

4 Killed in Zabul Airstrikes Conducted Amid ISIS Expansion Concerns

KABUL - At least four militants were killed in airstrikes conducted in southern Zabul province of Afghanistan, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) said Tuesday. According to MoD, the airstrikes were conducted in Dai Chupan and Mizan districts of Zabul.

The ministry further added that at least four militants were also wounded in the airstrikes but did not elaborate further. It is yet not clear if the militants killed in the airstrikes belonged to Taliban insurgents group or any other militant group. This comes as Chief Executive Abdullah



Abdullah said Monday that special military operations will kick off soon in southeastern Ghazni and southern Zabul provinces to suppress the loyalists of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group and Taliban insurgents. He made the remarks during a meeting with the elders of the two provinces which organized amid concerns that the fighters of the two group are attempting to expand foothold in some districts of the two provinces. The elders of Zabul said the local residents in Khak-e-Afghan and Nawbahar districts have noted movements... (More on P4)...(13)

Man Spraying Relatives with Acid Detained in Kunduz

KUNDUZ CITY - Local officials on Tuesday said a man who attacked relatives with acid in north-eastern Kunduz province has been arrested six years after his disappearance.

Deputy police chief, Col. Mohammad Masoom Hashimi, told Pajhwok Afghan News the man, aided by six brothers, attacked four members of a family, including three girls and their mother. He said four brothers of the convict had been arrested immediately after the attack in Belkol area

of the provincial capital about six years ago. They are currently serving their jail terms in the Pul-i-Charkhi prison.

Two other brothers, who were complicit in the attack, are still at large. "The main convict, who was trying to flee to Kabul, was arrested on Monday afternoon," the police officer said.

Mumtaz, father of the victims, asked the government to punish the criminals forthwith. "The man arrested tried to engage my daughter forcibly, but... (More on P4)...(14)

Taliban Torch Mobile Phone Tower in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Suspected Taliban militants torched a mobile phone tower in the Batikot district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Tuesday.

Attaulah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place in Taki locality on Monday night. He said militants destroyed the tower belonging to the Mobile Telecommunication Network (MTN) before making... (More on P4)...(15)

4 Killed in Trailer-Car Collision in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Four people, all men, were killed when the car they were travelling in crashed into a tailor in eastern Nangarhar province on Tuesday, an official said.

Attaulah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place in Surkh Dewal area of Rodat district at around 9pm on the Jalalabad-Torkham highway. He said the tailor crushed the car, killing four men inside. Security forces had launched a manhunt for the trailer's driver. (Pajhwok)

AAF Helicopter Crashes at Shendand Airport

KABUL - The helicopter pilot said on his Facebook page that a magnetic IED had been placed on the helicopter. An Afghan military helicopter crashed into a building when it came in to land on Monday afternoon at Shendand airport in western Herat province, officials confirmed.

The helicopter pilot said on his Facebook page that a magnetic IED had been placed... (More on P4)...(16)

16 Suspects Held, Thousands of Sims Seized in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Sixteen suspected militants have been arrested in Rodat and Batikot districts, while thousands of unregistered Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) cards have been seized in the capital of eastern Nangarhar province.

Police spokesman Col. Hazrat Hussain Mashriqiwal told Pajhwok Afghan News police conducted raids on the outskirts of Batikot and Rodat districts and held 16 suspected insurgents. Separately, security forces recovered 1,040 bullets from a vehicle in the Pandola area of



Achin district. Mashriqiwal said the bullets were being delivered to Daesh fighters in the area. The militants, however, have not yet commented.

In Jalalabad, police seized 2,530 unregistered SIM cards and handed them to the communications department.

Guldad Himmat, a moneychanger, said police launched a crackdown on unregistered SIM cards some days back. (Pajhwok)

Tajikistan's Border Guards Gun Down 2 Afghan Citizens

TALOQAN - Tajikistan's border guards have shot dead two Afghans who illegally crossed the frontier into the neighbouring country, an official said on Tuesday.

Col. Abdul Khalil Aseer, police spokesman in northern Takhar province, told Pajhwok Afghan News Tajik guards gunned down on Tuesday the two Afghans who hailed from Darqad district.

"The Afghans crossed the Amu River, a de facto boarder between the two



countries, and entered Tajikistan, where they were killed by the security personnel," he said. He added bodies of the men, belonging to Noorkhel

and Basirkhel areas, were handed over to their families today. The cause of their entry into Tajikistan was is yet to be ascertained. ... (More on P4)...(17)

TTP-Linked Youth Arrested in Kunar

KABUL CITY - A young alleged member of the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) has been arrested by police in eastern Kunar province, a statement said on Tuesday.

The Ministry of Interior's counterterrorism department in the statement said the detainee was actual resident of Pakistan and he was arrested with two hand grenades, a pistol and a Daesh flag.

The statement quoted the detainee, Aslam, as confessing that he was a member of



the TTP and wanted to carry these weapons to Kunar province against money but he was arrested by police. The same department on Tuesday handed over dif-

ferent types of weapons to the Disbandment of Illegal Armed Groups (DIAG) programme officials here. The weapons included 28... (More on P4)...(18)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

A spike of initiative has you on the go today as you envision a grand journey that will carry you to new heights. Although you're sure nothing can stop you, your lofty ambitions receive an unexpected reality check when the exorbitant Sagittarius Moon slams into frugal Saturn. Of course, it's a sobering task to confront the flaws in your reasoning.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Your energy reserves begin to heat up as your ideas take shape today. You prefer establishing your own pace on your own timetable, but you might be stopped by unforeseen circumstances before you even start. You may assume you know what you want but an awkward connection between your key planet Venus and retrograde Mercury warns that you could be jumping to erroneous conclusions.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your ideas seem better and better the more you think about them, and you're anxious to prove their brilliance in the real world. Unfortunately, even the greatest inspiration alone does not make an idea hold water. Be prepared to encounter several speed bumps as you cruise through your day. But don't slam on the brakes at the last minute to avoid the inevitable. Instead, use the rough spots in reality to clarify your thought.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You may feel so energetic today that you consider starting your new year resolutions early. The grandiose Sagittarius Moon is likely to widen your mind's eye until it's bigger than your stomach. Unfortunately, you can't assimilate everything you see because of your human limitations. Sobering Saturn steps into the picture to deal you a cold dose of reality and remind you that planning is half the battle.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You're having fun with your daydreams as they become more and more elaborate in your mind. Although your self-confidence grows along with your inflated plans, a strict evaluation from serious Saturn can reveal trouble in the details. Your logic might not be as bulletproof as you think today. But don't lose faith.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You're all set to get busy with an exciting new project, but you quickly discover that your intricate plans are impractical. Your ruling planet Mercury often shows up to help you discern which ideas are critical to your success. However, the Trickster's current retrograde journey could lead you to waste time on insignificant minutiae. Rather than launching new ventures, use this time to reassess and rethink your options.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You believe in yourself more than ever and you can't wait to share your excitement with your friends. But just as the words leave your mouth you realize how unbelievable your plan might sound. Although austere Saturn steps in like a cosmic astringent to tone down your enthusiasm, you may be glad the detour happened once you get further down the road.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You are unwilling to negotiate once you set your mind to something. Your passion is fired up today and you're inspired to do the hard work necessary to turn your brilliant idea into reality. Unfortunately, you may run into financial issues that halt your progress. But this is less of a showstopper than a cosmic prompt for further preparation.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You are completely convinced that greener pastures are around the next bend. However, the electrically charged atmosphere takes an earthbound shift when the ostentatious Sagittarius Moon is restrained by weighty Saturn. Although it may not feel so good to lose momentum today, this postponement is an opportunity to reconfigure parts of your strategy. Fine-tuning your plan now improves the vehicle which will carry you to your dreams.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

There's a fine line between initiating action and taking a foolish risk, but you're willing to gamble today. Unexpressed ambitions are ready to come out for the world to see. However, you may realize there are holes in your logic before you can even share your ideas with an audience. Mercury's current backtracking through your sign impedes your progress.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

The lightning bolt of inspiration strikes today, charging you with the energy to make a dream come true. However, your gleaming aspirations must pass stern Saturn's rigorous test to make it in the real world. Although you have a sense of how to reach your goals, you find it difficult to untangle your thoughts long enough to draw a mental map to your destination.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You have an expansive vision of your future today, as if your dreams are yours for the taking. The enthusiastic Sagittarius Moon is spurred on by generous Jupiter and ingenious Uranus, filling your mind with images of a more accomplished version of your current self. But despite the high energy of this cosmic combination, no-nonsense Saturn steps in to remind you of the speed limit.

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Down

1. Nonclerical, 2. Cocoyam, 3. Natural satellite, 4. Website addresses, 5. Clear up, 6. Angry, 7. Indian dress, 8. Place, 9. Bewitched, 10. Babblers, 11. Abrasive, 12. Assumed name, 13. Rip, 21. Type of whiskey, 25. An Old Testament king, 26. Dines, 27. Green, 28. Chocolate cookie, 29. Officer, 30. Iron, 31. Coffee dispensers, 33. Copied, 34. Emanation, 35. Oversupply, 36. If not, 38. Useless, 41. Your (archaic), 42. Measure in a lab, 44. Enemy, 45. Wisecracker, 46. German iris, 47. Trades, 48. Relocate, 50. Newbie (slang), 51. Prig, 52. Dogfish, 53. Feathery scarves, 54. Attraction, 55. Historical periods.

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