

Internecine Rifts: 15 Daesh Insurgents Decapitated



KABUL - Daesh or the Islamic State (IS) militant organization cut off heads of its 15 group's members in the Achin district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Thursday.

Governor spokesman Attaullah Khogyani told Pajhwok Afghan News internal rift inside Daesh forced one side to behead 15 members of the opposite side. The incident happened in the Surkh Ab Bazaar of

Mamondari locality. Obaidullah Shinwari, the Provincial Council member, confirmed the incident and said it happened due to internal ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

Acid Attack on Sisters: 5 Herat Policemen Dismissed

HERAT CITY - Five police officers have been dismissed after unknown individuals sprinkled acid on the faces of two sisters in the capital of western Herat province, an official said on Thursday. Police spokesman Abdul Ahad Walizada told Pajhwok Afghan News the removal of top police officials of fourth police district of Herat City happened after the orders of Presidential Palace to Interior Ministry and to the provincial police headquarters. The dismissal of top official occurred after committing negligence in their duty. Police chief, his deputy, crime branch chief, counter-terrorism chief and head of control had been dismissed from their positions over negligence in performing their responsibilities. Unknown individuals sprayed acid on the faces of two sisters in the capital of western Herat province on Wednesday. The victims were admitted to the Burns Ward of the Herat Hospital. Mohammad Rafiq Sherzai ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Young Men, Women Badly Affected by High Dowry in Paktia

GARDEZ - High dowry still persisted notorious culture in southeastern Paktia and other provinces of the country that made the lives of young men and women difficult. Zarghoona Hemmat, head of the Afghan Women Network (AWN), said young men and women could not live their married life together due to high dowry adding that the groom has to go abroad to earn the money and the bride spent her youth at father's home. Hemmat said youth have no option but to go abroad and spent years outside the country to earn money. Most of the youth, according to her, die on their way to foreign countries. ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

US, Afghan Airstrikes Destroy 9 Taliban Drug Labs

KABUL - U.S. and Afghan airstrikes have destroyed nine Taliban drug factories and labs, killing 44 suspected traffickers in a border area of southern Helmand province. The combined offensive is aimed at targeting the revenue streams of terrorists, according to officials. Regional military corps commander, General Wali Mohammad Ahmadzai, told VOA that bombings of drug-producing centers started late Tuesday and continued into Wednesday morning. He said the airstrikes focused on a narcotics market run by the Taliban in ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Once a Victim, Lawyer Bushra Now Defends Others

KABUL - Now a defense lawyer, Bushra, who transformed herself from a helpless woman to a helpful citizen, says she has decided to defend women whose voices have been suppressed. A report covering Bushra headlined 'Standing up against a slavery form of trafficking' was published by Pajhwok Afghan News on February 25. The report was widely reflected in the media and even some foreign journalists showed interest to interview her. The 32-year-old after her marriage with an illiterate man in Mazar-i-Sharif raised her voice against her husband's overt indulgence in bachabazi. Now she is providing legal assistance to Afghan victims and survivors of trafficking in persons. She saw her husband ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

7 Dead, 14 Wounded in Ghazni's Deh Yak Battle

GHAZNI CITY - Heavily armed Taliban insurgents stormed security posts in Deh Yak district of southern Ghazni province last night and the ensuing clash left seven dead and 14 wounded on both sides, police said Friday. It was the third such attack from the resurgent Taliban in Rabat area of the district in less than a month, causing casualties to security forces in each attack. Ghazni police chief Brig. Gen. Mohammad Zaman told Pajhwok Afghan News on Friday that a large number of militants attacked security posts in the area late last night. He said six Taliban and one policeman were killed and 10 Taliban and four policemen were wounded in the firefight. Local residents confirmed ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

5 of A Taliban Family Killed in Kapisa Blitz

MAHMOOD RAQI - Five family members of a Taliban commander were killed in an airstrike in Nijrab district of central Kapisa province last night, an official said on Friday. The airstrike was called in after the Taliban commander, Maulvi Malik, refused to surrender in Afghanistan area, local police commander in the area, Khwaja Safi, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said the Afghan commando forces surrounded the house of Malik and asked him through a load-speaker to surrender, but instead his gunmen opened fire. As a result, the soldiers called in an airstrike that hit Malik's home, killing two women and three children. He accused Maulvi Malik of his involvement in the killing of 10 local policemen and other terrorist activities. Deputy governor Abdul Rahman Tawab also confirmed the incident, but he had no information about casualties. A resident of the area, Farhad, who confirmed the airstrike, said Malik spearheaded anti-government activities in Tagab ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Female Officers Vow to Serve the Country

KABUL - At least 26 female military cadets who were graduated from Marshal Fahim National Defense University said they are committed to put their heart and soul in serving the country. The female cadets were part of 350 officers who celebrated their graduation on Thursday. "The military officer academy creates leaders in Afghan National Army. We women now serve alongside our brothers, and to wear the military uniform for Afghanistan is the greatest symbol of pride I could ever put on," Second Lieutenant ...*(More on P4)...(16)*



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

 Aries You can be quite persuasive today if you slow down your delivery enough so people can follow your thinking. The problem is your brain is processing so fast now that you might leave out significant details just so you don't lose your train of thought. Still, it's better to say too little than too much because others may believe your approach is scattered if you try to cover everything at once.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

 Taurus You might find yourself in the middle of a discussion today that dredges up old emotionally charged material that you thought was safely buried. But you may fall down the rabbit hole of your past anyhow, as you take one more pass at putting a painful experience to rest.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

 Gemini Your emotional flexibility serves you well, especially when circumstances seem to drift out of control. But your friends and family might have a different view of your behavior, and they wonder if you are floundering now. Nevertheless, you're able to think on your feet as you continue to untangle conflicts in your complicated calendar. Time will tell who is right.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

 Cancer You believe your logic is sound today, but you can't be sure because you feel totally out of your element. Naturally, you prefer to lean on the facts, but there are missing parts of the story and you can't make the larger pieces all fit into place now. Thankfully, you possess enough confidence to trust that everything will make sense over time -- and it will.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

 Leo A relationship issue that comes to light today feels familiar, giving you hope that it can be easily handled so you can move on. But your sense of déjà vu also makes you wonder why this problem continues to resurface. Luckily, you have an opportunity to gain a new understanding of your habitual patterns and how to change them.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept 22)

 Virgo You're willing to look at your activities today from a totally new point of view. Instead of fixating on your current schedule and how it differs from your ideal day, consider the changes you could make in your daily routine that would impact every day, not just this one. If possible, involve someone else in your process because it helps to receive support from an ally when improving your life.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

 Libra You can already sense the changes on the horizon and you hope to move through them as gracefully as possible. It's natural to feel a combination of excitement and fear as you consider all the possibilities before you. However, rather than bearing the burden on your own, talk about your feelings with a trustworthy friend.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

 Scorpio Sometimes, you feel unstable when you can't easily find your way back to center. However, exhilaration overpowers any uncertainty today as you revisit a series of events that has brought you to this present moment. Assessing your current position, along with your apparent trajectory, gives rise to a new wave of confidence that you are doing something that will generate enduring positive change.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

 Sagittarius Although you probably can see the speedbump in front of you, you have no intention of slowing down today. In fact, your thoughts are racing ahead so fast, you could achieve lift-off prior to reaching the obstacle. But there's no fallback position now. If you're going to take the risk and reach for the stars, you can't cling to any doubt. The very notion of failure is enough to spoil your success. You have anticipated this moment and you're prepared for it.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

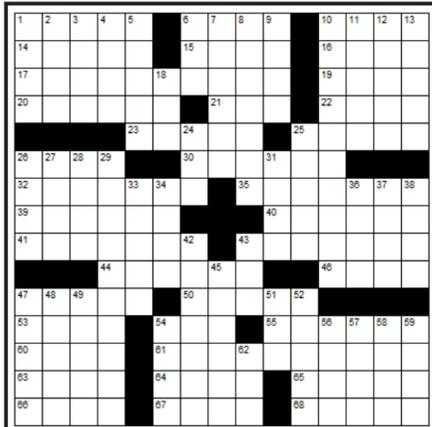
 Capricorn You may appear to be cautious today, but you're more radical in your thinking than anyone realizes. Although people see you as dependable in times of uncertainty, you are entertaining every possibility now, no matter how crazy it sounds. Fortunately, you have the sense to keep your most unconventional ideas quiet.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

 Aquarius You possess a rare blend of visionary innovation and respect for tradition. Your unique perspective enables you to imagine creative solutions when others are stuck in the status quo. Fortunately, once you share your thoughts, it's obvious to most people that your plan is vastly different than everyone else's. More importantly, folks are eager to give it a try.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

 Pisces You may be concerned that going along with a group decision today might send a message that's contrary to your nature. Your self-esteem is fueled by your ability to feel compassion for others even when you don't agree with them. But there are limits to what you will do in order to be considered one of the crew. You don't need to turn your dilemma into a crisis; just follow your heart, even if it means temporarily pulling away from everyone.



Across
1. Anklebone, 6. Urarthritis, 10. Be compelled, 14. Alert, 15. Sea eagle, 16. Within, 17. Light teasing, 19. Immediately, 20. Unruffled, 21. Religious sister, 22. Dossier, 23. Row of shrubs, 25. Common people, 26. Embraces, 30. One who leases, 32. Fatuously, 35. Feeling, 39. Highly seasoned fatty sausage, 40. Victor's wreath, 41. Believe to be guilty, 43. Sickness, 44. Fears, 46. Being, 47. Provoking fear, 50. Exhaust, 53. Not Mama, 54. F, 55. The first event in a series, 60. Astir, 61. Unequivocal, 63. Start over, 64. Bit of gossip, 65. Good-looker, 66. Biblical garden, 67. Canvas, 68. Submit.

Down
1. Faucets, 2. Away from the wind, 3. Piecrust ingredient, 4. Constellation bear, 5. Metalworker, 6. Hair goop, 7. A citrus fruit, 8. Ointment, 9. Adolescent, 10. Bad luck, 11. Up to, 12. Follow stealthily, 13. Carries, 18. Charge, 24. Not wet, 25. Poopy, 26. Snake sound, 27. Two-toed sloth, 28. Not guys, 29. Showy bloom, 31. Gangly, 33. Manicurist's board, 34. Bloodsucking insects, 36. Angers, 37. Not more, 38. If not, 42. A crisp lustrous fabric, 43. Belief, 45. A clumsy person, 47. Surplus, 48. Behind bars, 49. Any animal with no feet, 51. A very long period, 52. Piquant, 54. Modify, 56. Decorative case, 57. Anagram of "Tine", 58. Wicked, 59. Marsh plant, 62. Evil spirit,

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