

20 Daesh, Taliban Insurgents Eliminated in the East

JALALABAD - At least 20 Daesh and Taliban militants have been killed in airstrikes and clashes in eastern Nangarhar and Laghman provinces, officials said on Tuesday.

Nangarhar police spokesman Hazrat Hussain Mashriqiwal told Pajhwok Afghan News eight Daesh fighters were killed during a drone strike in Spina Zhai area of Nazyan district on Monday night.

He said some weapons and ammunition belonging to the group were also destroyed in the strike.

Separately, Nangarhar police arrested a suspected Daesh affiliate, named Qari Fazlullah, in Haska Mena district on Monday.

In neighboring Laghman province, at least 12 Taliban insurgents were killed during clashes with security forces.

Laghman governor's spokesman, Sarhadi Zwak, told Pajhwok security forces jointly ...*(More on P4)...(14)*



Dozens of Militants Killed in Farah Offensive



FARAH CITY - More than 40 Taliban insurgents have been killed and as many more wounded during a clearing operation in the Balabulok district of western Farah province, local officials said on Tuesday.

The Afghan forces launched the operation on Sep 18 backed by NATO air support and wrapped it up on Monday.

NATO's RS mission and the Afghan National Army's second brigade stationed in Farah in a statement said the operation against militants in Balabulok was carried out in Shiwan and Ganjabad villages.

It said 42 militants were killed and 43 others wounded in the operation, called as 'successful'. Noorull Haq Khaliqi, an ANA spokesman, said at least 85 militants suffered casualties in the operation and their five vehicles destroyed. He said the forces also defused 38 landmines.

Khaliqi said the security forces suffered no casualties, but Sayed Ahmad, a resident of the district, told Pajhwok Afghan News four ANA soldiers, 13 insurgents and one civilian were killed during the offensive. ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Commander Among 9 Militants Killed in Logar

PUL-I-ALAM - A notorious commander was among nine Taliban militants killed during ongoing security operations in two districts of central Logar province, an official said on Tuesday.

The governor's spokesman, Salim Saleh, told Pajhwok Afghan News that security forces had launched operations in Barak-i-Barak and Kharwar districts over the past few days.

He said so far nine militants a notorious commander, Hanifa, had been killed in the operation and another six wounded. "Nasrullah aka Hanifa was killed along with his three fighters in Tangi Wardak area of Barak-i-Barak district. He directed suicide attacks, abductions and group attacks."

Similarly, Saleh said security forces had detained 31 people for allegedly cooperating with militants in the Mohammad Agha district. But a resident of Kutabkhal area, Sabir, said security forces had detained civilians.

The Taliban have so far said nothing in this regard. However, their spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid tweeted that the fighters attacked a security forces logistics convoy in Porak area of Pul-i-Alam, Logar's capital.

He said five Afghan soldiers were killed and three others wounded in the attack. Security officials have not yet commented about Mujahid's claim. *(Pajhwok)*

Drugs, Alcoholic Drinks Weighing 13 Tons Set Aflame

JALALABAD - Drugs and alcoholic drinks weighing 13 tons were set aflame in Rodat district eastern Nangarhar province on Tuesday.

Officials said 336 smugglers, including some high profile, have been arrested in connection with the drugs torched.

Nangarhar counternarcotics director said government's efforts at countering drugs were insufficient and poppy crop was not eradicated during the anti-poppy campaign last year.

Nangarhar police chief Brig. Gen. Abdul Rahman Rahimi told reporters in Sarkhad Diwal area of Rodat district, where the drugs were torched, that they were seriously combating drug smuggling and poppy cultivation.

He said counternarcotics police confiscated 13 tons of different drugs this solar year and torched the same in front of a delegation of the ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

3 ALP Killed, 2 Wounded in Takhar Clash

TALOQAN - Three Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel have been killed and two others wounded in Khawaja Ghar district of north-eastern Takhar province, an official said on Tuesday.

Mohammad Omar, district's administrative chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Taliban stormed ALP check posts in Gortepa area of the district on Monday night.

Three policemen were killed and two others wounded and their post was captured by the Taliban in the attack.

However, he said reinforcement was reached to the area and the security posts overrun by Taliban were recaptured.

A Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid claimed capturing 10 security posts in Khawaja Ghar district. He claimed three policemen were killed and four others wounded as well as some weapons and ammunition belonged to ALP were also seized by Taliban. Khawaja Ghar is one the unstable districts of Takhar province. It was once fallen to Taliban about two years ago and the rebels were in control of the district for three days. *(Pajhwok)*

15 Taliban Insurgents Killed in Laghman Operation

MEHTARLAM - At least 15 Taliban insurgents were killed and seven wounded in ground and air operations in the eastern province.

At least 15 Taliban insurgents were killed in ongoing operations in eastern Laghman province, local officials confirmed on Tuesday.

In addition, seven others were wounded and another was arrested.

The operation was launched in Alishing district of the province on Monday to clear the area of insurgents, a spokesman for 201 Selab Military Corps, Sherin Aqa Faqiri said.

"The troops are receiving air support during the operation and it will continue until the area is cleared of all insurgents," Faqiri said.



However, he did not provide more details about the operation. The Taliban has not yet commented about the operation. *(Tolonews)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries Striving for self-sufficiency is very important to you Rams as you push your way through life. Ironically, the greatest breakthroughs now occur when working with others. An encounter with an influential person can set a series of exciting events into motion, enabling you to break free of circumstances that were holding you back.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus Opportunities at work seem to pop up out of nowhere now, offering previously unexplored avenues to success. Although you can immediately see the potential, you're hesitant to pursue it until you have all the information you need. Don't be distracted by someone's enthusiastic analysis.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini Your self-confidence may be growing by leaps and bounds, motivating you to express your ideas artistically by exploring a variety of creative methods. Obviously, you must already be skilled in order to produce something masterful. However, your certainty can also positively influence your relationships, especially those that foster your personal growth and increased wisdom. Dr. Benjamin Spock wrote, "Trust yourself."

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer Although unexpected changes at work may accelerate your rise to success, you might not be eager to sacrifice quality time at home with your family. You won't likely be happy with professional advancement unless you can coordinate your new responsibilities with your personal life. Don't just assume that you will be able to do it all.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo The routine of your everyday life may be keeping you busier than ever, but you're likely enjoying the pace. The quality of your interactions with others is changing as conversations about new ideas lure your mind from practical considerations to thoughts about spirituality, technology and the future.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Virgo A sudden change in your cash flow could be a catalyst that prompts you to reassess your financial condition. Whether you're confronted with an unexpected expense or blessed with a windfall now, this is an opportunity to solidify your position for the long term. However, you must be careful not to let your imagination run away with the possibilities.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra You might already be experiencing significant growth on multiple fronts in your life. Although too much change too fast often produces stress, it can also resolve lingering tension in the flash of the moment. Your emotions are like lightning rods now, attracting relationships that light up your life.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio It may feel as if you are riding a seesaw, balancing the unpredictable daily demands of work with meaningful spiritual development. It's easy to slip into a magical space of contemplation today, only to be rudely thrust back into the mundane world where others wait for you to finish a task. Although these two realms seem so separate, it's your job now to combine them through.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius Brilliant ideas spark through the neurons of your brain, like millions of tiny lightbulbs inside your head. You realize the innovative quality of your current thoughts and strive to turn them into tangible inventions. Fortunately, you have the chance to create something extraordinary now, but you must take action before it's too late. Make time to capture your brainstorming by writing them down before a flash of awareness disappears back into the darkness.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn The ladder of success appears to be your friend now, as the way up seems to be an easy climb without obstruction. You are making steady progress and can quickly ascend to the top if you're willing to take a calculated leap of faith. Although unexpected changes will likely work out in your favor, don't push your luck.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Aquarius You are experiencing a 'growth spurt, prompted by a sudden shift in your beliefs. You may be immersed in a new course of study or just intrigued by an unconventional school of thought. On one level, this is an ideal situation for you Aquarians; embrace the opportunities offered by developing your potential.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces Your most valuable resource is not something that you own. Your most priceless treasures are the people who support your dreams. Although receiving a financial gift is possible today, it's likely that an inheritance is more metaphysical than physical. The skills of your allies are more important to you now than money in the bank. Entering a new business relationship can be a catalyst for your personal development.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-55.

Across: 1. Fleeced, 6. "Oh my!", 10. Agitate, 14. Foreword, 15. Eat, 16. Feudal worker, 17. Shorthand, 18. Food from animals, 19. Heap, 20. Flip, 22. Stink, 23. A common cyst, 24. Unreactive, 26. Phrase structure, 30. Typefaces, 32. Ancient, 33. A slightly slow tempo, 37. Gumbo, 38. Noblemen, 39. Midday, 40. Mid-week day, 42. Unemotional, 43. Filled to excess, 44. Shove, 45. Nigerian monetary unit, 47. Water barrier, 48. Male deer, 49. A type of biologist, 56. Ammunition, 57. Cover with plaster, 58. Forbidden, 59. Lascivious look, 60. Charged particles, 61. Manner of speaking, 62. Countercurrent, 63. Pot, 64. Vesicles

Down: 1. Snake sound, 2. Savvy about, 3. Flower stalk, 4. Sea eagle, 5. Threshold, 6. Barker, 7. Place, 8. A Freudian stage, 9. Contexts, 10. Acts as an agent, 11. Willow, 12. Arm of the sea, 13. Scallion, 21. Gender, 25. Greatest possible, 26. Display, 27. Oxen's harness, 28. An aromatic ointment, 29. Ephemeral, 30. Unit of capacitance, 31. Paris airport, 33. Stow, as cargo, 34. Horn sound, 35. Hard work, 36. A single time, 38. S. American cattle ranch, 41. Hearing organ, 42. Physical, 44. Glass container, 45. Appointed, 46. Possessing a weapon, 47. Coarse edible red seaweed, 48. Fit, 50. Many millennia, 51. Hue, 52. Gentlewoman, 53. Nile bird, 54. Lampblack, 55. Male turkeys

Yesterday's Solution

EFFS	DECAF	AGUE
TRIP	EVOLVE	RUNO
GALL	LEGIT	WITZE
HUMERUS	NEMESIS	
NIX	ADDEPT	
BLOOD	ONING	
GAELIC	PINTO	VAIT
OIEB	TEETH	BILE
ENS	DANCE	SUITE
ATLAS	ALL	
LAURELS	CREOSOL	
INCIDENTAL	CAGE	
EGIS	NOOSE	KNEE
NOIE	SWEET	BLES

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