

ANDSF Clear Strategic Pacher Agam District of ISIS Militants

KABUL - The Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) cleared the strategic Pacher Agam district of the loyalists of Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group. The provincial police commandment in a statement said at least 17 loyalists of the terror group were killed or wounded during the latest counter-terrorism operations. The statement further added that the dead bodies of numerous ISIS militants were left in the area and several weapons and ammunition belonging to the terror group were



confiscated. At 13 ISIS militants were killed and 4 other were wounded during the operations, the statement said, adding that 6 Improvised Explosive Device (IED) were also discovered seized by the Afghan forces. The statement also added that the Afghan forces rescued at least two civilians who were kept as hostage by the loyalists of the terror group. The loyalists of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group have not commented regarding the ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Militant Involved in Rocket Attack on Bagram Airfield Arrested

KABUL - A Taliban insurgent involved in rocket attack on Bagram airfield was arrested by the Afghan intelligence operatives. The Afghan intelligence, National Directorate of Security (NDS), said the suspect has been identified as Maruf son of Taj Mohammad and was involved in various terrorist activities including rocket attack on the largest US base in Bagram. NDS further added that Rauf is the brother of Mawlawi Bashir, the former shadow deputy governor of the Taliban for Parwan. The Afghan intelligence operatives confiscated 3 mortar rounds, 2 BM1 rockets, and 5 rounds of RPG7 rockets from the

detained militant, NDS said. The anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban insurgents have not commented regarding the report so far. The Taliban insurgents have launched numerous rocket attacks on Bagram airfield but the group managed to carry out a major suicide attack inside the base earlier this month. A suicide bomber who was working inside the base detonated his explosives leaving at least four people dead and 17 others wounded. Two US soldiers, two US contractors were killed in the attack and 16 US soldiers were wounded along with another soldier belonging to the NATO forces. (KP)

Fallen Commander Remembered as a Good Leader

KABUL - A number of military commanders said on Wednesday that General Muhayuddin Ghori, who died on Tuesday in the Badghis helicopter crash, had been committed to his country and was a good commander. Muhayuddin had worked as operations commander, head of military brigade, head of 20th Pamir Army Division and 207 Zafar military corps commander over the past few years. He always warned insurgents that security forces will eliminate them, said

former colleagues. Ghori managed complicated operations in Helmand province and had cleared most of the province of Taliban, they said. "He was a military commander and a politician. He was appointed in key positions following the fall of Taliban and he managed to perform his duties successfully," said General Habib Rahman Afzal, deputy head of the strategic and public relations department for the ministry of defense. Muhayuddin was appointed as head of



20th Pamir Army Division following the fall of Kunduz city to insurgents (last year). He launched many operations there and killed lots of insurgents and developed ways to fight the Taliban. "He killed lots of the enemies in Kunduz city and set up rules and regulations in the city. He maintained security and disarmed individuals who ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Public Rep, Intelligence Officer Injured in Badghis Crash

KABUL - Two senior military officials were killed while the provincial council (PC) head and intelligence chief were wounded along with several others in Tuesday's helicopter crash, an official said on Wednesday. The 207th Zafar Military Corps commander and technical team member Maj. Abdul Wase lost their lives in the incident, Brig. Gen. Mohammad Radmanash, deputy spokesman for the Ministry of Defence (MoD), told Pajhwok Afghan News. The Afghan National Army (ANA) copter crashed in the Morichaq locality of Bala Murghab district in Badghis province due to a technical fault on Tuesday at around 4:15m. The injured were evacuated to the civil hospital in Herat province. He said Badghis PC Chairman Maulvi Abdul Basit, NDS head Habibullah Habib and the pilot are among the injured. They are said to be in stable condition were, but some officers and technical personnel are serious. Abdul Nasir Nazari, a PC member, confirmed Ghori was killed in the ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Would-be Suicide Bomber Arrested in Paktika

SHARAN - Police on Wednesday claimed arresting a would-be suicide bomber before he could reach his target in south-eastern Paktika province. Provincial police chief, Col. Khalilullah Ziayi, told Pajhwok Afghan News the alleged bomber was arrested in Sharan city, the provincial capital, on Tuesday night. He said the bomber had the plan to attack special forces' commander Azizullah Karwan. Karwan said the suicide bomber was chased and

arrested along with a suicide vest from a hotel in Sharan city. Suicide attacks in the past too had been thwarted with support of local people, he said. The alleged bomber, Abdul Bari, a resident of Paktika province, told reporters he had received suicide attack training in Pakistan. "I came to Sharan to attack Azizullah Karwan convoy," he said. Previous such attempts on Karwan life are claimed to be neutralized before approaching him. (Pajhwok)

34 Militants Killed in South: Gov't

KANDAHAR - A total of 34 militants have been killed and 12 others injured during series of operations across the southern Kandahar, Helmand and Uruzgan provinces over the past 24 hours, a statement of army garrison stationed in the southern region released on Wednesday said.



According to the statement, the national army based in the southern region launched new operations codename "At-

tal" which means hero, on Tuesday would last until the militants are swept out from the southern region. Taliban militants who

have intensified activities and fighting the government forces in parts of the southern region, haven't commented. (Xinhua)

16 Infiltrating Taliban Killed in Ghazni Clash

GHAZNI CITY - Sixteen Taliban militants, including a notorious commander, were killed and five others wounded during a clash with security forces in southern Ghazni province, an official said on Wednesday. Provincial police Chief Brig. Gen. Aminullah Amarkhel told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash occurred after dozens of insurgents tried to sneak from Ab Band district into Maqur district. The clash in Bazgo local-



ity of Ab Band district left 16 militants dead including Commander Mullah Rehan and five others wounded. Uprising mem-

bers also joined the security forces during the clash, Amarkhel said, adding that six dead bodies of the ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

4 Dead as Gas Cylinder Explodes in Jawzjan Bakery

SHIBERGHAN - Four people were killed and two others wounded on Wednesday when a gas cylinder exploded inside a bakery shop in northern Jawzjan province, an official said. Police spokesman Hikmatullah Aminzada told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident happened in Aqcha City. "Six workers at the bakery wanted to heat up

themselves with fire of the gas cylinder which suddenly exploded," he said. According to Aminzada, the bakery was burnt in the explosion and a nearby flour shop was also destroyed. The fire was controlled before spreading to other shops and the injured were evacuated to nearby hospital in the district. ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aiming beyond the visible horizon infuses you with hope, but it also may cause you to detach from your current obligations without telling anyone about your shift in priorities. The Sun's creative square with mystical Neptune carries you past the limitations of reason and into the metaphysical realms. Nevertheless, balancing your uplifting visions with practical applications helps to keep you grounded.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



It's disconcerting when you can't rely on the same signs that normally keep you on track. But nothing is as it appears now, and just when you're certain that all is well, you realize that you're standing on unfamiliar ground in an entirely different world. Rather than relying on external signals or on the good advice of those you trust, accept the fact that your thoughts are actually altering the world around you.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Interesting people pop up today to offer exciting opportunities to pursue in business and in pleasure. Naturally, you don't want to miss your chance to make the most of a current situation, especially if new partnerships open doors previously not available. However, your hypercreative mind can perceive things that don't yet exist. Manifesting your dreams through hard work is possible, but don't fall into the trap of assuming there is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Your current idealism is admirable and acts as a powerful motivating force in your life now. However, holding on to unrealistic hopes can be a study in futility that leads to discouragement and doubt. Setting your goals too high might be disillusioning, yet a lack of ambition encourages laziness. The best remedy to the possibility of fantasies overtaking the real world is to increase your awareness.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Exercising your creativity in everything you do raises the quality of your work and increases your overall happiness. If there are no existing avenues for self-expression in your life now, make time to explore your inner artist and embrace your inner child. Avoid getting hooked on emotional confusion today, whether it originates from a business or personal relationship.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You are quite optimistic about recent events on the home front, even if they are the source of high anxiety. Discussions with a concerned friend may be enough to open your mind to see the current situation in an entirely different light. Thankfully, your new approach can take the pressure off stressful family dynamics today as long as you don't assume your new point of view is the only one. Robert Dilts wrote, "Flexibility comes from having multiple choices."

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



There seems to be no end to the amount of communication that is required to keep your current relationships in order. Although there's potential for achieving a new level of understanding with those closest to you today, there's also the possibility of losing steam before you reach any sort of agreement. You are treading on tricky ground; if you push too hard, your gains will disappear in a puff of smoke.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Although you Scorpions are generally known for your intense realism, you may have temporarily joined the New Age Club whose slogan is "All is good." Four planets are currently camping out in your 2nd House of Self-Worth, pumping up your confidence to new heights. Of course, you're likely to return to your more pragmatic position soon enough.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Your senses are so wide open today that you might perceive things that are normally invisible. Your theme song is, "On a Clear Day, You Can See Forever." However, without any boundaries to slow you down, you could easily overextend your vision, believing that what you see is what you get. Nevertheless, transcendent Neptune's stressful square to the Sun in your freedom-seeking sign weaves a web of fantasy

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



There are days when you're the first one at the office and the last to leave. However, today is not one of them. You're more likely to excuse yourself from the humdrum of the outer world so you can retreat into the spiritual inner realms. This exploration into the nebulous dimensions of oceanic consciousness has recently blossomed into an important theme of your life.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

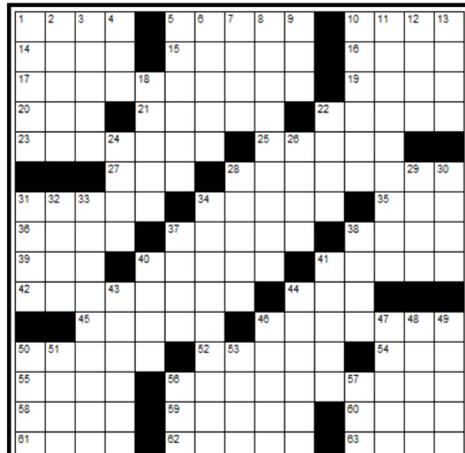


Memos continue to arrive from the Department of Destiny, but each one contains a different message about the future. You like the idea of being in touch with otherworldly dimensions, but it's disconcerting when you can't easily integrate your intuition into your everyday world. Nevertheless, there is gold in the hills of your imagination and you are willing to juggle conflicting realities in order to receive the rewards.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



The contrast between your current duties at work and your hopes for the future couldn't be greater. The good news is you now understand the difference between what you need to do on a day-to-day basis and what you want to do on a long-term trajectory. The bad news is that you might grow dejected when you realize how far you are from your dreams. Thankfully, as long as you don't confuse reality and fantasy.



Across

1. Vipers, 5. Pursue, 10. Iridescent gem, 14. Heavy, durable furniture wood, 15. Fancy, 16. Common hop, 17. Decorative, 19. Give temporarily, 20. 56 in Roman numerals, 21. Malicious burning, 22. Past tense of "will", 23. A teaching discourse, 25. Mends, 27. Old World vine, 28. Defamed, 31. Redress, 34. Fortuneteller's card, 35. Mistake, 36. Relocate, 37. A group of lions, 38. Largest continent, 39. Era, 40. Trolleys, 41. Pantywaist, 42. Spears, 44. Faster than light, 45. Upper-class people (British), 46. A woolen fabric, 50. French farewell, 52. New Zealand native, 54. An Old Testament king, 55. Flippant, 56. A 20th century art movement, 58. Clairvoyant, 59. List components, 60. Curved molding, 61. Countercurrent, 62. Monster, 63. Low in pitch.

Down

1. Coral island, 2. Wait on, 3. Terror, 4. Calypso offshoot, 5. Bright red, 6. A German medieval guild, 7. Car, 8. Criteria, 9. Snake-like fish, 10. Elongated square or circle, 11. Piety, 12. A Freudian stage, 13. Extend credit, 18. Purple shade, 22. Court order, 24. Prong, 26. Found in some lotions, 28. Wounds, 29. Twin sister of Ares, 30. Heavy cart, 31. Nursemaid, 32. Roman robe, 33. Overly fatigued, 34. Transubstantiate, 37. Academician, 38. Afflicts 40. Curdled soybean milk, 41. Stripes, 43. Verse, 44. Woods, 46. Nematodes, 47. Subarctic coniferous forests, 48. SSSS, 49. Gentlewoman, 50. Church alcove, 51. Accomplishment, 53. District, 56. Bro or sis, 57. Toss.

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