

Kabul Eagles Clinches 2016 Sphageeza T20 League Title

KABUL - Kabul Eagles beats Mis Ainak Knights by five wickets in the final match of Sphageeza T20 league played in Kabul International Cricket Stadium on Friday. After winning the toss Mis Ainak decided to bat first and scored 139 in the allotted 20 overs. Mis Ainak opening batsmen give their team a good start on which one down Nawroz Mangal and Wahidullah Shafaq constructed a conducive partnership and helped their side to covert double figures to three figures score. The Kabul Eagles's Rashid Khan did not allow Knights middle order batsmen to play free strokes and limited them to 139. He dis-



played brilliant performance and took 4 wickets for 18 runs. In reply, wicket Keeper batsman Mohammad Shezad brilliant 50 balls 90 made the target looked so simple for the team and Kabul Eagles achieved their target 140 for the loss of five wickets at 18 overs and clinched the 2016 Sphageeza league title. Mohammad Shezad was declared man of the match while Mohammad Nabi was named player of the tournament.(Pajhwok)

Taliban Rocket Kills 2, Injures 49 Others in Kunar

ASADABAD - At least 2 people were killed and 49 others were wounded in a rocket attack by Taliban militants in eastern Kunar province. According to the local government officials, the incident took place in Asabad city, the provincial capital of Kunar province today. Provincial governor Wahidullah Kalimzai said the Taliban militants fired the rocket to disrupt the local officials and residents to celebrate the 97th independence day of Afghanistan. The Taliban militants have not commented regarding the incident so far. This comes as the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan released the latest civilian casualties report late last month which stated at least 3726 civilians were killed or wounded between January and June of this year. The UN mission said the civilian casualties in the country has reached to a record number since counting began in 2009, with 5,166 civilians recorded killed or maimed in just ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Panjwayee Residents Worried about Closed Schools

KANDAHAR CITY - Local residents in Panjwayee district of southern Kandahar province have voiced concerns over what they say is government's inaction to reopen schools in the district. Residents have said that many schools are closed for students in the area, adding that hundreds are being deprived of an education. Panjwayee residents have called for urgent action by provincial authorities to reopen the schools. "We have a lot of prob-



lems, there is also no school stationary for us," one local resident said. "People here are very poor, there is no work," said another resident in Panjwayee. "The education department does not want us to grow, there is security here for the past four years, but schools teach only up to grade four or five," said another resident. Police...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Afghan Cyclists with Message of Peace Reach India

KABUL - The two Afghan cyclists, who travelled to 15 countries in Europe, Asia and the America and delivered the message of peace to the UN chief, have reached India. The Afghan Embassy in New Delhi in a statement said the two cyclists, Dr. Nadir Shah and his son Feroz Khan, travelled more than 11000 KMs by bicycle to 15 countries in Asia, Europe and America in a span of a year and two months to convey the message of the people of Afghanistan to the world. The two started a round-the-world trip in 2015. On their trip, they met with Secretary Gen-



eral of United Nations Ban Ki Moon in May this year and conveyed to him the message of peace and friendship of the people of Afghanistan "In their message, the peace promoters said: "We, the people of Afghanistan, deliver the message of peace and friendship to ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Road Leading to Takhar's Durqad District Reopened

TALUQAN - A main road between Durqad and Khawaja Bahauddin districts in northern Takhar province has been reopened for traffic after six days of blockage, an official said on Friday. Police Spokesman Col. Abdul Khalil Aser said militants had blocked the road and planted landmine alongside the road. He said security forces had launched clearing operation and reopened the road for traffic on Thursday night at around 3:00am. Four policemen and dozens of rebel were killed during clearing operation in the past few days, he added. Maulvi Sediqullah, the resident of locality, confirmed reopening of the road and said earlier the resident faced huge problems including the ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

Baghlan Athletes Mark Independence Day

BAGHLAN - Athletes and sports figures in Baghlan province Thursday joined their countrymen in marking the 97th Independence Day of Afghanistan in the volatile province. Despite a deteriorating security situation in the province, Baghlan residents were determined to mark the day. The Taliban has once again pushed government to come up with more concise security measures to thwart attempts by insurgents trying to seize control of the province, said



officials. "Although the security situation in Baghlan is concerning, we are determined to celebrate Independence Day - to value the efforts of our predecessors, we call on the central government to restore law and order in Baghlan," said Ahmad Shah Momini, head of Baghlan sports department. "The Olympic committee has ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

Nangarhar Residents Celebrate 97 Years of Independence

JALALABAD - Hundreds of Nangarhar residents gathered in Jalalabad city on Wednesday night and Thursday where they enjoyed special Independence Day ceremonies, concerts and other entertainment programs. They said the fact they were able to celebrate 97 years of independence brought a new dimension to Nangarhar, one that was free of violence and war. "I liked our air forces' show," said Nawen Hasanzai a resident. "It is the first time in my life that we could celebrate our country's independence day in Nangarhar in such glory," said Romal another resident. The ceremonies were also attended by provincial officials - many of whom placed wreaths on the tomb of King Amanullah Khan. "We will not forget our thousands of youths who are heroes in our wars, and it is all because of their ...*(More on P4)...(24)*

Afghan Families Elated over U.S Move to Release Detainees

KABUL - Afghan families of some of the 15 prisoners released from Guantanamo Bay detention centre have expressed their excitement over the release to the UAE of their loved ones, with one father saying he does not care where his son is taken, except that he's out of prison. The Pentagon announced on Monday that the detainees - 12 Yemeni nationals and three Afghans - were sent to the UAE. Obiadullah, is one of the Guantanamo prisoners who is now "free," after 14 years in the U.S prison in Cuba. Fazel Karim, Obiadullah's



brother, said the family was not able to travel to Guantanamo but is hoping to go to UAE to visit him. Karim said they first heard from Obiadullah a month ago when he told them he would be "released." Obiadullah was 19 years old when he was arrested by U.S forces, with a son who was only two days old. ...*(More on P4)...(25)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You're desperately aiming to finish up your work before the weekend, but it's no easy matter to maintain your focus today. Your emotions are being dragged all over the place as people seem to come out of the woodwork just to create trouble. You might be unable to fit all the pieces of the puzzle back into place at first. However, you'll surely learn an important lesson about single-mindedness.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Although you might try to be rational, there's no straight path to success today. Normally, your steady-as-she-goes demeanor is enough to keep you on track and everything in your world moving forward. But this methodical method only seems to land you further behind now. Nevertheless, there is hope - assuming you're ready to surrender control.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

A pile of responsibilities at work leaves little time for any other activities today. You're probably not very happy about needing to postpone personal pleasure while the spacey Pisces Moon reminds you how much fun it is to just hang out with friends. But don't get overly attached to everyone else's expectations; in the final analysis, there's only one person to whom you are beholden.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

So many thoughts are running around inside your head that you don't know where to start. Each time you begin a conversation today, it feels as if you should have said something else. It's like you're trying to sing karaoke yet the music keeps changing every time you sing a few notes. Nevertheless, don't quit when you are so close to expressing your creativity.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You are on a mission and will not be lured off track by anyone's insistence or attempts at persuasion. However, a morning of fuzzy thinking gets you off to such a slow start that you're unsure if you will make any progress today. Luckily, this is a great opportunity to put your thoughts in order once and for all.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Household responsibilities are multiplying faster than you can keep up with them. Thankfully, you don't need to finish every last chore today, just make sure you get a good start on them. Meanwhile, a close friend or partner may serve up an outrageous idea that's out of the question in its original form. Relentlessly bring every new option back down to the ground by assessing the pros and cons.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You want to work on your own today because you believe you will stay focused if you don't encounter a lot of distractions. However, you still may require some support along the way to recharge your spirits when you're feeling depleted. Instead of just declining all invitations now, do what you Libras do best. Put yourself in the middle of the extremes by carefully balancing your social obligations with your personal desires.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You're connecting the dots with your peers today - at work or in the neighborhood. Either way, you're a part of a larger cause that reinforces your personal identity. However, you still must leave fringe facets of your personality out of your interactions because others might not approve.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

It seems as if you are nearing the finish line on a marathon at work, but you can't slow down yet. There are a few more hurdles to overcome before you can take a rest and catch your breath. You're in tune with your emotional roots now, whether they stem from family or business. But either way, you may be slightly out of your element. Face it, you can't fit a round peg in a square hole, and the sooner you realize this, the happier you will be.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Making plans can be a real challenge if you're unsure of your destination; nevertheless, you might go ahead and try to create a road map anyhow. Unfortunately, putting the cart before the horse is not the most effective method of transportation. Take a few steps back and consider all the possibilities for your next adventure. There's no reason to obsess over the details until the larger pieces of the puzzle all fit together.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

It's safer to delve into the emotional realms if you narrow your vision and concentrate on one aspect of your feelings at a time. But even if you're certain that your new conversational topic isn't controversial, the discussion still takes a weird turn and you find yourself in a dangerous metaphysical neighborhood. Keep aiming your thoughts upward toward the sky; dismiss any negativity or doubt from your mind.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You can't trust others today because their plans seem out of touch with reality. But once you thoroughly vet someone's idea, you might actually discover they are on to something brilliant. Naturally, you don't want to waste energy on a wild goose chase that leads you nowhere in particular, but neither do you want to miss out on an unexpected opportunity. Exercising caution at the beginning of a conversation can save you endless hours of not getting anywhere at all.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-62.

Across: 1. Geeks, 6. Again, 10. Streetcar, 14. Heavenly hunter, 15. Alley, 16. Indian music, 17. Rigid, 19. Not fully closed, 20. Without volition, 21. Prohibit, 22. Back of the neck, 23. Equestrian, 25. Fire residues, 26. High fidelity, 30. Trim, 32. Forsake, 35. Etch, 39. Kindling, 40. Antenna, 41. Gist, 43. Support, 44. Debauch, 46. Absorbs, 47. A firm open-weave fabric, 50. Navigational aid, 53. Press, 54. "Eureka!", 55. Breakdown, 60. Mongolian desert, 61. Hundredth, 63. Debatable, 64. Meal in a shell, 65. Shrimp-like crustacean, 66. Kitty (poker), 67. Stair, 68. Soft drinks.

Down: 1. French for "Black", 2. Sea eagle, 3. Jazz phrase, 4. A girl's toy, 5. Contemptuous look, 6. Former boxing champ, 7. Apprehended, 8. Make larger, 9. To fancy (archaic), 10. Sin, 11. Indian prince, 12. Slack-jawed, 13. Female horses, 18, 21 in Roman numerals, 24. Lair, 25. Supernatural being, 26. Despise, 27. Nile bird, 28. Devotees, 29. Vague, 31. Data, 33. Jeans material, 34. Killer whale, 36. Counterterror, 37. Vice President, 38. Makes a mistake, 42. A reversion to the state, 43. Type of snake, 45. Opportunity, 47. Greek letter, 48. Sing softly, 49. Android, 51. Caviar, 52. Elephant horns, 54. Does something, 56. Novice, 57. Among, 58. Big party, 59. L L L L, 62. Not bottom.

Yesterday's Solution: EPIC, MUTED, BASE, REDD, USAGE, ALUM, SELL, REGAL, STIC, TRELIS, DENTATE, EOS, TERSE, FREETHINKER, ROANS, MANGO, BAR, OURS, GIMEMO, TAKI, GEL, BAGEL, MORRIS, INESTIMABLE, BLOCK, BEN, REDRESS, DENSTTY, UNDERWATER, MOIE, ITEM, AGAMI, INCA, TORE, GENOA, TSKS

along, anchor, another, bargain, begin, better, blink, chorus, collect, committee dream, eagle, event, expectation, foreign, fort, gale, giving, grace, hanky, happy, jolly, launch, lean, learn mural, nerve, parade, proud, ready, reason, route, scroll, season, tone.

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