation that begins as a casual encounter can intensify into one that powerfully impacts your life. Interactive Mercury's shift into your 8th House of Deep Sharing opens your heart to a new level of intimacy by revealing your vulnerability to someone's charms. But there's no reason to accelerate your emotional disclosure too quickly.

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



You might feel the need to justify your behavior to others today, but the less you say, the better. The problem is that people don't have the inclination to listen to long and involved stories now, nor do they want to hear about your emotional process. They want a simple explanation without the endless details. Talk in the most practical terms possible.

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



Although you try to overlook any resistance you experience at work today, it won't go away on its own. Denial isn't a viable strategy and only leads to frustration. Nevertheless, your success is all but guaranteed if you create a simple program and adhere to your newly established routine until it becomes productive. Unfortunately, starting with unrealistic goals might make it tough to achieve them in reality.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You wish you could pursue your fantasies today, but mundane tasks prevent you from drifting away from the real world. Nevertheless, you're still driven to express your feelings, whether or not they meet with the expectations of others. Figuring out a way to have fun while being responsible is easy now that trickster Mercury and the willful Sun are both visiting your 5th House of Play.

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

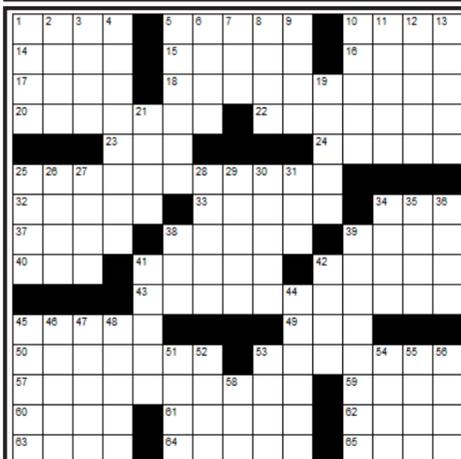


Your head may be in the clouds today, but your heart is tightly tethered to more practical concerns. On one hand, you're trying to increase your emotional security so you have a stable starting point for your upcoming explorations. On the other hand, the Moon's return to your sign puts you in touch with your unresolved feelings.

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



You are a natural-born dreamer. You're happiest when you step out beyond the boundaries of your ego and experience life as your own personal magical mystery tour. However, you may be swimming for the safety of certainty today when cerebral Mercury shifts into earthy Taurus and your 3rd House of Immediate Environment.



### Across

1. Q-Tip, 5. Dutch pottery city, 10. At one time (archaic), 14. Cabbagelike vegetable, 15. Banish, 16. A pale blue pigment, 17. Constellation bear, 18. Leather shorts, 20. Passionate, 22. Distinguished, 23. Car or floor polish, 24. Harps, 25. A type of light, 32. European currency (plural), 33. Style of jacket, 34. Fitting, 37. Dry, 38. Wealthy man, 39. Ward (off), 40. Record (abbrev.), 41. Astronomical visitor, 42. Diacritical mark, 43. Calling down a curse, 45. A dish of tomatoes and greens, 49. Shack, 50. Queen of the jungle?, 53. Impulses, 57. Sponsor, 59. Roman emperor, 60. Ship part, 61. French farewell, 62. Madly in love, 63. Being, 64. Conquers, 65. Swill,

### Down

1. Gull-like bird, 2. Not cool, 3. As well, 4. Cascara buckthorn, 5. Luxurious, 6. Former lovers, 7. Cover, 8. Run away, 9. School session, 10. Hard wood, 11. Part of a stair, 12. Display, 13. Canvas shelters, 19. Sword handles, 21. Paddles, 25. Terror, 26. Attraction, 27. Relating to urine, 28. Marsh, 29. A heavy wooden pole, 30. Overact, 31. Gist, 34. Sandwich shop, 35. Annul, 36. Biblical garden, 38. French for "Name", 39. Fixtures, 41. Made from apple juice, 42. Tight, 44. Musical refrain, 45. Quench, 46. Assistants, 47. Adores, 48. Anoint (archaic), 51. Knife, 52. On the left or right, 53. Encounter, 54. Calf's meat, 55. Therefore, 56. A cleansing agent, 58. Female sib,

### Yesterday's Solution

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