

Clashes Between IS, Taliban Displace Hundreds



KABUL - Fresh fighting between the Islamic State (IS) terror group and Taliban insurgents has displaced hundreds of people in an eastern Afghan province. More than 200 families fled their homes in the Kho-

gyani district of eastern Nangarhar province as the two warring parties engaged in fierce fighting, local officials said. Ahmad Ali Hazrat, head of the Nangarhar provincial council, told Radio Liberty the clashes took place

in areas under the influence of Taliban. He added that many locals fled their homes to avoid being caught in the crossfire between the militant groups. Some villagers, who view IS as an outside force, have supported ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

2 Shrines Set Alight in Maqor District of Ghazni

GHAZNI CITY - Unidentified gunmen have torched at least two shrines in the Maqor district of southern Ghazni province, an official said on Monday. Mohammad Arif Noori, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place in the district late on Sunday night. Without blaming any group, he said no one had been arrested so far in connection with the torching of the shrines of Mullah Wali Neeka and Bahaul Haq. Naqubullah, a resident of the area, confirmed the incident. He urged relevant officials to protect historical site, including shrines. There was no immediate claim of responsibility. Shrines have been burnt in various areas of the country in the past as well. *(Pajhwok)*

After ISIS Mass Beheading, Taliban Militants Execute Own Leader



JALALABAD - The Taliban insurgents have executed their own leader over alleged links with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan. According to the local officials, the incident took place recently in the vicinity of Shirzad district, home to several Taliban militants. The officials further added that the Taliban group leader killed by his own fighters has been identified Mawlawi Shukoor. The provincial government media office in a statement also confirmed that armed Taliban insurgents covered with masks executed their leader over alleged ties with the ISIS ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Woman Arrested for Selling Fake Jewelleries in Kabul City

KABUL - A woman has been arrested by the security forces for selling fake jewelries in Kabul city, the security officials said Monday. The officials of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in Kabul said the woman was arrested along with another man who was supporting her in selling the jewelries. The officials further added that the woman was mainly selling the jewelries to the local shops in Kabul city. At least four sets of fake jewelries and 139,000 Afghani in cash have been recovered from the woman, the officials said, adding that the two individuals have been introduced to relevant institutions so that their cases can be further processed. This comes as there has been a sharp rise in criminal-related incidents in Kabul city and other key cities of the country during the recent years. The observers believe the majority of such incidents have links to growing poverty in the country. The CID officials said last week that the Kabul police has arrested ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

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12 Soldiers Killed as Taliban Storm Security Post in Nimroz



ZARANJ - At least 12 Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers have been killed in a Taliban attack on a security post in Khashrod district of southwestern Nimroz province, an official said Monday. A local security official who wished ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Casualties as Police, Taliban Clash in Badghis

QALA-I-NAW - Two policemen and as many Taliban gunmen were killed and seven security personnel were wounded during separate clashes in northwestern Badghis province, an official said Monday. The militants attacked a security check-post in Andarai area of Maqor district late on Sunday night, killing two policemen and injuring a third, Badghis police chief Mohammad Ismail told Pajhwok Afghan News.

He said two attackers were also killed and a third was wounded when the police retaliated. The insurgents took away one RPG rocket, a machinegun and some heavy and light weapons from the post, the police chief said. In Bala Murghab district, five border police were wounded as militants attacked them in Morichaq area. There has been so far no word from insurgents in this regard. *(Pajhwok)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

 Aries Outlining your plans for the year ahead seems like a wise use of your time today, but there are several unknown factors that need clarification before you make any commitments. However, you are tempted to impulsively go ahead and say yes before you know all the details once the Moon blasts into fiery Aries.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

 Taurus You might be expected to share your perspective on a complicated matter at work today. Although you have your opinions, you're not interested in discussing them with anyone else at this time. Other people seem to be optimistic about the possible changes, but you're not in agreement with their assessment.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

 Gemini You can't escape from the truth about a relationship today. Or, perhaps, you're the recipient of a reality check issued by a partner or associate. No matter how the message finds its way to you, there's no choice but to deal with it. Although you might feel immobilized at first, it's wise to quickly move through your hesitation. Things will start to stabilize once you assimilate the new information.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

 Cancer Your emotional connection with the past is highlighted by a minor crisis today. You may be called out because your production is running behind, or you could run into a roadblock that reveals a problem with your current schedule. You can't afford to let bad news send you into a tail-spin now.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

 Leo You crave the adoration and affection that comes from a lover or spouse, but you might not want to sacrifice your independence just to get it. Nevertheless, you are still eager to try and make everything work. You claim you're a new person, yet you carry your old fears with you.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

 Virgo Someone may be giving you a hard time today and you're not sure why. Unfortunately, people aren't saying much now, leaving you too much room to fill in the blanks with your doubts. Rather than worrying needlessly, it's smarter to tell your story to others and let the conversation unfold the truth. Communication brings clarity when nothing else will. Mary Browne wrote, "The elegance of honesty needs no adornment."

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

 Libra You don't have enough time in the day to respond to emails, return phone calls and tie up all the loose ends that have unraveled. You feel like you're driving down an information superhighway that narrows from four lanes to one while a restrictive Mercury-Saturn hookup occurs in your 3rd House of Communication.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

 Scorpio Your confidence rises and falls with the tides today. An unexpected setback could catalyze a cascade of conflicting concerns about your ability to perform your job. However, self-doubt and fear of failure can motivate you to work harder. Ironically, just as you begin to bottom out, the Moon enters enthusiastic Aries, fueling your self-esteem and inspiring you to nurture a positive outlook.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

 Sagittarius Your current assignment is not yet complete, but you may be at a turning point today. You might have planned on already being done with this chapter of your life by now. However, for one reason or another you don't yet have the green light. Justifying your situation by placing external blame is a colossal waste of time. Instead, refine your approach based upon the changing dynamics.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

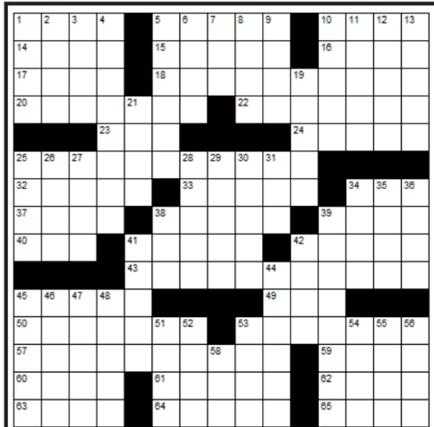
 Capricorn You're in for a rude awakening today if you thought you could power your way right through a roadblock. In fact, the cosmos is issuing you a speeding ticket for talking too fast as chatty Mercury runs into authoritative Saturn. Don't worry; this is not the end of the road. This is merely a warning to slow down and pay attention to the details of your work.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

 Aquarius You're able to capitalize on a personal relationship today, morphing a long-term acquaintance into a profitable business association. You are pleased that you can reinvent an old friendship and breathe new life into it. But you're also concerned that the changing dynamics of this partnership could also bring about its demise if you aren't careful.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

 Pisces At first glance, achieving your goals seems out of the question today, but your courageous and ambitious nature is not to be underestimated. The distance between where you are now and where you are going makes reaching your destination appear impossible. However, you are much closer than you think. Objects in your line of sight may appear farther than they are.



Across
1. Concludes, 5. Seashore, 10. Religious offshoot, 14. Distort, 15. Orderly grouping, 16. Worry, 17. Always, 18. Sacred Christian writings, 20. Fine or decorative clothing, 22. Renaissance jacket, 23. A common cyst, 24. Savors, 25. Wealthy person, 32. Double-reed instruments, 33. Proprietor, 34. Faster than light, 37. A region of SE Pakistan, 38. With, 39. Entreaty, 40. South southeast, 41. Not asleep, 42. Districts, 43. Thicket, 45. Recorded, 49. 18-wheeler, 50. Artist's workroom, 53. Charring, 57. Expression of sympathy, 59. Region, 60. A single time, 61. Work dough, 62. Eve's opposite, 63. Clairvoyant, 64. Obdurate, 65. Kiss,
Down
1. Pitcher, 2. Central area of a church, 3. Remnant, 4. Spread-eagled, 5. Gambling house, 6. Killer whale, 7. Arrive (abbrev.), 8. Told, 9. Misprint, 10. Aqualung, 11. Noblemen, 12. Stream, 13. Exams, 19. A fleshy root 21. Wreaths, 25. Nonvascular plant, 26. Nile bird 27. Solitary, 28. Bedouin, 29. Aroused, 30. Not outer, 31. Regulation (abbrev.), 34. Took flight, 35. Nipple, 36. Whip, 38. Barley bristle, 39. TV shows, 41. Sound 42. Diva's solo, 44. Covetous, 45. Anagram of "Coast", 46. Redress, 47. British penny, 48. Church officer, 51. North American deer (plural), 52. Lease, 53. Glance over, 54. Weightlifters pump this, 55. Roman emperor, 56. Mob, 58. Prefix meaning "Modern",

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