

32 Daesh Militants Killed in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - At least 32 Daesh militants were killed during an operation conducted by Afghan National Security Force (ANSF) members in eastern Nangarhar province on Thursday night, officials said.

The operation was conducted Thursday night in Achin district, said Haji GhalibMujahid, the district governor.

According to Muhahid, a radio base of Daesh was also destroyed which the governor said was the communication source for militants to take commands from their leaders in Iraq and Syria.



Daesh is an extremist Islamic militant group that emerged in war-weary Iraq and Syria. Their sightings were also confirmed few months ago in parts of Afghanistan. (Tolonews)

3rd Soldier Pleads Guilty to Money Crimes at Afghan Base



RALEIGH - A US Army captain has become at least the third soldier stationed at a bustling Afghan air base to plead guilty to financial crimes in a North Carolina court.

Capt. David Anthony Kline of Colorado Springs, Colorado, pleaded guilty in federal court in Raleigh on Thursday to taking \$50,000 in bribes. Prosecutors say he took money from an Afghan trucking company owner for transportation contracts.

Former Staff Sgt. Robert Green was sentenced last week to 10 months in prison for taking \$45,000 from an Afghan businessman who got Army transportation contracts during the same 17 month period ending in 2009.

Prosecutors say Green's case was related to the crimes of former Staff Sgt. Tonya Long, who was sentenced to five years in prison for smuggling \$1 million into the United States. (AP)

Pakistan Bans Media Coverage of Militant Groups

KABUL - Pakistan has banned all TV and radio coverage of Islamic militant groups, including the one suspected of carrying out the 2008 Mumbai attacks, and ordered broadcast outlets to stop running advertisements for the groups' charities.

The move comes nearly a year after the government vowed to crack down on homegrown militants following a Taliban attack on a school that killed more than 150 people, mainly students. The agency that regulates Pakistani media issued the order late Monday,



specifically mentioning Jamaat-ud-Dawa and the Falah-i-Insaniat Foundation. Both charities are linked to Lashkar-e-Taiba, the Islamic militant group suspected of carrying out the Mumbai attacks, which killed more than 160 people. The Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority said failure to abide by the order would result in the cancellation of broadcast licenses. It listed ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Indian Journalist Captures Positive Images of Afghanistan

NEW DEHLI - As Afghanistan is known for conflict and war, an Indian Journalist uncovered the positive life of war-torn country by showcasing the images of Afghan life at an ongoing exhibition, titled, "Behind the Veil: The Other Afghanistan" here.

However, there are some positive events happening that the world is unaware of. NazesAfroz, an Indian journalist who has covered Afghanistan for over a decade, has captured



these positive images through his lens. He has tried to portray the positive image of Afghanistan which reeling under years of war. The zest of Afghan people is depicted through the positive images which speaks of life behind war. Despite prevailing insecurity in the war-torn ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Canada's Military Police Watchdog to Probe Alleged Abuse of Afghan Detainees

OTTAWA - A politically explosive controversy that haunted the Harper government throughout the Afghan war blew up again Thursday as the Military Police Complaints Commission said it would investigate fresh allegations of prisoner abuse from the end of Canada's five-year campaign in Kandahar.

The watchdog agency said it received an anonymous complaint in February 2015, an accusation a human rights lawyer called potentially more serious than the marathon inquiry and Federal Court cases that preceded it.

Paul Champ, who represented Amnesty International and the B.C. Civil Liberties Association during an earlier investigation, noted the new allegations involve Canadian soldiers, giving them deeper and perhaps broader international significance.

"If these incidents occurred as described, it is clearly a violation of the Geneva Convention and a violation of international law," Champ said in an interview.

How the new Liberal government responds, and whether it co-operates with the commission investigation, will be an important test of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's pledge of openness and accountability, he added.

Stephen Harper's Conservative government and the Department of National Defence spent years stonewalling the first set of hearings, much to the outrage of the Liberal opposition.

The case is also an important test for newly appointed Defence Minister Harjitt Singh Sajjan, who was around at the time of the latest allegations, serving as a senior adviser to the U.S. general running the war in southern Afghanistan.

The commission spent four years investigating allegations that the army transferred suspected Taliban prisoners to Afghan intelligence and justice officials knowing they faced the likelihood of torture, a violation of international law. Three years ago, the agency's final report cleared military cops of wrongdoing.

The new allegations suggest that in late 2010 and early 2011, the commanding officer of the military police detachment at Kandahar Airfield ran exercises in empty detention cells next to those holding detainees in order to "terrorize" them....*(More on P4)...(15)*

NDS Prevents Three Suicide Bombings in Kabul



KABUL - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) - Afghanistan's intelligence agency has prevented three suicide bombings in capital Kabul, a statement released by the agency on Tuesday states.

According to the statement, three terrorists, two of them planners of suicide bombers, were arrested from Bagrami District of Kabul who planned to execute the attacks.

Shir Badin S/O Ismail and Amanullah S/O Sur Gul have admitted to NDS that the plan was carry out

three attacks in and another in Bagram's Sarak-i-Naw area using a corolla vehicle. The third one arrested is a would-be suicide bomber. In the footage released by NDS a young man identified as the bomber says that he had received terrorist training in Pakistan's Khayber Agency and vowed to carry out attack through a corolla vehicle-laden with explosives. The arrested group has also confessed to its involvement in a car bomb attack in eastern Laghman province last year. (KP)

Prominent Religious Cleric Killed in Ghazni



GHAZNI CITY - A prominent religious scholar was assassinated on Friday by the anti-government armed militants in the restive southeastern Ghazni province. According to the local government officials, the incident took place in the provincial capital of Ghazni province after a magnetic bomb went off in the vehicle of MaulaviJilaniUrfani. Deputy provincial police chief AsadullahShujae confirmed the incident and said the blast happened in Shamir area of Ghazni city. No group including

the Taliban militants has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident. Ghazni is among the volatile provinces in southeastern Afghanistan where anti-government armed militants are actively operating in its various districts and frequently carry out insurgency activities. MaulaviUrfani was among the prominent religious scholars of the country who was actively taking part in religious activities in Ghazni province through his moderate teachings of Islam. His ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

There's little chance of you being very logical today as the cosmos lures you deep into Fantasyland. Common sense is difficult to find, but you could play this to your advantage if you stop trying to make practical decisions. Even if you must report to work, you can still find time to drift off and contemplate spiritual mysteries. Slipping back and forth between parallel universes is easy now.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Although unresolved issues may linger in the air, it's tempting to convince yourself that everything is copacetic in a relationship. Even if you probably realize a serious conversation is in order today, you still prefer to avoid the facts so you don't have to deal with the emotional fallout. It's a gift to see potential in others that's not yet manifested.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Intense emotions spring forth from your subconscious today, but they might make you so uncomfortable that you bury them as fast as they show up. Although you seek less complexity in your life these days, your desires are rather complicated now. Your intentions may still be misunderstood even if you believe you're being completely transparent. Don't assume others know what you need.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You can share your feelings in an imaginative manner today, but might struggle getting your point across as a blurry Mercury-Neptune trine muddles your words. Your daydreams may be deliciously sweet as long as you don't assume they are practical enough to pursue. Wait until your clarity returns tomorrow before attempting to express something that has lasting significance.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Staying home and losing yourself in a project might sound enticing today, but more practical concerns demand your attention. Nevertheless, you're still likely to spend time envisioning everything else you wish you were doing now. Unfortunately, fun and games may need to wait for the weekend with strict Saturn running the show in your 5th House of Play.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You're immersed in an idyllic multi-colored bubble today. But it's tricky to bring a fantasy into reality while irrational Neptune dances with cerebral Mercury. Regrettably, you may realize your daily life is overflowing with pressing responsibilities once you open your eyes. Although you're tempted to wander aimlessly in imaginary realms now, it's unwise to avoid your current obligations.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Relinquishing your preconceived notions about what the day holds in store for you is a simple test of your willpower today. However, it's crucial to your future success to move beyond your fantasies and finish your chores. Reality is elusive as a four-leaf clover now because logical Mercury has difficulty working under the influence of dreamy Neptune. Let the most important decisions slide until tomorrow.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You realize it's important to wrap up old business now, but you prefer the idea of pursuing pleasure while mental Mercury connects with starry-eyed Neptune in your 5th House of Fun and Games. This never-ending conflict between work and play might be especially aggravating today, so seek out activities that soothe your nerves and encourage your creativity.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You might feel as if you're trapped in a rut today, motivating you to take a risk in order to shake things up at work. Unfortunately, changing your routine without a solid strategy could be more upsetting than exciting now. Use your imagination to picture the ideal outcome and then create an ambitious plan to manifest your vision as you see it in your mind's eye. Don't try to do a complete makeover in one day.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

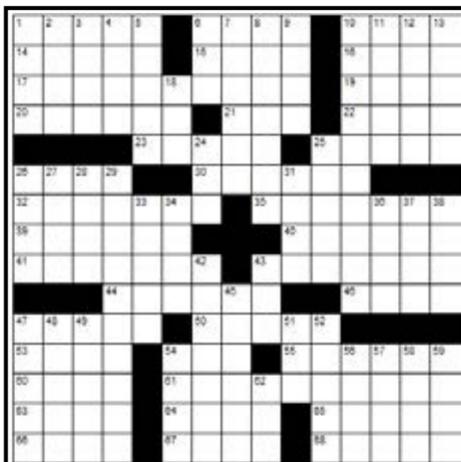
Fulfilling your obligations is your top priority, but you could be easily pulled off course by your friends or coworkers today. Their big ideas sound extremely enticing, but grandiose plans are not likely grounded in reality. Don't believe everything you're told now; if something seems too good to be true, it probably is. Nevertheless.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You don't like feeling disoriented, yet today's ethereal Mercury-Neptune trine could prompt you to waste time trying to reestablish your bearings. Unfortunately, stability is elusive now, but this cosmic uncertainty is beneficial if you use it to question your assumptions about your career goals. There's no need to make any life-changing choices yet; answers will appear as early as tomorrow.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your fantasies seem real enough to touch while surreal Neptune in psychic Pisces aligns with mischievous Mercury. But your ideas only appear plausible until you actually attempt to make them tangible. Although it's wise to listen to your intuition, it's also critical to rely on facts when you're trying to create your ideal future. Give yourself temporary permission to meander through your imagination without any pressure now.



Across

- Lifts, 6. Potato, 10. False god, 14. More or less, 15. Rational, 16. Back of the neck, 17. Involving three parties, 19. Devil tree, 20. A musical composition, 21. 52 in Roman numerals, 22. Relating to urine, 23. Ceased, 25. Mentally prepare, 26. A style of design, 30. Shoe lace hole, 32. Supercilium, 35. Personal journals, 39. Decrease, 40. Periphery, 41. Gist, 43. Jelly, 44. Torrid, 46. Misplaced, 47. Clean between teeth, 50. Indian monetary unit, 53. Hindu princess, 54. A late time of life, 55. Hypnotic state, 60. Pearly-shelled mussel, 61. Absurd, 63. Computer symbol, 64. Peddle, 65. Cages, 66. 10 10 10 10, 67. Journey, 68. Anxious.

Down

- Derbies or berets, 2. River of Spain, 3. Thrust with a knife, 4. A city in western Russia, 5. Condition, 6. South southeast, 7. Negotiate, 8. Unassisted, 9. Sandwich shop, 10. Manufacturing, 11. Anagram of "Diary", 12. Sight-related, 13. Filter, 18. Buff, 24. Morning moisture, 25. A type of necklace, 26. Expunge, 27. Visual organs, 28. To tax or access, 29. Fixations, 31. Vitality, 33. Leases, 34. A single time, 36. Within, 37. Auspices, 38. Dispatched, 42. Not later, 43. Cheat, 45. Confuse, 47. Apple or orange, 48. Javelin, 49. Scallion, 51. And so forth, 52. Spew, 54. At one time (archaic), 56. Maguey, 57. Midday, 58. Mugs, 59. Being, 62. Type.

Yesterday's Solution



alert, alien, attack, author, beak, begin, brandchange, cleanse, contact, control, couple, deceit, devise, diverse, dream, effect, fail, force, future, group, guilt, junction, leech, moon glow, music, nice, paint, peal, power, reel, rumba, sepia, serial, swag, thee, travel,

