

# U.S. Airstrike Kills IS Militants

JALALABAD - About four militants of the Islamic State (IS) group had been killed after U.S.-led forces launched an airstrike against their position in Afghanistan, a military statement said on Monday. "The coalition forces conducted an air raid in Achin district, eastern Nangarhar province on Monday, killing four IS militants," the statement released by the Afghan Special Operations Forces Operational Coordination Command said. The Achin district, located in the south of the provincial capital of Jalalabad, has been regarded as IS stronghold in the mountainous province. The militant group has yet to make comments. (Xinhua)



## At Least Three Cops Killed, 11 Injured

LASHKARGAH - At least three policemen were killed and more than 10 civilians injured in a blast in Afghanistan's southern Helmand province. The incident took place in Lashkargah the capital of the province after a police vehicle struck a roadside mine, reports TOLO News. Officials at the hospital confirmed that the bodies of two police men had been taken to the hospital but they reported 11 civilians were injured. Local officials confirmed the blast but did not provide details about casualties. The Taliban has claimed responsibility for this explosion.(ANI)

## 6 Militants, 1 Civilian Killed in Clashes in Kunduz

KUNDUZ - Six militants and one civilian were killed as clashes erupted in Dasht-e-Archi district of the northern Kunduz province on Monday, a local official said. "The clash flared up in the wee hours of Monday in Pul-e-Momin area and lasted for a while, leaving ... (More on P4)...(17)

## 4 Civilians Wounded in Kabul Explosion

KABUL - At least four civilians were wounded in a magnetic bomb blast in the seventh police district of Kabul on Monday, eyewitnesses said. The incident took place in the Aqa Ali Shams area of the district at around 7am, wounding four people, resident Mirwaiz told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said the blast happened as an Afghan National Army (ANA) commander's vehicle was passing by. But Shams did not name the commander. Security officials have not yet



commented on the bombing. responsibility for the attack. No group has so far claimed (Pajhwok)

## 4 Dead, 2 Injured in Farah City Explosion

FARAH CITY - At least four children have been killed and two others wounded in a bomb explosion in the capital of western Farah province, an official said on Monday. Deputy police chief, Col. Del Khan Jan Khakrezi, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place on Sunday afternoon when a bomb the children were playing with exploded in Karja area. He said four children were killed and two others wounded in the explosion. The bomb had been planted in the area in the past, he added. Farah Civil Hospital Director Abdul Hakim Rassouli said two of the children were killed immediately, a third died on the way to hospital and the fourth succumbed to his ... (More on P4)...(16)

## Loss of 3 Brothers: Heavy Burden Falls on Small Shoulders

ASADABAD - Saturday's deadly suicide attack in eastern Kunar province claimed the lives of three brothers, all breadwinners for their 21 family members, including their elder parents. At least 13 people including tribal elder Haji Khan Jan were killed and 40 others wounded in the suicide attack in Asadabad, the capital of Kunar. The victims included youth and children, with the three brothers selling soup and pakora at the roadside. A fourth brother of the victims, who recently completed high school education, was



seriously injured. He is currently in a coma. The three dead brothers -- Habibullah, Rookhullah and Ihsanullah-- were aged between 20 and 30 years. All of them were married. Gul Akbar Khan, uncle of the three victims, told Pajhwok Afghan News his nephews sold soup and pakora to feed their families. "My elder brother, who is more than 60 years of age, anxiously awaited his sons returning home with the money they earned. But ... (More on P4)...(18)

## Cut off from Pakistan, Maroof Residents in Trouble

KANDAHAR CITY - The residents of Maroof district of southern Kandahar province say Pakistani security forces have closed across the Durand Line three routes connecting the town with Balochistan's capital Quetta and Pishin district. The three routes -- Toba Achakzai, Toba Kakari and Badeni --- lead from Maroof district to Pishin and Quetta cities across the border in Pakistan. Maroof residents say in the past residents of neighbouring Zabul province's Atghar and Shamulzai districts would also travel to Pakistan through these routes to take their pa-



tients, bring in food and export their agriculture products, but the routes have been closed by Pakistani security forces over the past more than a month. A resident of Maroof, Abdullah Afghan, told Pajhwok Afghan News the routes had been closed by Pakistani border guards. He said more than a month had passed since the routes were closed but neither the Pakistanis had provided any ... (More on P4)...(19)

## NDS Foil Coordinated Suicide Car Bombing in Kandahar City

KANDAHAR - The Afghan intelligence operatives thwarted a coordinated suicide car bombing plot in the provincial capital of southern Kandahar province. The National Directorate of Security (NDS) said four groups of militants comprised of 26 insurgents were detained by the intelligence operatives in connection to the attack plot. A statement by NDS said the groups were looking to carry out coordinated



suicide car bombing in Kandahar city, using a Vehicle-borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) and a motorcycle packed with explosives. The statement further added that one RPG-7 rocket launcher, 9 Ak-47 assault rifles, 8 Improvised Explosive Device (IED), 2 pistols, one communication de ... (More on P4)...(20)

## Slow Work on Behsud Bridge Big Traffic Nuisance

JALALABAD - Nangarhar provincial council members on Monday demanded the speedy construction of Behsud bridge, connecting 27 districts, as well as Kunar and Nuristan provinces with Jalalabad. The old Behsud bridge has been in dilapidated condition, causing frequent traffic jams for hours and creating multiple problems for passengers. Despite repeated requests for the execution of the project, the issue lingers on. Zabihullah Zmaray, the provincial council chairman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the construction work on the new bridge was going at an agonisingly slow. He asked the government to step up work. He said: "As the weather is getting hot, the level of water in the river will rise, making the construction work more difficult. We, therefore, request the government ... (More on P4)...(21)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

Naturally, you prefer to be in total control of your fate, but these days you seem to spend more time responding to external circumstances than creating your own direction. You're more dependent on the skills of other people and the resources they bring to the table now than is comfortable. Fortunately, you can still manifest your destiny if you repeatedly reaffirm your personal goals.

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

Although you recently slipped into your fantasies and are enjoying your reverie now, it's time to establish a basis for your visions in the three-dimensional world. However, the Moon's current visit to your 7th House of Companions is a gentle reminder that you can't ignore the people in your life. Instead of withdrawing from social interactions today.

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

You might not be able to avoid the tricky waters you are sailing through today. Although a complex relationship situation is still developing, it's obvious that you need to separate out the big ideas floating around so you can dive into a specific problem. Setting aside your personal whims helps you handle the volatility of the current situation. Self-restraint is your secret weapon now; save the most important discussions.

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

You are quite adept at expressing your passions creatively today with the powerful Scorpio Moon's presence in your 5th House of Spontaneity. Thankfully, you can claim your share of fun now without sacrificing the deeper meaning of the moment. Surprisingly, your emotional intensity is appreciated by others.

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

Complicated interpersonal dynamics on the home front might lead to a lingering conflict. Fortunately, your annoyance has time to settle down on its own if you shift the focus by returning to school or work today. Nevertheless, you can help to ease the pressure by acknowledging the emotions that are lurking just beneath the surface and bringing them out into the open.

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

Communication may feel strained today, but it's crucial to keep a healthy perspective on personal and business relationships instead of focusing on an issue that ultimately doesn't matter. Your current concern isn't about your message; it's whether to broach a sensitive topic or remain silent. Unfortunately, denying the problem is not a long-term solution. Ben Franklin said, "Tricks and treachery are the practice of fools who don't have brains enough."

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

You are an expert at maintaining an even-keeled approach to a stressful situation at work. However, you're fearful of hitting rocks that you cannot see today. It's nearly impossible to tell if you are paddling into the deeper waters now or if it's shallow. Either way, you must get to the bottom of the dilemma or you'll run aground. Reassessing your position enables you to reestablish equilibrium.

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

A journey into your private world of unexpressed emotions is often triggered by the Moon's monthly visit to your sign. However, it's even more complicated this time around because someone might appear to be angry with you, but won't share their feelings. Thankfully, there's no reason to struggle for understanding now; it's just your insecurities rising to the surface.

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

You're tempted to withdraw into your own world today by running off to join a monastery, escaping to a quiet spot in nature or just hiding out in your office. Unfortunately, retreat isn't a viable option now. There are simply too many demands being made on your time. You are obliged to be clearheaded -- not only for your own good, but also for the people who depend on you.

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

You may experience a sense of defeat today if you have responsibilities to fulfill that aren't in your best interest. You are clear about your long-term goals, but you might need to set them aside for a bit while you do your job. The more you focus on the immediate tasks, the faster you will finish. However, it seems as if you're in the middle of some sort of video game where people distract you from reaching the destination.

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

You are not scared of complications; in fact, you like the challenge of difficult mental puzzles and complex mechanical concepts. However, you're not as interested in entangled emotional issues. Unfortunately, there might be a weird power struggle in your life now that you cannot comprehend. Don't push for resolution yet. Your patience will be rewarded and you should be able to settle the score later in the week.

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

You are highly sensitized and can pick up every single ripple in the wide-open seas of consciousness today. Unfortunately, it's an impossible task to decide what to do with all of the perceptions swirling in your head. The emotional intensity may even be so overwhelming that you feel like giving up. However, concentrating on specific tasks and doing them well is your current key to success.



**Across**  
1. Break, 5. Mystic, 10. Fellow, 14. Curdled soybean milk, 15. Moon of Saturn, 16. Debauchee, 17. Egg-shaped, 18. Ask an unreasonable price, 20. Hawkish, 22. Wash, 23. Mineral rock, 24. Clairvoyants, 25. Aberrant sexual practices, 32. Double-reed instruments, 33. Emissary, 34. Bar bill, 37. Not sweet, 38. Heroism, 39. Mongolian desert, 40. Explosive, 41. Dromedary, 42. Possessing a weapon, 43. Unbeatable, 45. Change, 49. Directed, 50. Mail pouch, 53. Intercede, 57. Unchallenged, 59. Dash, 60. Sow, 61. Jargon, 62. An aromatic ointment, 63. Being, 64. Avoid, 65. 10 10 10 10.

**Down**  
1. Put away, 2. Exploded star, 3. At a distance, 4. Type of sweater, 5. Writer of "Dracula", 6. Marry, 7. Consumed food, 8. A crumbling earthy deposit, 9. Ancient Peruvian, 10. Large long-necked wading bird, 11. Mob, 12. Type of drill, 13. Equals, 19. Impudent girl, 21. Angers, 25. Publicize, 26. Black, in poetry, 27. Defeat decisively, 28. Creases, 29. Arm of the sea, 30. Convex molding, 31. Neither, 34. Grave, 35. Cain's brother, 36. Remain, 38. Delivery vehicle, 39. Slope, 41. Reins in, 42. Copied, 44. Promise, 45. Entertain, 46. Paths, 47. High, low and neap, 48. Leave out, 51. Church alcove, 52. White aquatic bird, 53. Fix, 54. Wings, 55. Mountain pool, 56. Terminates, 58. Letter after sigma.

**Yesterday's Solution**  
attitude, brash, buggy, couch, crime, cycled e e m, desires, digest, done, examine, flung, group, held, hoar, horse, leer, massage, party, pharynx, pitch, poet, prosperity, quiver, quote, really, right, ripe, sand, spoke, sudden, sure, thee, thick, thrash, tossed.

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