

# More Than a Dozen Daesh Rebels Killed in US Drone Strike

JALALABAD - Thirteen Daesh -- or Islamic State (IS) -- militants have been killed in a US drone strike in the Achin district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Sunday.

Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, said a vehicle belonging to Daesh was also destroyed in the drone raid in Lataband area late on Saturday.

Civilians suffered no casualties in the incident, he added. The insurgent group has not yet commented on the strike. (Pajhwok)



# Paktia Jamiat Leader's Bodyguards Beat Traffic Police

GARDEZ - A former jihadi commander and his gunmen beat and insulted traffic police officials in the capital of southeastern Paktia province, an official said on Sunday.

A traffic policeman, Izatullah, told Pajhwok Afghan News that they looking for non-custom-paid vehicles and tinted-glasses when they stopped a Fielder model car with tinted-glasses.

"But the driver said it was Ziauddin's vehicle, and then we told the driver to call him."

"After a while, Ziauddin came along with armed



men and badly beat all traffic policemen on duty and also verbally abused us." He said their pistols, helmets and other equipment had been missing after they were beaten. Izatullah warned of duty strike if their beating was not investigated.

Another beaten traffic policeman, 2nd Lt. Jafar, confirmed the attackers were commander Ziauddin's affiliates. Ziauddin denied speaking regarding the issue. Ziauddin is ... (More on P4)... (20)

# 2 US Troops, as Many Contractors Dead in Bagram Attack

KABUL - Two US soldiers and as many contractors were killed and 16 others wounded in Saturday's suicide attack on the Bagram Airfield in central Parwan province.

The Pentagon said in a statement on Sunday among the dead were two US civilians, A Polish soldier also sustained slight injuries in the explosion.

US Defence Minister Ash Carter expressed deep concern over the attack and ordered investigation. He said such acts would not deter the American mission in Afghanistan.



A day earlier, the US military put the toll at four dead and 14 wounded. "To the family and friends of those who lost their lives today, we share your loss and our thoughts are with you," the Resolute Support mission commander said.

In a statement, Gen. John Nicholson, "We offer you our deepest condolences. ... (More on P4)... (19)

# 11 Taliban Join Peace Process in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - An 11-member Taliban group, including a notorious commander, has surrendered their weapons and joined the peace process in eastern Nangarhar province, the governor's house said on Sunday.

A statement from the governor's house said the weapons the Taliban surrendered included 10 Kalshinkves and a rocket launcher.

He identified the surrendering commander as Qari Sefatullah who had been involved in destruc-



ive activities in Ghanikhel, Rodat, Kot and Achin districts against government.

"After having given up insurgency, I'll no longer cooperate with Taliban," commander Qari Sefatullah promised, urging the government to provide them jobs in police.

However, the Taliban have not yet commented about their fighters joining the peace process. (Pajhwok)

# NDS Claims Arresting 3 Pakistani Daesh in Kunur

KABUL CITY - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) on Sunday claimed arresting a group of three Pakistani Daesh insurgents in eastern Kunur province.

A statement from the spy service identified the detainees as Shirwali, Hamza and Noor Mohammad.

The statement said the detainees had joined Daesh or Islamic state (IS)

group in Achin district of Nangarhar. They captured by NDS personnel in Asadabad, the capital of eastern Kunur province, it said.

Meanwhile, a notorious local Taliban commander Shir Malang was killed along with his three partners during a clash with security forces in Kunur.

Another two militants were wounded. (Pajhwok)

# Ghor Police Beat, Harass Radio Journalist

FEROZKOH - A radio journalist in western Ghor province on Sunday accused three policemen of beating and harassing him. Janat Mir Rafiq told Pajhwok Afghan News the police personnel forced their way into the radio station and started insulting and thrashing him. Abdul Qadir Gha-

foori, the provincial journalists' union chief, condemned the attack and asked security officials to arrest the policemen.

Meanwhile, Ghor police chief Brig. Gen. Ghulam Mustafa Mohseni said the three policemen had been detained and were currently being investigated. (Pajhwok)

# Attack on German Consulate Masterminded in Pakistan

MAZAR-E-SHARIF - Northern Balkh province acting governor Mohammad Eshaq Sarwari said on Sunday the attack on the German consulate in Mazar-e-Sharif was masterminded six months ago in Peshawar, Pakistan.

He said an arrested would-be suicide bomber confessed he had been trained for two months in Pakistan to carry out a suicide attack.

Sarwari said: "The arrested man said the attack plan was drawn up in Pakistan six months ago."

"The plan was drawn up in Peshawar. He (arrested man) was trained for months ... (More on P4)... (21)

# Consulate Attack Victims Demand Compensation

MAZAR-E-SHARIF - Local residents, who suffered financial losses in a car bomb attack on the German Consulate in northern Balkh province, on Saturday demanded compensation.

They said foreign offices under constant threat should be shifted from residential and market places.

A government commission on Saturday started investigating the damage, local officials in Mazar-i-Sharif, the provincial capital, said. The car bomb attack that took place at about 11am on Friday left seven people dead and 125 others wounded. Roads to the German Consulate were closed in the ... (More on P4)... (22)

# Shinwari Uprising Residents to be Hired in Border Police

JALALABAD - Public uprising members in eastern Nangarhar province would be recruited in the Afghan Border Police (ABP) force, local officials said on Sunday.

The Nangarhar governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, told Pajhwok Afghan News that a high-ranking official at the Ministry of Interior (MoI), Lt. Gen. Salem Ehsas, at the head of a delegation visited the 1st Border Brigade Headquarters and prom-



ised hiring uprising members in the ABP.

Ehsas also ordered police officials to establish a 9th Border Police Battalion for further strengthening the

# Taliban Commander Arrested in Kunduz Operation

KUNDUZ CITY - Belal, a Taliban commander, and his six fighters were arrested in an operation in northern Kunduz province, local officials said Sunday. Spokesman for provincial police Mahfuzullah Akbari said that

Belal is a key Taliban commander in the province. He said no casualties were reported among civilians or security forces during the operation. However, he did not provide more details about the operation. (Tolonews)

## Outlook Horoscope

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

Letting down your guard without thinking about the possible consequences is asking for trouble today. Depending upon your willingness to respond to change, the Sun's awkward aspect to surprising Uranus in your sign will either show you a viable escape route or unexpectedly turn your world upside down. Nevertheless, knowing when to reveal your vulnerability can be a magical key.

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

You're in no mood to negotiate with anyone today because you know exactly what you need now to be happy. However, you may be so fixated in your assumptions that you're willing to cut off your nose to spite your face. Unfortunately, your stubbornness can be costly if you refuse to move beyond your old conclusions. Stating your position is easy while the reflective Moon is hanging out in your earthy sign.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You are ready to face the music and do whatever is required to resolve a conflict on the job, but your behavior could elicit unexpected reactions. Although the Sun's presence in your 6th House of Work keeps you busy, you can't put off the inevitable. Just remember that your judgment may be slightly off today, so hedge your bets and, if necessary, change your mind later. Don't let frustration get the best of you. Even if you can't see your progress yet.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Managing your energy is tricky business because you might have to make several abrupt about-faces throughout the day. Unfortunately, the mellow Taurus Moon urges you to resist sudden change today. You don't mind modifying your agenda now as long as it's done on your terms. Controlling your creative force empowers you to tackle the big issues with a good balance of hope and logic.

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

Unnecessary extravagance stirs up a hornet's nest of trouble today. Let caution be your guide since it might be challenging to negotiate for what you want. Being generous is one thing, but going overboard with lavish gifts or outrageous promises isn't helpful right now. Your magnanimity may prompt a misunderstanding.

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

You can transform your ideas into action now without running into resistance, especially if you receive support from encouraging friends and generous allies. However, conditions begin to shift unexpectedly as a messy alignment from the Sun to erratic Uranus turns your day wonky. Stay light on your feet so you're able to move quickly under these rapidly changing conditions. Psychologist Timothy Leary wrote, "If you want to change the way people respond to you.

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

You receive mixed signals from the cosmos today and may need to switch gears to match the various rhythms of colleagues and friends throughout the day. Concentration is required in all that you do, leaving little margin for error. You might believe you're on target now, but an edgy Sun-Uranus aspect might prompt you to blow up at someone or run for the hills without warning.

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

There's plenty of time to recover from the destabilizing cosmic forces that recently rocked your world. Awkward relationship dynamics are not fully resolved, but there's time to regroup before you need to jump into the fray again. Although explosive Uranus is on the scene trying to shake things up.

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

You possess the stamina to overcome almost any obstacle but directing your efforts today takes a heavy dose of discipline. Nevertheless, you can't slow down now or you'll attract Uranus the Awakener to shock you back to reality. The urge to do things in your own way may overpower your willingness to compromise. Wounded feelings can provoke angry responses, so do your best to sidestep conflict whenever possible.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

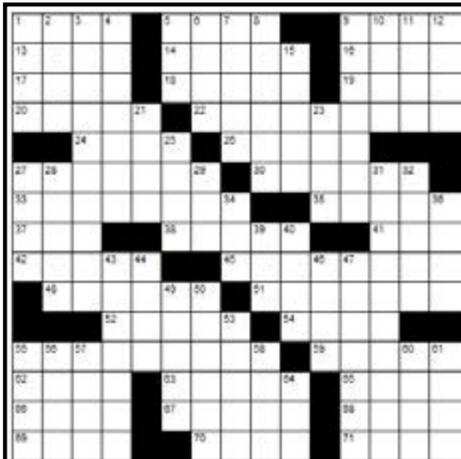
Seeing a situation in a fresh light makes a world of difference today. Once your perspective begins to change, go out of your way to talk about your new point of view with anyone who will listen. Fascinating ideas are stimulated by wild Uranus now, but adapting your solutions to the slower pace around you is more productive in the long run. Author Joyce Meyer wrote.

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

Although you may experience bouts of self-doubt today, you still have all the necessary resources to reach your goals. However, an electrifying Sun-Uranus misalignment can throw you for a loop, demanding your full and immediate attention. But your thinking might be too progressive now, revealing that being ahead of the curve isn't always the place to be.

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

Minor differences of opinions can grow larger today, making cooperation difficult even in the friendliest of circumstances. But sticking to your methods brings results; changing horses midstream is not advised now because you could end up heading in the wrong direction. Methodically handling one specific problem at a time is far more likely to be successful than turning an emotional crisis into an endless debate.



**Across**

1. Corridor, 5. Ancient Peruvian, 9. Style of hairdo, 13. Wings, 14. Quietens, 16. Person, place or thing, 17. A field of grass, 18. Famous, 19. Blackthorn, 20. Course around a star or planet, 22. Solemnity, 24. Absorb written material, 26. 9-headed monster (Greek mythology), 27. Anagram of "Clients", 30. Seek, 33. Cantata, 35. Dusk, 37. Arctic bird, 38. Exhausted, 41. 56 in Roman numerals, 42. Leg joints, 45. Stiff hairs, 48. Scandinavian sea monster, 51. Beguile, 52. Contests of speed, 54. Sourish, 55. Blabbering, 59. Caskets, 62. Owl, 63. Ancient Greek marketplace, 65. Male undergrad social club, 66. Arid, 67. Toss, 68. Container weight, 69. Biblical garden, 70. Stitched, 71. Anagram of "Lyme".

**Down**

1. Angel's headwear, 2. Winglike, 3. Criminal, 4. Not strict, 5. Type, 6. Religious sisters, 7. Fabric, 8. Invariably, 9. Disentangle, 10. Barbershop emblem, 11. Twosomes, 12. 1 1 1 1, 15. Malicious, 21. Meal in a shell, 23. Haul, 25. Soil, 27. Saturate, 28. Main stem of a tree, 29. 52 in Roman numerals, 31. Concomitant, 32. Shelter, 34. Sphere, 36. Fog, 39. Before, poetically, 40. Effort, 43. Made of baked clay, 44. Three-handed card game, 46. Anagram of "Cabs", 47. Frugal, 49. Panache, 50. Horse sounds, 53. A loud sleeping sound, 55. Sit for a photo, 56. Regretted, 57. Unit of land, 58. Get bigger, 60. Unusual, 61. Flower stalk, 64. Barley bristle.

**Yesterday's Solution**

alcove, casual, clear, corner, crust, cuddle, drift foreign, freight, lower, nestle, nets, passage, people, personality, pluck, recent, relative, report, river, section, sees, service, sole, source, state, still, summary, tally, temerity, toxic, tract, turf, wrack, yells, young.

