Iranian ISIS Militant Arrested in Nangarhar

KABUL - An Iranian national fighting with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terror group militants has been arrested by the Afghan security forces in eastern Nangarhar province.

The provincial police commandment in a statement said an Iranian national identified as Fat was arrested during a joint operation conducted inşehir, Bani Mina district.

The statement added that another suspect was also arrested together with Yasin on charges of fighting for the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terror group.

The detained individuals are in the custody of the counter-terrorism directorate of Nangarhar police commandment, the statement added, saying that an investigation is underway for the suspects.

Nangarhar is among the relatively calm provinces in eastern Afghanistan but the anti-government armed militant groups have recently increased their insurgency activities in some parts of the province during the current year. The Afghan security forces are currently busy conducting counter-terrorism operations.

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Dozens Dead in Violence as Ramadan Begins

KABUL - A suspected suicide bomber killed as many as 14 people in a crowd on Friday in Nangarhar province, in a second attack since the first day of the holy month of Ramadan.

In eastern Nangarhar province, a Taliban attacker detonated a car bomb near a football field that is close to a military base, officials said.

At a local hospital, doctors later identified at least 14 dead bodies and eight wounded people, said Gul Muhammad, head of the public health department in Kunduz.

“The bodies are not recognizable and it is hard to say if they are civilians or security forces,” he said.

Najibullah, spokesman for the Afghan interior ministry, confirmed the death toll at 15 killed and eight wounded, including six civilians and two police officers.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mubarak also mentioned theistan attack, saying it was aimed at markets.

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Raziaq Accuses NUG Elements of Trying to Destabilize Kundahar

KABUL - Kundahar’s police chief General Abdul Raziaq on Friday spoke out about elements within the National Unity Government and accused them of trying to destabilize Kundahar.

“Ours province’s talented people are not being hired in government and the war in southern provinces has been intensified and thus the danger is imminent,” said Haidmat and Mihde, a number of participants at the event said the central government is stagnant in providing security.

“Talented people from the south-west zone have been fixed and no chance of work is given to them and the government pays no attention to the...” (More on P28).

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43 Insurgents Killed in Past 24 Hours: MoD

KABUL - Forty-three insurgents have been killed and two captured after an airstrike in various provinces in the past 24 hours, the Ministry of Defense said on Friday.

The defense minister identified three commanders, the ministry said in a statement. The operations were conducted in Nangarhar, Kunar, Kapisa, Pakhtia, Paktika, Khost, Ghor, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Badakhshan, Herat, Farah, Jizzakh, Faryab, Baghlan, Badakhshan and Helmand provinces.

A base of the Taliban had been destroyed as a result of an airstrike in southeastern Helmand province, the interior ministry statement said. (Pajhwok)

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2 Rebels, 3 Wounded in own Mine Explosion

FAZAH - Two militants were killed three others injured when an IED explosion took place in their own camp.

You assumed that a close friend would be your biggest supporter and you might feel disappointed when you realize you’re not as close as you thought. Don’t waste valuable time or energy trying to convince anyone to return to your side.

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8 Wardak Police Charged with Neglect of Duty

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