

US Forces Confirms 4 ISIS-K Advisors Killed on July 11 Strike

US forces confirmed the killing of four senior Islamic State or Daesh advisors on July 11 in an strike that also killed the group emir Abu Sayid in eastern Kunar province.

KABUL - in a statement, the US Forces-Afghanistan identified the four eliminated ISIS-K leaders as Sheik Ziaullah, the ISIS-Khorasan emir of religion; Mualvi Hubaib, senior commander in Watah Pur Valley, Haji Shirullah, an ISIS-K commander and former Hezb-i-Islami Gulbuddin commander, and Assadullah, a senior ISIS-K shura member and a close associate of Abu Sayid. "We will be relentless in our campaign against ISIS-K. There are no safe havens in Afghanistan," said General John Nicholson, US Forces-Afghanistan commander. "We will hunt them down until they are no longer a threat to the Afghan people and the region." (Pajhwok)



Five Children in One Family Murdered in Kabul

KABUL - The reason for the murders is not clear but Kabul police said two suspects have been arrested in connection with the incident. Five children were murdered in PD10's Wazir Abad area of Kabul city on Sunday. The five children were all between the ages of four and 16 years old. The children reportedly died from axe wounds. Their bodies were then set alight, police said. The reason for the murders is not clear but Kabul police said two suspects have been arrested in connection with the incident. Razia, the mother of the five children said that she had been at work at the time of the murders. "I was washing people's clothes outside," Razia said. Ahmad Big, the father of the children said he had also been out at the time of the incident. He said he had been out looking for work. "If there is really a government then they must investigate ... (More on P4)...(13)

Afghanistan Reacts to Pakistan Cricket Board Chairman's Demand for Apology

KABUL - The Afghanistan cricket board reacted at the demands of the Pakistan cricket board chairman for apologies regarding a statement issued in the aftermath of a deadly bombing in Kabul city. Shukrullah Atif Mashal, the chairman of Afghanistan cricket board, said Afghanistan expects relations with all the cricket boards and administrations in the world based on mutual respect and interests. In regards to the claims by Shahryar Khan regarding the personal apologies he conveyed to him for his statement, Mashal said in such a scenario there is no need for the apologies. The Pakistan cricket board chairman had earlier claimed that the chairman of Afghanistan cricket board has personally apologized for the statement and has expressed regrets in this regard. He also added that the cricket board of Pakistan has taken a position that until the Afghanistan Cricket Board apologize in public, ... (More on P4)...(15)

3 Civilians Suffer Casualties As Rocket Hit a House in Zabul

KABUL - Three civilians were killed or wounded during a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in southern Zabul province on Monday, an official said. Abdul Sammad Durani, administrative chief for Shar-I-Safa district of Zabul told Pajhwok Afghan News that the clash erupted between the Taliban and security forces this morning. He said a little girl was killed and a boy and a woman were wounded when a rocket landed on a civilian house on the outskirts of the district. The injured were shifted to hospital for treatment, he said without knowing about their health condition. Militants did not comment on the incident yet. (Pajhwok)

Nuristan Jail Remains without Building in 15 Years

JALALABAD - The central jail in eastern Nuristan province has been without a building over the past 15 years and the prisoners are held in mud-made half ruined rooms. The jail is located in an area largely considered as rural near Paroon, the provincial capital, and besides keeping the inmates, all administration and other affairs are run from the mud-made structure. Deputy commander of the jail, Col. Samiul Haq, said the prison in the past was used for keeping household animals. "Animals were kept here previously, but we somehow cleaned and renovated it. However, still tiny parasitic insects exist here. So we give sunbath to our clothes at least thrice a week." However, only four prisoners are currently held at the jail after being convicted of different crimes. The jail officials said they spent sleepless nights because every night it was feared the prisoners might escape. The deputy in-charge of the jail said previously prisoners were kept in the second floor of the two-storey building and they themselves used the ground floor. "But later we built a room on our own expense for the prisoners," ... (More on P4)...(16)

Large Swathes of Ghazni May Fall to Taliban, Warn Residents

GHAZNI CITY - Local residents fear militants may overrun large swathes of in southern Ghazni province if the security situation is not strengthened with a sense of urgency. However, security officials insist they are working day and night for improving the situation in the province. As a result of operations, they claim, militants are on the run. Roohullah, a resident of Qarabagh district, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Taliban were continuously attacking



security check-posts in the town "We witnessed heavy clashes between the rebels and security forces in Aino area today and last week. Both sides suffered heavy casualties," he said. ... (More on P4)...(14)

Taliban Inching Closer to Nawa Center Amid Heavy Firefight



LASHKARGAH - Local officials in southern Helmand province on Monday called for immediately sending reinforcements to Nawa district amid heavy clashes about half a kilometer away from the district headquarters. Nawa district chief Agha Mohammad Takra told

Pajhwok Afghan News that the Taliban had almost reached the district center amid an ongoing heavy gun battle. "The fight is underway only half a kilometer from the district center, government facilities are damaged and civilians besieged by the militants," he said and warned of a possible 'catastrophe' if additional forces were not sent forthwith. However, he did not say how much worse the situation was, but said it stemmed from not conducting a large scale operation. He said he had asked the authorities concerned to launch a major operation ... (More on P4)...(17)

Pakistan Epicenter of Global Terrorism: MQM

KABUL - A Pakistani opposition party has staged a huge demonstration in front of the White House against a paramilitary operation, enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings of its workers in the port city of Karachi. Mohajir Qaumi Movement (MQM) Convener Nadeem Nusrat, members of Coordination Committee, office bearers, workers, supporters and members of the Pakistani diaspora attended the demonstration. A statement from MQM said the protestors demanded the Pakistani establishment stop the cruel tactics of kidnapping party leader Altaf ... (More on P4)...(18)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Your visions of the future have been rather tame recently, confining your imagination to the most realistic alternatives. However, the Moon's shift into your 9th House of Big Ideas takes the lid off the container and encourages you to mentally meander without restraint. In fact, you can explore possibilities that stretch your boundaries if you honor the difference

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Although you don't usually like adding complexity to a situation, you might go out of your way to stir up someone's emotions today. Your idealistic outlook gives others the benefit of the doubt, but you want to be certain about something before you move on. Asking questions is the best way to assuage your concerns now.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Everyone seems to be overly optimistic today, which could lead you to wonder if you're the Negative Nellie of the group. You're worried that something obvious is slipping through the cracks, and will rear its ugly head at the most inopportune time. Accordingly, you want to be certain that there is good reason to join in the celebration now, which would be more fun than being the harbinger of bad news.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You might not have a lot to say today; you're too busy taking care of business to waste time in social niceties. The Moon's shift into your 6th House of Daily Routine demands that you are serious when it comes to meeting your responsibilities. Of course, it's crucial to get your chores finished in a timely manner.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You can make nearly anything look good today. The Leo Sun illuminates the best parts of your personality while the inspirational Sagittarius Moon reflects your need for fun. You are eager to follow your heart wherever it leads. Nevertheless, it's still crucial to know how far you can go in your pursuit of pleasure.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You want to believe that everything is achievable now, but your logical mind won't allow you to take this leap of faith. Nevertheless, you're not willing to give into reason today, especially if your intuition is painting a rosy picture. In reality, the truth is somewhere between the basic facts and the grandest dreams. If you prematurely restrain your potential, you'll never know what might have been possible.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You may spin a wild yarn today without even realizing you deviated from the truth. Normally, you have a knack for establishing objectivity into an emotionally charged situation, but you appear to have lost your bearings now. Fortunately, no harm will come from your current dance with fantasy as long as you don't try to pass it off as fact.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Cultivating a healthy self-image is important and positively impacts all areas of your life. However, the confident Sagittarius Moon's visit to your 2nd House of Self-Worth encourages you to see only the bright side of things. Don't wait until the shadows descend upon you, forcing you to look at less optimistic scenarios.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Your emotions are more accessible to others today, even if you think you're keeping them well hidden. The evocative Moon's return to your sign brings your changing moods to the surface. Ironically, trying to bury them now only boosts their power. It's a much smarter strategy to share your feelings in the moment, without placing undue weight on them one way or the other.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

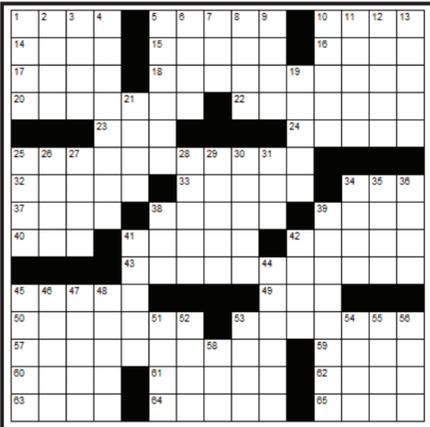
You want everyone to take you seriously, especially on days like today when your dreams demand your consideration. Thankfully, the Moon's current visit to your 12th House of Invisibility enables you to magically make your fantasies vanish from view. Nevertheless, you may be locked in a dance as reality tangos with your illusions out of everyone's sight but yours.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

People expect a lot from you today and, for the most part, you enjoy fulfilling their needs. Although you sometimes prefer to emotionally distance yourself from others, you are an integral part of the community now. Not only are you a wonderful collaborator when you choose to be, you might even become the heart and the soul of the group.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your larger-than-life behavior is meant to demonstrate your desire for public acceptance today. You want to succeed professionally but also need others to acknowledge your work along the way. Unfortunately, you might run into negative comments instead of support as the Moon in your 10th House of Status squares chatty Mercury. There's no logical reason to dismiss the feedback you receive; in fact, integrating the advice rather than rejecting.



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1. Chime, 5. Unexpired, 10. Dethrone, 14. 57 in Roman numerals, 15. Avoid, 16. Two-toed sloth, 17. Goals, 18. Delinquent, 20. Foolish talk, 22. Scholarly, 23. Alkaline liquid, 24. Showers with love, 25. Made flame resistant, 32. Delete, 33. Eccentric, 34. Ouch!, 37. Male offspring, 38. All excited, 39. South American weapon, 40. Explosive, 41. Trim, 42. Type of drill, 43. Curse, 45. Shorthand, 49. Louse-to-be, 50. A grouping of elements, 53. Accost, 57. Continual and persistent demands, 59. Behold, in old Rome, 60. Auspices, 61. Large long-necked wading bird, 62. Sneaker or pump, 63. Accomplished, 64. Desired, 65. Scatters seeds,
Down
1. Tell all, 2. Wicked, 3. City in Peru, 4. Lethargic, 5. Superficiality, 6. Affirm, 7. Delay, 8. Doing nothing, 9. Doe, 10. Surpass, 11. Physically unsound, 12. Fry briefly, 13. Large bulrushes, 19. Ship's galley, 21. Hoopla, 25. Gala, 26. Press, 27. Deliver a tirade, 28. Viscera, 29. Drink garnish, 30. Got along, 31. Barely manage, 34. Cartoon bear, 35. Margarine, 36. Alert, 38. "Eureka!", 39. Make stronger, 41. Dirty fogs, 42. Corrosive, 44. In truth, 45. Startled, 46. A type of dance, 47. Shoemaker's awl, 48. Clamor, 51. Carve in stone, 52. Roman emperor, 53. Skin disease, 54. Reflected sound, 55. Flat-bottomed boat, 56. Views, 58. Short sleep,

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