

# Afghans Warmly Welcome Cricket Team

KABUL - The Afghan national cricket team returned home to Kabul on Monday to a heroes' welcome. Thousands of fans lined the street and followed the team's bus in cars - waving flags and banners and chanting congratulatory slogans. Government officials and security force members and other dignitaries braved the cold to wait for the returning team, where they handed them flowers and strung garlands, in the national colors, around their necks. Last week Afghanistan clinched the five-match One Day



International series against Zimbabwe and then went on to win the two-match T20 series against their African rivals. Their final match was played on Sunday night in Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates. But for Afghanistan's Mohammad Shahzad, his Sunday innings became the fourth highest score in Twenty20 international history when he hit 10 fours and eight sixes in a 67-ball innings of 118. This helped Afghanistan set a mammoth...*(More on P4)...(15)*

## NDS Thwart Deadly Terrorist Attack Plot by Taliban

KABUL - Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) foiled a coordinated suicide attack in Nangarhar province, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said Monday. A statement by NDS said a group of six heavily armed insurgents including 2 suicide bombers were arrested by the Afghan intelligence operatives before they execute the coordinated attack. The statement further added that the group was looking to carry out the attack in Jalalabad, the capital city of eastern Nangarhar province. The militants belong to the Taliban militant group, NDS said, adding that the Afghan intelligence operatives also seized 2 suicide bombing vests along with two Improvised Explosive Device (IED). According to NDS, the detained individuals have been identified as Munsifullah who was appointed to carry out the suicide attack together with Noor-ul-Haq. The other militants were identified as Mansoor-ul-Rehman, Pacha Gul, and...*(More on P4)...(16)*

## Mortar Attack on School Kills Three, Wounds Eight

KHOST CITY - A mortar bomb hit a secondary school in Khost province on Monday, killing at least three pupils and wounding eight, the education ministry said in a statement. There was no claim of responsibility for the attack, which coincided with the start of a meeting in Pakistan aimed at getting a stalled peace process with the Taliban back on track. Khost, on the border with Pakistan, has been relatively calm in recent months but last year dozens of people were killed in two sui-



cide bomb attacks in April and July. On Monday, officials from Afghanistan, Pakistan, China and the United States met in Islamabad in a bid to restart a peace process that broke down in July when news was announced that Taliban leader Mullah Mohammad Omar had died two years earlier. *(Reuters)*

## Shahzad and Dawlatin top 10 of ICC T20 Player Rankings

KABUL - Impressive series wins against Zimbabwe, including a five-match One Day International (ODI) and a two-match Twenty20 International (T20), are the not the only good news the Afghan cricket fans but the latest developments have added further to this joy. The latest developments followed by the impressive wins by the Afghan team but this time the good news are regarding the two Afghan players, Mohammad Shahzad and DawlatZadran who have broken into the top 10 of the ICC T20 Player Rankings. Being a maiden penetration by Shahzad into ICC top of the T20, the 151 runs scored is the highest T20I score ever by a batsman from an Associate Member and fourth overall. Meanwhile, the Afghan bowler DawlatZadran has squeezed...*(More on P4)...(17)*

## Afghan Weightlifters Win 7 Gold Medals at Indian Champs

NEW DELHI - The Afghan weightlifting team has made their country proud after scooping a number of medals in the Indian powerlifting championships last week. Competing among ten nations in the Subrata Classic Open International Powerlifting Championship held at Jamshedpur in India, the Afghan national weightlifting team placed in the first category of the best teams after winning seven gold and one bronze medal. Weightlifters Abdul SamadJalali com-



peted in 74 kg, Aziz Hamas in 83 kg, WazirSakhizada in 105 kg, Jawed Rahmani in 120 kg, MohammadullahKatawazai in 120 kg, NajibullahAyoubi in 120 kg and Mahdi Hassan in 93 kg and all won gold medals. Ten countries and 75 contestants took part in the event. *(Tolonews)*

## 12 Taliban Militants Give up Fighting

KABUL - A dozen Taliban fighters have given fighting and handed over their weapons to local authorities in the northern Takhar and Baghlan provinces on Monday, officials said. Five armed insurgents, according to Takhar police spokesman Abdul Khalil Asir, handed over their weapons to police in KhawjaBahawdin district and resumed normal life. Seven more militants, according to security officials, gave up fighting and reintegrated to their community in Tala-o-



Barfak district of Baghlan province on Monday. Taliban militants have yet to make comment. *(Xinhua)*

## 6th Winter Music Academy Launched

KABUL - The sixth winter music academy of the National Music Institute of Afghanistan launched on Monday and within eight months, students will host concerts. NaserSarmast, head of the institute, hoped that 2016 would be a good year for them and said that soon a group of 50 girls will be introducing Afghan music to the world. Students from the academy will be trained professionally in eastern and western music genres in order to participate in international music festivals. *(Tolonews)*

## Police Arrest Woman for using Fake ID to Meet the First Lady

KABUL - Kabul police have arrested a woman who falsely identified herself to meet the first lady RolaGhan or Bibi Gul. Abdul Rahman Rahimi, police chief of Kabul said the woman is a civil society activist who identified herself as wife of Haji Mohammad Mohaqiq, second deputy to Chief Executive Officer (CEO), for meeting RolaGhani. According to Rahimi, whoever misusing names of high ranking government officials would face strict action. Additional details regarding the incident has not been released but Sayedi who is also a writer and poet is under further investigation. *(KP)*

## £100,000 Damages for Territorial Army Soldier Injured in Afghanistan

KABUL - A soldier with the Territorial Army who faces a lifetime of pain after an accident in Afghanistan has won more than £100,000 damages from the British Ministry of Defence. Kieran Murphy, now 26, was with 9 Parachute Squadron RE, taking part in Operation Heric 13, when he was injured at Patrol Base Nahidullah in October 2010. The sapper was working away from the battlefield when he was hit by a large and heavy roll of material - used to create roads for tanks and other vehicles - being unloaded from a lorry by two colleagues. Striking him on the neck and shoulder, it left him briefly unconscious, smashed one tooth and fractured four others. After being evacuated to Camp Bastion for treatment, Mr. Murphy, of Ipswich Close, Woodbridge, Suffolk, was flown back to the UK in December 2010. His counsel, Scott Mathewson, told Judge Rosalind Coe at London's High Court that while the...*(More on P4)...(18)*

### Outlook Horoscope

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



Starting something new is typically your idea of a fun time. However, today you are fixed on finishing a project that's already in progress. Although you may not be panicking because the deadlines aren't looming close enough yet, complacency is not your friend. Something intriguing could easily distract you if you're not paying close attention to your priorities.

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



Drawing a line in the sand requires very little effort today as you set clear boundaries and make big plans for your future. However, you might have such an inflated idea about your goals that you get carried away with your own enthusiasm now. Even if everything seems to be copasetic, trouble begins to brew once you realize you may be overshooting your mark.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



It seems as if time is running out, forcing you to scale back any overly ambitious schemes. Nevertheless, sharing your ideas with someone who is opposed to your strategy can be your most brilliant move because it will reveal the weakest links in your plans. Just remember that the feedback you receive might not be what you want to hear. However, there's no point in arguing when everyone else has already moved on.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You could convince yourself that it's best to remain silent about your feelings now, but non-communication isn't a viable strategy. Although it may be easier to keep everything to yourself, anything that isn't said will only strengthen in its intensity. You still must deal with your emotions eventually before they inadvertently turn up as a projection.

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



Your attempts to be emotionally available could backfire on you in an exasperating manner today, especially if you're being overly optimistic. Perhaps you missed an important fact or simply didn't want to acknowledge someone's pessimism, especially when you are feeling so positive. Balance your desires with a realistic perspective in order to prevent disappointment in the immediate future.

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



You might want others to believe that you're busy focusing on your work. However, you are likely having trouble preventing your thoughts from being carried away by the crazy schemes of your friends or coworkers today. In fact, your attraction to outrageous ideas and intriguing adventures could actually be a reflection of your current boredom. Don't pretend that everything's fine if it is not.

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



Your overconfidence could make you careless in your actions today. However, you can minimize your chances of making mistakes by remembering to double-check your work as you go along. Your plans won't turn out well if you are absolutely certain that everything you start will be great. But if you maintain a sense of humility now, your creative powers will be free to manifest at a highly productive level.

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



You may believe that it's prudent to let an opportunity for a friendship or a romance pass without any action on your part. But even if you're worried about feeling emotional pain now, it's still worth overcoming your fears, taking a risk and reaching out. Your silence will ultimately be more hurtful than any vulnerability you might feel in the moment.

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



An uncomfortable situation at home begins to settle down today. But just as you assume everything is on the mend, someone might do something so out of character that you don't know how to respond. Honestly, you are tempted to retreat from the drama and take care of some personal errands. But don't fall into the trap of believing you can just walk away and ignore the problem.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You have a strong sense of direction today and you're not willing to let anyone redefine your agenda. Unfortunately, you might upset someone by simply holding your ground. It feels as if everything could be blown out of proportion, leading you to believe you have more at stake than you actually do. Nevertheless, a little calculated risk-taking will be positively rewarded in the days ahead.

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

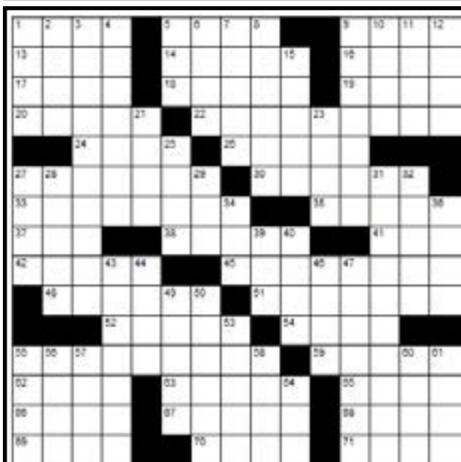


Your best ideas could run into trouble today, as if reality is throwing up roadblocks to test your will. You might be tempted to hit the brakes and turn your car around to avoid the trouble. However, you are encountering a setback and not a defeat; this is no time to throw in the towel. Your determination is your secret weapon and overcoming the current obstacles will strengthen your plans and execution.

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



You appear a bit less stable than you actually are today. However, your unorthodox behavior may only be superficial because deep down you know that karmic Saturn's rules and regulations need to be acknowledged and obeyed. Nevertheless, you must tread carefully; if you inadvertently step over the line of acceptability, you will have to make amends quickly. Walking a straight and narrow path now is your most direct route to happiness.



#### Across

1. Against, 5. Celebrate, 10. Climax, 14. Godsend, 15. Ancient Roman magistrate, 16. Goon, 17. Acquire deservedly, 18. Comprise, 20. Thought, 22. Demesnes, 23. Recheved food, 24. Top of a wave, 25. Coarse cotton gauze, 32. Inclined, 33. Indemnify, 34. Chief Petty Officer, 37. At one time (archaic), 38. Start, 39. Fly high, 40. Damp, 41. 4-door car, 42. Slash, 43. Teens, 45. Monster, 49. Letter after sigma, 50. Sickness, 53. A small house, 57. A pretrial interrogation, 59. Female chickens, 60. Reflected sound, 61. Audacity, 62. Historical periods, 63. Immediately, 64. Velocity, 65. Shower with love.

#### Down

1. Assist in crime, 2. Ark builder, 3. Ripped, 4. Not guilty, 5. Ebb, 6. Anagram of "Dome", 7. French for "Wine", 8. If not, 9. Permits, 10. Fragrant oil, 11. Water park slide, 12. Deadens the sound, 13. Excrete, 19. Fidgety, 21. Iron oxide, 25. A ball of yarn, 26. Not there, 27. Where the sun rises, 28. Doctrine, 29. Lawful, 30. Express a thought, 31. Buff, 34. Metal money, 35. Agreement, 36. Mining finds, 38. What we sleep on, 39. Snooped, 41. Satisfies, 42. Leave in a hurry, 44. Intoxicated by narcotics, 45. Waits, 46. Choose by voting, 47. First Greek letter, 48. Snob, 51. Transgressions, 52. Stair, 53. Sheltered nook, 54. Relating to aircraft, 55. Annoying insect, 56. Being, 58. Fury.

#### Yesterday's Solution



absorb, aped, around, begin, boot, bounce, bravo, capsize, chart, commission, crown, development, digest, drain, drive, email, green, groove, lewd, mangle, mechanic, moist, mouth, music, outrage, problem, ready, reap, ruffian.

