



Afghanistan to Play Pakistan, England Ahead of World Cup

KABUL - Afghanistan's national cricket team will warm up for World Cup 2019 with practice matches against former champions Pakistan and England in Bristol and The Oval in May.

According to the list of warm-up fixtures announced by the International Cricket Council (ICC) on Thursday, Afghanistan will take on Pakistan at the Bristol County Ground on May 24 and will meet England at The Oval on May 27.

All 10 competing nations will play two official warm-up fixtures ahead of the tournament, which will take place at four venues across England and Wales. The fixtures will be held over five days between May 24-28, and will be hosted at four of the official CWC19 Tournament Venues; the Bristol County Ground, Cardiff Wales Stadium, Hampshire Bowl and The Oval.

There are a number of high-profile clashes, including England v Australia, Pakistan v Afghanistan and Bangladesh v India.

As per previous ICC tournaments, warm-up fixtures will be 50 over per side, but will not carry official ODI status, as teams can field all members of their 15-man squad during the match.

"It is always a huge milestone announcing an exciting warm-up schedule for the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup as it really highlights just how close we are to the action getting underway this summer," said Steve Elworthy Managing Director of World Cup 2019.

"These games provide another fantastic opportunity for fans to see world-class players at their local venue and allows the tournament to engage local schools and communities with another chance to get involved with the Cricket World Cup," he added. (ANT)

President Ghani Sacks Key Mol Generals



KABUL - Sources confirmed to TOLONews that President Ashraf Ghani has sacked three generals from Ministry of Interior Affairs (Mol) but according to the sources, the motive behind the decision is unknown so far.

According to the sources, the officials include Gen. Janan Barikzai, first Deputy Minister of Interior; Gen. Akhtar Ibrahim, Deputy Minister of Interior for Security and Gen. Najib Aman, head of counterterrorism department of the ministry.

Gen. Janan Barikzai was appointed as first Deputy Minister of Interior in May 2017. Gen. Akhtar Ibrahim has served as deputy head of President's Protective Service (PPS) in 2016 and then he was ...*(More on P4)...*(9)



Sar-i-Pul Residents Dedicate 275 Acres Land to Schools

SAR-I-PUL - Residents of northern Sar-i-Pul province have donated 275 acres of land, costing 35 million afghanis, to 115 schools, an official said on Saturday.

Education Director Abdul Ghafoor said the people donated 550,000 square metres of land in the provincial capital and districts. More than 90 percent of schools in the province had buildings. The remaining 10 percent schools would get building under the Citizens' Charter Afghanistan Project in near future, he said, adding several schools were currently operating under tents or the open sky.

Governor Abdul Qader Ashna, meanwhile, thanked residents for their humanitarian gesture, saying the construction of new buildings for schools would resolve problems of students and teachers. Residents of Sar-i-Pul also welcomed the donation of land to schools, hoping the move would steer their children from ignorance to knowledge. (Pajhwok)

4 Policemen, 6 Taliban Killed in Badghis Clash



QALA-I-NAW - Four policemen and six insurgents have been killed as a result of a clash in western Badghis province, an official said on Saturday.

Farid Akhizai, a member of the provincial council, said the clash took place in Azar area of the Qadis district late on Friday night.

With police yet to comment on the incident, Maj. Gen. Abdul Qadeer Haidar, spokesman for 3rd brigade of the Afghan National Army, confirmed the firefight. However, Taliban said one rebel and two policemen were wounded in the overnight attack on a check-post in Qadis district centre. (Pajhwok)

Jalalabad Bomb Blast Leaves Woman Among 2 Injured



JALALABAD - At least two persons, including a woman were injured as result of a magnetic bomb blast in Jalalabad city, the provincial capital of eastern Nangarhar province on Saturday, an official said.

Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok

Afghan News the blast occurred in the limits of the first police district in Daramsal locality of the of Jalalabad city, the provincial capital at around 10: 50am. He said two persons including a woman were injured in the incident and they were taken to Jalalabad Zonal Hospital. ...*(More on P4)...*(10)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



It should be easier than usual to concentrate on the practical aspects of finances, Aries. A keener mind combines with enhanced intuition to give you a special edge when it comes to making decisions on everything that concern money, so make the most of it while you can. Connect with the people you love tonight.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Have you been thinking about attending a seminar of some kind, Taurus, perhaps business related? You and a partner might go together. This is a good time to do this, as your thinking is particularly clear and retentive and you find it easier than usual to concentrate. Discussions with your partner afterward could be the icing on the cake.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Have you been working hard to attain optimal health, Gemini? If so, you may suddenly notice that your efforts are finally bearing fruit. You should feel especially fit and strong, though maybe a little lightheaded. You will want to increase your exercise, and you have the discipline to do so. Make the most of this drive while you can. Push yourself as hard as you can without stressing out.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



A long-term love relationship may finally reach the point of total commitment, Cancer. Intense feelings and words of love could suddenly come from your partner, which could take you by surprise but are no less welcome for that. Talk of a future together may result, but no concrete decisions will be made. Nor should they be. Don't push it. Bask in the glow of the promise of lasting love.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



A meeting, perhaps related to finances, might take place at your home, Leo. For the most part, the meeting will go well and you will accomplish what you want. Communication flows freely and agreements are easily reached. Bear in mind that someone has an agenda of their own that might not correspond with the interests of everyone else.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



If you're into writing, Virgo, this is the perfect day to sit down and churn out the words, even if it's only a letter to a friend. Your imagination is especially vivid, your expression clear and understandable, and your vocabulary skills especially acute. If this is a thesis or article, you may spend hours on it. Don't worry. It will be that much better for it.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Do you have some paperwork regarding money that you've been putting off, Libra? If so, this is a good day to get it out of the way once and for all. Your mind is especially sharp and your concentration strong, so you're less likely to be distracted or make mistakes. Take care of it first thing in the morning and then you can forget about it.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Have you wanted to catch up on your reading, Scorpio? If so, this is definitely a good time to stay home, make yourself some tea, and curl up with a good book. If it's a novel, you will enjoy it thoroughly. If it's nonfiction, you will absorb the information quickly and retain more. If you're into writing, you might want to apply what you learn today to your own project.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Intuition and imagination combine with good common sense to enable you to accomplish just about anything today, Sagittarius. If you're into the arts, ideas could come to you in profusion. It will be easy to bring them into reality with a stroke of the pen or brush. The only problem might be deciding among them. It might be a good idea to sequester yourself and concentrate on your work.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



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Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

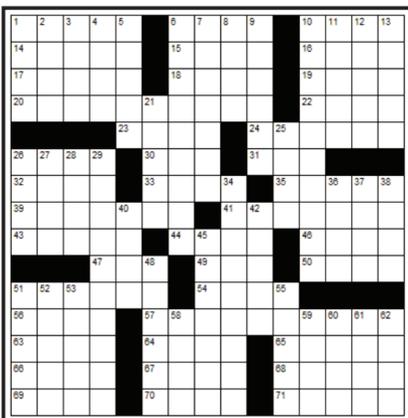


In case you're surrounded by a lot of people today, you can look forward to a very harmonious day, Aquarius. Your sensitivity is higher than usual, so you will be better able to understand others and be understood as well. As a result, you add another bond to your relationships, which will create happiness and joy in your heart.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Learning comes easily to you, Pisces, as your mind is especially sharp and retentive. Your intuition is usually high, but today it's especially acute, as is your concentration. Therefore, this is a great day to read or work on an art project. Set aside some time alone to contemplate. It may help you on a very deep level.



Across

1. Blockheads, 6. Cease, 10. P.P.P., 14. Absurd, 15. Bishop of Rome, 16. Partner, 17. Swag-ger, 18. Amazes, 19. Reclined, 20. Advisor, 22. Moving within, 23. Twosome, 24. Arrived, 26. Streetcar, 30. Little bit, 31. A late time of life, 32. Sister and wife of Zeus, 33. If not, 35. A kind of macaw, 39. Disentangle, 41. Dry, 43. Pillar, 44. Puppy sounds, 46. Sweater eater, 47. Petrol, 49. Drunkard, 50. Type of sword, 51. Avenue, 54. 1 1 1 1, 56. Weaving machine, 57. Revision, 63. Stake, 64. Hireling, 65. A type of dance, 66. Adolescent, 67. Past tense of Leap, 68. Annoyed, 69. At one time (archaic), 70. Anagram of "Seek", 71. Snouts,

Down

1. Platter, 2. Savvy about, 3. "Phooey!", 4. Burden, 5. Install (2 words), 6. With regard to space, 7. In the direction of, 8. Not closed, 9. A grinding tool, 10. The same backward as forward, 11. African antelope, 12. High society, 13. Church council, 21. Not earlier, 25. Winglike, 26. As a result, 27. Lease, 28. Backside, 29. Administration, 34. Advocates, 36. At the peak of, 37. Liturgy, 38. Pang, 40. Wings, 42. A chemical compound, 45. Variant of an element, 48. Mainstay, 51. Tablet, 52. Laser printer powder, 53. Anagram of "Store", 55. Lustrous fabric, 58. Scallion, 59. Tropical tuber, 60. Writing fluids, 61. Curved molding, 62. Gestures of assent,

Yesterday's Solution

angry, appearance, audit, badge, before bore, bureau capture cares, catch, civil, class dream, flattery, forget groan, group, hedge imply, insert, medal pair, person, petty, press release, remove, river

