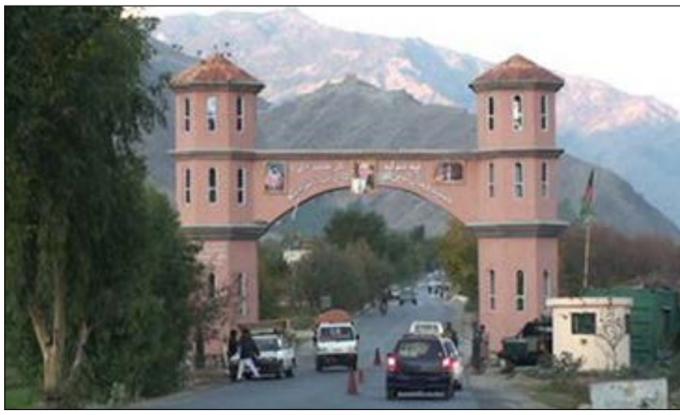


# Daesh Militants Recruiting in Kunar

ASADABAD - Kunar provincial governor Wahidullah Kalimzai said on Saturday nearly 300 Daesh militants are promoting the group in the province in order to strengthen their numbers. According to Kalimzai those who recently joined Daesh and returned to Kunar are now recruiting for the terror organization. Kalimzai said that a number of Kunar residents traveled to Nangarhar province to sign up and that they have now returned to Kunar province. "According to our information nearly 300 Daesh militants are conducting propaganda (campaigns) and recruiting people but so far no armed Daesh militants have been seen in Kunar," Kalimzai said. Provincial Police Chief Jumagul Hemat as-



ures the people that security forces will not let Daesh militants make safe havens in Kunar province. "I believe that Kunar residents and tribal elders are opposed to Daesh militants and their opposition will cause that Daesh militants will not have safe havens in Kunar province and if the Daesh militants start any activity, they will face the response of security forces," Hemat said. Reports indicate that Daesh are active in six districts of Kunar and recently started training in the province. "We warn Daesh militants that if they start destructive activities in Kunar province they will face residents' strict response and they will be eliminated in the province," said ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

## Taliban's Chief of Suicide Bombing Missions Arrested

MAIMANA - A top Taliban leader who was in charge of coordinating the group's suicide attack missions was arrested during an operation in Faryab province. The Afghan Intelligence, National Directorate of Security (NDS), said Saturday that the detained Taliban leader has been identified as Qari Ahmad Khalid son of Mohammad Alim. According to a statement by NDS, Qari Khalid was arrested during a special military operation from Maimana city, the provincial capital of Faryab province. The statement further added that Qari Khalid has admitted he was looking to coordinate a major attack in Maimana city by detonating a remote-controlled Improvised Explosive Device. According to NDS, the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) contained 25 kgs of explosives but the intelligence operatives managed to successfully thwart the attack. The Taliban militants ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

## Balkh Student Builds Mini-Excavator

MAZAR SHARIF - Zainullah, a 13-year-old student in Grade 10 in Balkh province, has built a mini-excavator using just wood and pumps. He said his dream is to one day become an engineer and that if government helps him he will continue to build machines. Zainullah said: "One day an excavator was pushing garbage from the side of the street. I saw the machine and was really impressed. Then I came home and started working on it and then finally I made



one." He is now working on different machines from sprinkler machines to tanks but for financial reasons he cannot implement his plans. Zainullah said: "Right now I do not have access to the necessary tools. But I am thinking about tanks and big cars and if I get access to the necessary equipment ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

## Afghan Held with Foreign Currency at New Delhi Airport

KABUL - Indian authorities have detained an Afghan citizen with foreign currency worth Rs 3million at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport in New Delhi, a media report said. The cash was concealed in more than a dozen shoe boxes the man was carrying in his check-in luggage. The money was detected when the security personnel scanned his baggage. According to The Times of India, Customs officers intercepted the Afghan when he was trying to board a flight for Kabul. US and Indian currencies -- \$39,900 and Rs2.79 lakh -- were recovered from him. The man, who could not provide a credible answer ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

## ILA Honours Afghan for Promoting Cause of Literacy

KABUL - A young Afghan from southern Kandahar province has been honoured by a global advocacy and membership organisation dedicated to advancing literacy for all. The International Literacy Association (ILA) announced on Saturday Matiullah Wesa, of the Pen Path Civil Society as an honoree on its second annual 30 Under 30 list. ILA said in a statement the list recognised the next generation of young innovators, advocates and educators who are leading efforts to advance literacy for all around the world. Wesa was selected for his contribution to advancing literacy through his hard work in opening banned schools, building new ones and libraries, running book campaigns, and distributing school supplies for less fortunate kids. "The work of Wesa is closely intertwined with our mission to ...*(More on P4)...(15)*



## Kunduz-Takhar Highway Reopened, Claims Police Chief

KUNDUZ CITY - After two weeks of closure, the Kunduz-Takhar highway has been reopened for traffic as a result of a clearing operation, an official said on Saturday. Police chief, Brig. Gen. Mohammad Qasim Jangalbagh, told Pajhwok Afghan News the highway had been cleaned of militants during operations in Dokan Adam, Malarghi and Qushlaq Andarabiha of Khanabad district on Friday. Seven militants were killed and several others wounded during the offensive, he said. "The highway is currently open and we have taken special security measures to keep it open. Operations are still underway in parts of Khanabad."



However, resident Sher Mohammad said the highway was not fully reopened and only security convoys were travelling the route. He asked the government to clear all areas around the highway. *(Pajhwok)*

## Taliban Confirm Anas Haqqani Sentenced to Death by Kabul Primary Court

KABUL - The Taliban militants group in Afghanistan confirmed Anas Haqqani has been sentenced to death by primary court of Kabul on Monday. Insisting on Anas's innocence and lack of accountability, the group claimed the "American government and the Afghan government both do not have any proof or material etc to keep him in detention." The group further added that the death penalty of Anas Haqqani is politically imposed. "There are no legal grounds on which the death sentence could ever be awarded to Anas Haqqani." The remarks by Taliban came as there have been growing pleas by the Afghan people as well as sev-



eral former Afghan officials to hang Anas. The Haqqani terrorist network is accused of staging numerous deadly attacks in Afghanistan including a coordinated attack on VIP protection unity in Kabul which left at least 74 people dead and over 300 others ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

### Outlook Horoscope

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

You have charm to spare today and can be a magnet for creative folks who turn work into play. People bring more joy into your life as a sweet lunar conjunction to sexy Venus spices up your social life. This is a great time to make amends with someone if a relationship has recently cooled off. Even an old enemy may reconsider their allegiance if you take the initiative now to resolve your issues with an open mind and heart.

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

You might be tempted to cast aside your sensible plans today as your desire to engage in pleasurable activities takes center stage. Your key planet Venus colors your perceptions as she aligns with the evocative Moon, emphasizing sweet emotions. However, a fateful aspect between mischievous Mercury and high-strung Uranus adds a sense of urgency to your needs.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

A soothing conversation with a friend comforts you with pleasant thoughts today. Nevertheless, retrograde Mercury's otherworldly alignment with electric Uranus stirs a restless breeze that makes it difficult to feel completely settled now. On the upside, you may experience a breakthrough in awareness about your responsibilities and professional goals. An unexpected sequence of events could spur a change in your work duties in the days ahead.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your heart is alternatively attracted and repulsed to someone as love and fear take turns guiding you through the tricky realm of relationships today. While a sweet Moon-Venus conjunction calms your 4th House of Security, an erratic Mercury-Uranus aspect arouses your inner rebel. Keep an open mind and be ready for surprises.

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

Someone may have recently offered you a lucrative opportunity. However, it's not turning out to be what you expected and you're now anxious to learn the rest of the story. Communicator Mercury connects with revolutionary Uranus and authoritative Saturn, giving you the clout to use your words effectively.

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

Staying conscious of other people's feelings can be a tough task now. Fortunately, the Moon's conjunction with beautiful Venus helps you get away with otherwise unacceptable behavior and you are stubbornly sticking to your agenda. Nevertheless, current circumstances could provide you with a rude awakening today. Even if you are uncomfortable with an unexpected change of rules, just accept it and move forward.

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

Pleasure prevails today, but you may toss good judgment out the window to play with friends or to pursue a questionable romance. The longing to satisfy your desires can prompt you to lose sight of your basic values and, perhaps, even spend more than you should. It might be appropriate to broaden your palate and feed your senses, but keeping this indulgence within reasonable bounds now can save you from regret later on.

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

Finding balance isn't always easy for you Scorpio extremists. You may be so eager to help anyone in need today that you say yes before considering the cost of such a sacrifice. However, you can lean on the objective Libra Moon to establish equilibrium between your personal goals and your commitments to others.

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

A gentle nudge from a friend might feel like an unexpected shove today. Normally, you would just push back, but you won't likely be in the mood to fight as the reflective Moon hugs gentle Venus in gracious Libra. Although you may be blindsided by someone you trust, your overconfidence in the situation probably wasn't warranted. Fortunately, clever Mercury offers you a new way to react that isn't angry or aggressive.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

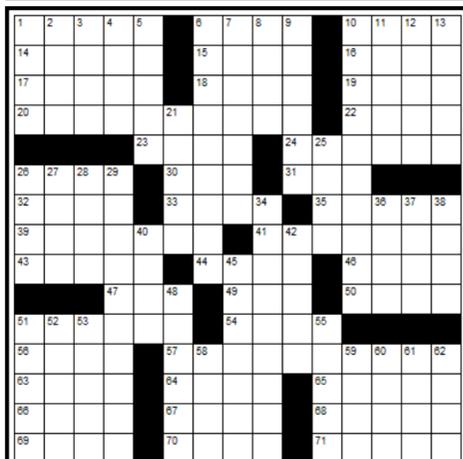
You can temper your high hopes with your down-to-earth common sense in a way that allows you to bring about positive long-term changes. A magical Mercury-Saturn alignment empowers you to narrow your focus and harness the energy you're feeling now, so you can channel it more judiciously in the days ahead.

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

You may be overexcited today as new ideas continue to explode into awareness. Fortunately, your judgment improves when retrograde Mercury connects with stabilizing Saturn. However, it's challenging to ground the energy because it feels as if there is a lot on the line. You might be willing to risk more now that you believe the consequences of your current actions will turn out for the best.

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

You are being given a golden opportunity to clear the air of unresolved feelings which are weighing heavy on your heart. Retrograde Mercury aligned with far-reaching Jupiter yesterday, and is still widening your horizons today. Nevertheless, it's the conjunction between the Moon and vulnerable Venus that offers compassion in communication, motivating you to mend fences. There's no reason to look back when you have so much to look forward to now.



**Across**  
1. Platter, 2. "Do \_\_\_ others..." , 3. Change direction, 4. Outcropping, 5. Carved, 6. Blabbed, 7. Emit, 8. Greek liqueur, 9. A full supply, 10. Noteworthy, 11. Pretext, 12. Dromedary, 13. Peal, 21. Wooden shoe, 25. Damage, 26. Bit of gossip, 27. Russian parliament, 28. French for "State", 29. Lavish, 34. Steepness, 36. Membership fees, 37. Angers, 38. Monster, 40. Shortly, 42. Chose, 45. Empower, 48. A young eagle, 51. Excellence, 52. 3-banded armadillo, 53. Severity, 55. S S S S, 58. Govern  
59. Tropical tuber, 60. Egg-shaped, 61. Memo, 62. God of love.

**Down**  
1. Relating to the Netherlands, 6. Prune, 10. Torture device, 14. Accustom, 15. Transport in a vehicle, 16. Distinctive flair, 17. Chaff, 18. Axlike tool, 19. Marcel Marceau was one, 20. Stuffiness, 22. Cain's brother, 23. Information, 24. Exhilarate, 26. As just mentioned, 30. Wager, 31. Long-haired wild ox, 32. Ballet attire, 33. Mining finds, 35. Audio communications, 39. Give forth, 41. Fedora, 43. French for "Morning", 44. Very intense, 46. Lascivious look, 47. Enemy, 49. Mesh, 50. Being, 51. Dock for small yachts, 54. Tall woody plant, 56. Sweeping story, 57. A flat circular stone, 63. Anger, 64. Pear-shaped instrument, 65. Enjoy, 66. Weightlifters pump this, 67. L L L L, 68. Muse of love poetry, 69. Sourish, 70. T T T T, 71. Bottoms of shoes.

**Yesterday's Solution**  
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ALPHA ANTI LEAVE  
STRIGHTEN AMEN  
HOOPLA REG TIRO  
SYRUP THETA  
MOPS YELLOW  
EPITOME EATABLE  
RACER METEOR  
ELAPINE CASCARA  
STUDIO HUNS  
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PUNT DILETTANTE  
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