

200 Nangarhar Students 'Linked' to Daesh, Taliban

JALALABAD - A high ranking government delegation, who visited eastern Nangarhar to investigate University students' affiliation to Daesh, Taliban and Hezbi-e-Islami, has found that about 200 of them have ties with the insurgent groups. The delegation said preliminary investigations found that dozens of Nangarhar University students have links to these groups. This comes after they raised the flags of Taliban, Daesh and Hizb-e-Islami militant groups during a rally a few weeks ago. Qamaruddin



Shenwari, an advisor to President Ashraf Ghani and head of the delegation, said "it is not acceptable for students to have links with enemy groups. ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

ISIS Has So Far Lost 480 Loyalists During Afghan Forces Operations: Ulumi



KABUL - Minister of Interior Noorul-Haq Ulumi on Tuesday in a press conference said that the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group has so far lost around 480 loyalists during the Afghan security forces military operations.

Calling the recent marks regarding the government's lack of capability to fight the loyalists of the terror group as 'irresponsible', chief of Army staff Qadam Shah Shaem said such remarks would weaken the morale of the Afghan security forces in fight against terrorism.

This comes as lawmaker Haji Zahir Qadir claimed Monday that the leaders of ISIS terrorist group are living in Kabul. The United Nations released a report late in the month of September warning that the terror group is making inroads in Afghanistan with the number of sympathizers and followers growing across the country. According to the report around 70 militants of the terror group are busy in forming the core of the group's branch in Afghanistan. (ATN)

12 Taliban Militants Killed in Kunduz: Official

KUNDUZ - A dozen Taliban fighters have been killed as clash flared up in Dasht-e-Archi district of the northern Kunduz province with Kunduz city as its capital 250 km north of Kabul, district governor Nasrudin Saadi said Tuesday. "The clash erupted Monday night and so far 12 Taliban rebels have been killed and eight others injured," Saadi told Xinhua.

He also added that clash is still going on in the district. There were no casualties on government forces, the official contended. Taliban militants

have yet to make comment. Dasht-e-Archi had served as Taliban bastion in Kunduz province from where the militants organized their operations in Kunduz and the neighboring Baghlan and Takhar provinces. The government forces after recapturing Kunduz city in mid October launched major offensive against Taliban bastion in Dasht-e-Archi and regained major parts of the district. However, the Taliban offered stiff resistance and have been defending their grip in the restive district. (Xinhua)

10 Militants Killed in Latest Afghan Cleanup Operations

KABUL - About 10 Taliban militants have been killed while seven others wounded during cleanup operations carried out by Afghan security forces, the country's Interior Ministry said Tuesday. The ministry said in a statement that the raids were conducted in seven of the country's 34 provinces within the last 24 hours. "The Ministry of Interior Affairs appreci-

ates the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) operations to eliminate the terrorists' sanctuaries and is a good step toward improving the security and stability," the statement said. The security forces also found and seized weapons and ammunition, the statement said, without adding if there were any casualties on the side of security forces. Afghan security

Migrants Sew Lips Together in Protest at Greece-Macedonia Border



BERLIN - At least five migrants stuck on the Greek-Macedonian border on Monday sewed their lips in protest at not being allowed to continue their journey to Europe, AFP reporters said. The men, who say they are from Iran and threaten to go on hunger strike, have been camping on the tracks of the railroad between the two countries since Friday.

One of them wrote 'only freedom' on his chest while two others wrote 'Iran' on their chest and forehead.

Hundreds of migrants are stuck on the border after Skopje last week imposed restrictions limiting passage to those fleeing conflict zones.

Syrian, Iraqi and Afghan refugees are allowed through but those deemed economic migrants - mainly people from Iran, Pakistan and Bangladesh - are blocked. Over a thousand people remained on the border on Monday, a few of them heading back into Greece, local police said. Hundreds of thousands of people fleeing conflict and poverty have travelled to Greece and up through the Balkans this year, aiming to start new lives in more prosperous northern European countries, with Germany the preferred destination for many. (AFP)

Daesh 'Recruiting' Fighters in Baghlan

PUL-E-KHUMRI - A number of provincial officials in northern Baghlan said on Tuesday that a Daesh footprint has emerged in the province. They claim the extremist group has started recruiting members in Borka district in Baghlan which has sparked concerns among residents. The officials however warned that if government does not stop the group from recruiting people, the insecurity will deteriorate across the province. Provincial council mem-



ber Mohammad Safdar Mohsini said: "We have accurate information that Daesh is actively working in Borka district and is recruiting fighters." Ferozudin Aimaq, another council member, said: "In the past Taliban and Jundallah were active in the district but now some members of Jundallah have joined Daesh and ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Hezb-Ut-Tahrir Seeks to Create Islamic Caliphate in World

KABUL - Hezb-ut-Tahrir is one of the anti-government movements that stimulate Afghan citizens against the current system in Afghanistan, said a follower of Hezb-ut-Tahrir. One of the supporters of Hezb-ut-Tahrir party in an interview with Ariananews declared that they are trying to promote their ideas in various parts. The man named Sayfullah claims that he is the spokesman of Hezb-ut-Tahrir party in Afghanistan, saying he is the



first of those who became familiar with these movements when he was a student in Kabul University. Sayfullah noted that his group is seeking to create an Islamic caliphate in the world. According to Hezb-ut-Tahrir party, not only in Afghanistan but also in the world, there is ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Czech Republic to Send More Police to Afghanistan

PRAGUE - Czech Republic will increase the numbers of its military police in Afghanistan from two to eight by the end of this month, military police commander Pavel

Kriz said on Monday. Kriz said up to 40 police could be sent to foreign missions in Afghanistan or in Mali annually in the future.

Kriz said Czech military po-

lice are very well trained to carry out tasks in Afghanistan. He expects the number of police participating in foreign missions to further rise in 2016. (Xinhua)

Sick Horses Meat Sold to Afghan Police in Balkh

KABUL - A shocking report has emerged from the northern Balkh province of Afghanistan revealing a slaughterhouse where weak and sick horses were slaughtered to sell their meat to Afghan police. According to the local government officials, the contractor was cheating the authorities and was selling

the meat to police forces, saying they were selling beef and mutton. Provincial police chief Syed Kamal Sadat confirmed that the meat of weak and sick horses were sold to the police forces. He said a suspect has been arrested in connection to the deceitful act but the authorities in 3rd brigade of the pub-

lic order forces denied the allegations. The authorities further added that they are carefully examining the meat before purchasing.

This comes as at least two people were jailed for a period of 13 years each after they were found guilty of selling dog meat to open market in western Herat province. (KP)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Cautious optimism is your key phrase today. You might not be sitting on top of the world, but you're well on your way to reaching new heights. But don't attempt to stretch too far or you'll end up sabotaging your plans. Acknowledging the limitations of your schedule prevents disappointment for all parties involved. Running into a wall of resistance isn't much fun but once you accept the circumstances.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

The contrast between your inner world and outer circumstances is glaringly obvious now. But there's no time for self-pity if your reality seems very far removed from your dreams. Rather than wistfully peering off into the distance today, your top priority is to meet your most immediate obligations. It's as if you're being tested by the cosmos.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your partner or close friend can be of assistance today, but you must be open to receiving their help. Unfortunately, you may be somewhat confused about what's most important now and might inadvertently brush their kindness aside to pursue a social distraction, instead. But rather than digging yourself out of a mess in a few days, maintain a close connection with those who encourage your ambitions.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Be careful of people coloring facts with enthusiasm to sell you a bill of goods now. If someone effusively declares how great everything will be in the future, take a deep breath and then ask a lot of hard-hitting questions. Others may not even realize the extent of their inflationary thinking today, but that doesn't mean you need to be their next unsuspecting victim.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Helping people less fortunate than you may be the most amazing medicine for your heart these days. It really doesn't matter whether you're nurturing your children or assisting at a local animal shelter as long as you creatively express your generous spirit. There's no reason to worry about the things you can't fix; just do what you can with your limited resources.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Your home and family are the center of your world now. However, there's a catch; you may be feeling so distracted today that you want to shake things up. You're eager to expand your social horizons, but your time is restrained by more immediate emotional connections on the home front. Make sure that you know what you're getting into before you say yes. All the excitement you seek might be much closer than you realize.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You must tread lightly today when you tell others why you can't join in their activities. You intuitively realize you could be easily swayed off your own path if you get lost in someone else's cause today. Your current resistance makes you more vulnerable if someone pushes you to step beyond your comfort zone. You might easily overreact if you're swept up in a swirl of emotions.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You are running on an adrenaline high today; your energy is buzzing, whether or not you drank any coffee this morning. Unfortunately, getting enough sleep may be a challenge now, since your system is on high alert and you are wired for action. Meanwhile, you know that you can't continue driving around in circles with nothing to show for your efforts.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Your current idealism continues to draw you far outside of your regular routine. Move forward strategically now, since you'll actually feel safer once you break through your preconceived notions. Luckily, your growth is supported by the actions of people you might not even know. No matter what happens, act with caution until you're confident that all the logistics are securely in place.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

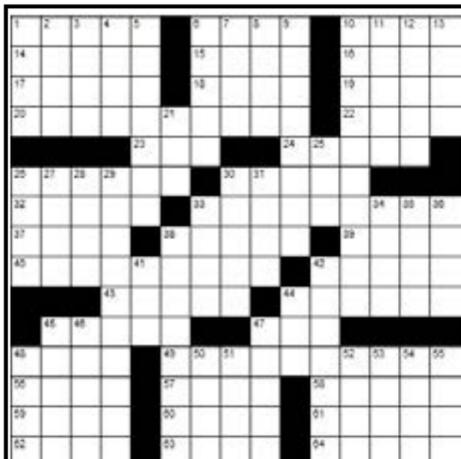
Keeping up with all of your responsibilities today is nearly impossible. But worrying isn't a productive use of your time; everything will turn out fine if you simply remember that your dreams are not real. Bring your attention back to your current obligations now or you could sail into the impenetrable mists of your own fantasies and crash on the rocks. Fortunately.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You might be subject to bouts of pessimistic thinking as you confront an obstacle that's blocking your progress. You're enthusiastic about accomplishing everything on your list now, yet knowing where to apply your energy doesn't come easily. Chances are your resources are already stretched to the max, so don't waste time dwelling on your fears.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You may be tempted to abandon your job-related responsibilities in favor of chasing your dreams of pleasure. However, there's no way you can let others down when they are depending on you to keep everything on schedule. Put your best foot forward today; go out and do what is being asked of you. Although you might complain at first, your work will be more fun than you expect once you are in the flow.



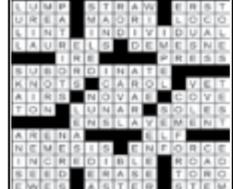
Across

- 1. Cambered, 6. Wood that is cut, 10. Colored part of an eye, 14. Depart, 15. Three-some, 16. Exploded star, 17. Contests, 18. Anagram of "Silo", 19. Wisecrack, 20. Be grateful for, 22. Applications, 23. Record (abbrev.), 24. Paces, 26. Impulse, 30. Swine, 32. Love intensely, 33. Right of first publication, 37. Lascivious look, 38. Preserves, 39. See the sights, 40. Writers of literary works, 42. Rodent, 43. Domesticates, 44. Ribald, 45. Cut corners, 47. Wager, 48. Drunkard, 49. Strictly obeying the law, 56. Biblical garden, 57. Frosts, 58. Hangman's knot, 59. Parasitic insect, 60. Fuss, 61. Noblemen, 62. Express in words, 63. Laughs (slang), 64. Sea eagles.

Down

- 1. Aquatic plant, 2. Harvest, 3. Temporary living quarters, 4. Always, 5. Merit, 6. Unemotional, 7. Diva's solo, 8. Droop, 9. Bouquets, 10. Interrogator, 11. Get out of bed, 12. Wall climbers, 13. Exhausts, 21. C, 25. Arrive (abbrev.), 26. Man, 27. Poems, 28. Foot digits, 29. Illogical, 30. Fasteners, 31. Chooses, 33. Carryall, 34. Urarthritis, 35. Silence, 36. 3, 38. Reduce in complexity, 41. Sweet potato, 42. Daytime performance, 44. Snake-like fish, 45. Move furtively, 46. Drop to one's knees, 47. Anagram of "Stabs", 48. The yarn woven across, 50. Beige, 51. Eccentric person, 52. Fly high, 53. Ripped, 54. Small island, 55. To tax or access.

Yesterday's Solution



about, accountant, barge, basin, beak, brute, carton, catch, center, closets, coke, confrontation, countess, doubt, enemy, import, lint, loon, might, nettle, person, please, prince, rebate, represent, robe, sane, scare, selection, shore, speck, squint, stipend, valve.

