

24 Taliban, Daesh Rebels Killed in Nangarhar



JALALABAD - Twenty-four Taliban and Daesh militants have been killed during clashes with security forces and airstrikes in Haska Mena and Ghanikhel districts of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Friday. The joint Afghan and NATO forces conducted air and ground raids in Paen area of Haska Mena district last night, killing 15 Daesh militants and wound-

ing five others, the governor's spokesman said. Attaullah Khogyani told Pajhwok Afghan News that an elderly woman was also killed after being trapped in the clash site. A resident, Naqib Shinwari, said the slain woman's body had been evacuated to the civil hospital in Haska Mena district. Separately, nine Taliban militants were killed dur-

ing a clash with security forces in Golahi's Dwagah area in Ghanikhel district last night, the district chief said. Abdul Wahab told Pajhwok Afghan News the dead Taliban included a commander Amir Shah. Abdullah, a local resident, said two houses were also destroyed during the firefight which he said continued until late into night. (Pajhwok)

Peshawar Poliovirus Infects Nangarhar Girl



JALALABAD - A girl child from Batikot district of eastern Nangarhar province has been diagnosed with poliovirus, an official said on Friday, claiming the virus had traveled from Peshawar. Public Health Department spokesman Inamullah Miakhel told Pajhwok the virus did not match with samples from local sewage system but those of Peshawar, the capital of Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. He said an uncle of the girl was living in Peshawar and the family visited ...*(More on P4)...*(17)

Kunar Police, Residents Differ Over Deadly Drone Strike



ASADABAD - Police in eastern Kunar province on Friday said 18 Daesh or Islamic State militants were killed in a drone strike in Sawkai district, but local residents disputed the claim. Kunar police chief Brig. Gen. Juma Gul Himmat told Pajhwok Afghan News the drone targeted Daesh militants in Morbanda area on Thursday afternoon, killing 18 and wounding one. He said the dead included four group leaders, claiming the insurgents had assembled in the area to plan attacks on government forces and people on the Kunar-Nangarhar ...*(More on P4)...*(19)

Man Kills Mother, Brother-in-Law over 'Illicit Relation'

MAIMANA - A man shot dead his mother and brother in law over their alleged sexual relationship in Ghormach district of northern Faryab province, an official said on Friday. The security official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Mahmood, a resident of Sharshar area of Ghormach district, had "illicit relationship" with his mother in law. (Pajhwok)

Imam Gunned Down in Nangarhar's Behsud

JALALABAD - Unknown gunmen shot dead a religious scholar in Behsud district of eastern Nangarhar province on Thursday evening, an official said. The victim, Mualvi Safiullah, came under attack from armed motorcyclists in Himmat Abad area, the governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said the scholar was leaving mosque after offering evening's prayers when he was attacked. (Pajhwok)

Ongoing Helmand Raids Declared 'Successful'

LASHKARGAH - Government officials in southern Helmand province on Friday declared as successful ongoing security operations in and near Lashkargah, the provincial capital. Omar Zwak, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the joint forces' operation was launched yesterday in Babaji area of Lashkargah and Nad Ali and Marja districts. He said so far 18 Taliban ...*(More on P4)...*(18)

Well-Equipped Abdali Cricket Academy Opens in Kabul



KABUL - A newly-established and well-equipped "Abdali Cricket Academy" was opened in capital Kabul's Ahmad Shah Baba area on Thursday, an official said. Nisar Ahmad Safi, head of the Abdali Cricket Academy, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the facility in the 12th police district of Kabul was spread over one acre of land. The academy's inauguration ceremony was attended by former Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) executive chief Dr. Noor Mohammad Murad, cricketer Mushtaq Rahim. Wolesi Jirga and provincial council members, officials of the Ministry of Counter-narcotics and representatives of some companies were also in attendance.

Nisar Ahmad Safi complained no one from the ACB attended the academy's inauguration ceremony despite being invited. He said currently 100 boys registered with him received training from three mentors in three shifts at the academy. Nazim Jar Abdulrahimzai, a former ACB official and a second grade trainer of the International Cricket Council (ICC), has been appointed as senior trainer of the academy, he said. He also plans to build Abdali Cricket Stadium next year. Kabul provincial council member, Mohammad Omar Tarakhel, called opening of the cricket academy as a major stride towards promotion of the game. He said people's interest in cricket in Afghanistan had ...*(More on P4)...*(20)

N. American Family Kidnapped by Afghan Taliban Freed: Pakistan Army

KABUL - A North American family that had been held hostage by the Afghan Taliban has been freed following an operation in Pakistan, the Pakistani military said Thursday. "Pak Army recovered 5 Western hostages including 1 Canadian, his US National wife and their three children from terrorist custody" in an operation in Kurram tribal district along the Afghan border, the army said in a statement. It did not name the family, but Canadian Joshua Boyle and his American wife Caitlan Coleman were kidnapped by the Afghan Taliban during a backpacking trip in Afghanistan 2012, and are believed to have had at least two children while in captivity. The last known footage ...*(More on P4)...*(21)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Aries Twinges of uncertainty float through your awareness today as you make plans for your future. Although you Rams may be the most independent sign of the zodiac, you can't escape the fact that there are others in your life who you depend upon. Instead of focusing on your needs alone, open your heart to the feelings of those closest to you, too.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Taurus Your approach to the finer things in life is pretty simple; you let your senses be the judge of what you like and what you don't. Although you can be quite decisive when evaluating a person or an experience, it becomes harder to reach a conclusion after your key planet Venus soars into ambivalent Libra.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Gemini Behaving in a practical manner seems to be growing more difficult day by day. You can step through your logical analysis as you consider how to respond to others, only to make a last-minute decision that comes from your heart and not your head. In fact, you may be so sure of your choice that you can retroactively compile a list of all the reasons that justify your actions.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Cancer You know what you want to say, but your words might not convey your intended thoughts. Although the problem may appear to be with the receiver, you could be inadvertently contributing to the confusion today. Don't hold back; your sensitivity to someone else's feelings can prompt you to water down your message.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Leo The Golden Rule is based on the concept of reciprocity; treat others as you want to be treated. Unfortunately, there could be a surprise in the relationship between cause and effect today. You might go out of your way to be extra nice to someone who doesn't respond in kind. However, an unexpected twist in the plot of your day doesn't mean you should change tactics.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Virgo You may try to accomplish more than is possible today because it seems like you're running out of time. Your feelings might cool as sweet Venus leaves your earthy sign for the heady skies of airy Libra. However, this change of pressure in emotional atmosphere can work in your favor if you haven't already written the next scene of your movie.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Libra Although you aren't necessarily home free, you are pleased that a weight seems to be lifting from your shoulders. You might still have to follow through on a previous commitment, but the light at the end of the tunnel is finally getting brighter now that your key planet Venus returns to your sign.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Scorpio You're still adjusting to a new outlook on life and you're not ready to share your thoughts yet. You can tell that your values are shifting now, but you don't know where your final priorities will end up. In the meantime, continue to put your best foot forward, even if your previous destination has lost its glimmer.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Sagittarius You may be so fascinated with a particular place today that you cannot get it out of your mind. Naturally, you travel-prone Archers aim your thoughts at distant targets and sometimes are lucky enough to pursue them in the real world. Nevertheless, you enjoy planning a future adventure once magnetic Venus moves into your 11th House of Friends. Sharing your dreams with a group of like-minded people inspires you to turn your fantasies into reality.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Capricorn Making time to network within your community is crucial today, but not just because you enjoy the camaraderie. You also want to be part of a larger scene outside of your social sphere. Fortunately, charming Venus enters your 10th House of Status, creating favorable circumstances in the outer world and drawing powerful people into your orbit.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Aquarius You want to step outside of your regular routine to partake in an enjoyable experience that you can add to your scrapbook of memories. Although your current desires might not seem out of character to your closest friends, they may think it odd if you make a big commotion out of your wishes now.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Pisces Your chores might be the defining factor of your day, but they won't detract from your inner work. You can do everything just right today, amazing your friends and family with your ability to deliver on your promises. However, they may not realize you're suppressing darker feelings because your smile is so bright. Ironically, the potential for healing is possible as long as you can see beyond your point of view.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-60 indicating starting positions for clues.

Horoscope section containing 'Across' and 'Down' clues for the crossword puzzle.

Word search puzzle titled 'Yesterday's Solution' with a grid of letters and a list of words to find.