Taliban and ISIS Members Join Peace Process

KABUL - A number of the Taliban militants and insurgents belonging to the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) Khorasan have joined peace process in eastern Nangarhar province.

Officials in the 201st Silab Corps of the Afghan National Army in the East said the militants were previously busy conducting insurgency and terrorist related activities in the southern parts of the province.

The officials further added that a total of eight insurgents renounced violence and joined peace process on Wednesday.

According to the Silab Corps officials, the militants also handed over nine assault rifles and a hand grenade to the security forces.

The anti-government armed militant groups have not commented regarding the report so far.

Nangarhar is among the relatively calm provinces in East of Afghanistan but the anti-government armed militants have increased their insurgency activities in some districts of the province during the recent years.

At least eleven militants affiliated with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) Khorasan were killed in the latest airstrikes conducted by the US forces in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan.

The provincial government media office in a statement said Wednesday that the airstrikes were carried out in Achin district on Tuesday.

The statement further added that the militants were targeted in Mamand Dara and Dab village areas of the district and some weapons and ammunition of the militants were also destroyed in the airstrike. (KP)

Bid to Smuggle 2,500 Years Old Book Thwarted in Wardak

KABUL - Police in central Maidan Wardak province on Friday claimed foiling the smuggling of a rare book believed to have been authored about 2,500 years ago.

Police spokesman Naqibullah Amni told Pajhwok Afghan News the book was seized from a Kabul-bound car in the Ona Kotal area of Behsud district on Thursday.

He believed the Sanskrit-language book -- written on hareskin -- was about 2,500 years old. It was being smuggled from Bamyan province to Kabul through Wardak. At least three individuals have been arrested in connection with the botched smuggling attempt. Amni said the detainees had been referred to prosecutors. (Pajhwok)

3 Soldiers Wounded in Laghman Roadside Bombing

JALALABAD - Three Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were wounded in a roadside bombing in eastern Laghman province on Friday, an official said.

The casualties occurred at 9am when an ANA Ranger pick-up struck the roadside bomb in the Qila Tak area of Qarghayee district.

Sarhadi Zwak, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the injured troops were evacuated to a medical ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Paktika: 130 Displaced Families Receive Assistance

KABUL - Relief items worth half a million afghanis have been distributed to war-displaced families in southeastern Paktika province, an official said on Friday.

Governor Ilyas Wahdat told Pajhwok Afghan News 130 displaced households benefitted from the assistance provided by Solidarity International.

Most of the families, which received cash support and other items on Thursday, have been displaced from Gomal district, according to the governor.

Each family was given Afs 30,000 in cash in addition to necessary daily-use items worth Afs 12,000, Wahdat said, thanking the NGO for providing aid to the needy.

One of the aid recipients, meanwhile, appreciated the Solidarity International's gesture. He also asked other government organs and NGOs to help the displaced people. (Pajhwok)

Taliban Suffers Heavy Losses in Ongoing Kunduz Operation

KUNDUZ - Military officials on Friday claimed that at least 88 Taliban fighters were killed and 78 others were wounded in a military operation carried out the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces in Imam Sahib district in the northern province.

Operation Pamir-24 kicked off one week ago and was supported by the Afghan Air Force, said Sayed Qurban Musawi, Executive Officer of Pamir 20 Battalion in Kunduz.

"The Operation Pamir-14 is ongoing. So far a few villages have been cleared of the Taliban," he said. "Also 88 Taliban fighters were killed and 78 others were wounded (in the operation)." Musawi said the Qerghez, Gombaz and Ganjak villages in Imam Sahib ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

43 Insurgents Eliminated in Security Operations

KABUL - Forty-three insurgents have been killed and 16 others wounded in operations in different parts of the country in the past 24 hours, the government claimed on Friday.

The air-and-ground offensives were conducted in Nangarhar, Kapisa, Parwan, Paktia, Paktika, Ghazni, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Ghor, Badghis, Balkh, Jawzjan, Faryab, Kunduz, Badakhshan and Helmand provinces.A statement from the Ministry of Defence said 22 militants were killed, 13 wounded and several hideouts destroyed in the Imam Sahib district of Kunduz province.It added 10 Taliban were eliminated in the Greshk district of southern Helmand and eight in the Giru district of Ghazni. Four fighters were killed and three wounded in the Ahmad Aba town of Paktia. (Pajhwok)

Notification of Award

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The consultants who want debriefing on any issue related with the procurement process may request so in writing within 7 days of the receipt of this email to DAB/NPA at the email addresses provided below. DAB/NPA shall immediately provide a written response to all such requests.

Email Address for making Request for Debriefing:

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Meanwhile, we would like to have your further participation in the future projects with DAB/NPA, if any.

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Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Aries Signs everywhere are telling you to slow down, but you might recklessly choose to disobey them. You still have plenty to accomplish today, and you're not in the mood to lose momentum. Unfortunately, you must reevaluate your strategy of denial if you find yourself stuck in mud.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Taurus Inertia is not your friend today because an object at rest tends to stay at rest. Ironically, your thoughts are racing all over the map but there's so much mental activity that it's tough to find a place to jump in and get started. Ultimately, you might try to take the easy way out by just letting time float by.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Gemini You may feel as if you're disconnected from the rest of the world today, even if nothing has changed recently. Rather than interacting through social media, you might read other people's posts without reaching out yourself. But invisibility isn't your natural style even if you are successful with your disappearing act now.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Cancer You are looking at your life through a very sensible filter today. You want to make plans, but are hesitant to push the envelope now that the practical Taurus Moon is visiting your 11th House of Long-Term Goals. You're aware of the widening gulf between your visions and reality.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Leo You wish to be known as a reliable resource in your community now. In fact, the determined Taurus Moon's presence in your 10th House of Public Responsibility indicates you might just get what you want. However, it may take more time than you expect, since earning respect doesn't happen overnight.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Virgo You're inspired by the simplest dreams now. You are more excited about a goal that is easily attainable than by unrealistic fantasies that are currently beyond your reach. But imagining a pleasant experience isn't enough to bring you satisfaction; you still must take the initiative to make it happen. Unfortunately, there are so many paths that appear to lead in the same direction, you can't choose which one is your best bet.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Libra You believe that a successful relationship requires both people to be equal participants. But sometimes subtle inequities can pull a partnership out of balance. You may be entangled in such a delicate situation now, and want to understand your role so you can improve the dynamics.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Scorpio It's annoying when others behave as if they have all the answers, especially if you can see through the façade of their self-confidence. Unfortunately, a spirited conversation won't lead anywhere productive while the presence of the stubborn Taurus Moon in your 7th House of Companions indicates another person's lack of flexibility.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Sagittarius You seek ways to engage your friends in conversations about your future. Although you like the idea of brainstorming, the back-to-basics Taurus Moon is visiting your 6th House of Logistics, requiring you to attend to the details. You might feel as if you're caught in an uncomfortable struggle between the very large and the very small. Striving for balance sounds like a wise pursuit.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

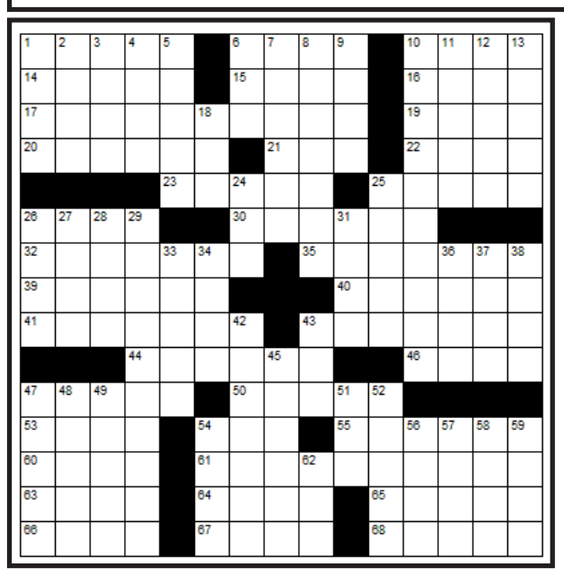
Capricorn Although realistic planning usually brings satisfaction, something about it doesn't work today. The steady Taurus Moon falls in your 5th House of Play, but her stressful aspects make it difficult for you to relax and enjoy life. There are facets of the day you can change and those you cannot. Work to improve the things within your control and let the others go.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Aquarius Although you don't want to wait for all the wonders of the future to arrive, you have no choice but to take the only route that goes there. Fortunately, you're also oddly fascinated with the status quo and are quite satisfied to remain in the present while it lasts. However, the time between now and then is a mystery that can unwrap the secrets of happiness.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Pisces You need to be surrounded by people who can hold up their end of a conversation now. However, you won't be satisfied with run-of-the-mill discussions about mundane events. An uneasy collaboration between progressive Uranus and spiritual Neptune lures your thoughts into uncharted mystical waters. You are sure to be captivated by a more philosophical approach to life, yet you still need to bring even the most radical ideas back down to Earth .



Across

1. Fanatical, 6. Tuft, 10. Bit of gossip, 14. Positive pole, 15. Reflected sound, 16. Dash, 17. Permissiveness, 19. Small brook, 20. Highly seasoned fatty sausage, 21. Weep, 22. Quaint outburst, 23. Grownup, 25. Splines, 26. Wise men, 30. Boil, 32. Pee-pee, 35. Enlightenment, 39. Renter, 40. Harvester, 41. Sidelong, 43. Hillbilly, 44. Environment, 46. Sounds of disapproval, 47. Creepy, 50. Enclosures, 53. Secluded valley, 54. Aye, 55. Very small, 60. Madly in love, 61. Expect, 63. French for "State", 64. Applications 65. 4-door car, 66. Expunge, 67. Hair salon process, 68. Butchers' offerings,

Down

1. Rodents, 2. Dwarf buffalo, 3. Seed-bearing capsule, 4. Bright thought, 5. Skin layer, 6. Damp, 7. "Stick" of frozen water, 8. Abridge, 9. Small horse, 10. Beside the point, 11. Subarctic coniferous forests, 12. Panache, 13. Mixes 18. Abet, 24. Utilize, 25. Rip up, 26. Think (over), 27. District, 28. Essence, 29. Sow, 31. Rubber wheel, 33. Eagle's nest, 34. Blue-green, 36. Mimics, 37. Between the head and shoulders, 38. Boats, 42. Permit, 43. Carpet, 45. A Christian celebration, 47. Incited, 48. Gladden, 49. Kingly, 51. And so forth, 52. Earthquake, 54. Wail, 56. Type of sword, 57. Nil, 58. Immediately, 59. Cravings, 62. Belief,

Yesterday's Solution

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