

# Afghanistan A Beats Zimbabwe A in First ODI of Tour

KABUL - Afghanistan A team made a fine start to their ODI tour by beating Zimbabwe A by five wickets on Friday in their first match of the Afghanistan Development Squad tour to Zimbabwe.

However, the match was disrupted by rain - with the innings limited to 28 overs each.

There were concerns that the match, and even the entire tour, could fall victim to the weather but despite heavy overnight rain in Harare, the match got underway at 1.45pm.

Afghanistan won the toss, which



proved a considerable advantage, and chose to bowl first.

Conditions were difficult for batting, with the pitch still damp. Zimbabwe was finally dismissed for 120 off 26.5 overs.

In these conditions it was by no means as poor a total as it appeared, but it gave the Afghan team confidence.

The Afghan team won by a comfortable five wickets. The two sides will meet again on Sunday for the second game of the five-match series in Harare. (Tolonews)

## Taliban Attack Security Posts in Tarinkot City

KABUL - The Taliban militants launched a coordinated attack on security posts in Tarinkot city, the provincial capital of southern Uruzgan province, local officials said Saturday.

The attack was launched late on Friday night in Sarchakhlo area, leaving at least four policemen wounded.

A local security official confirmed the incident and said the clashes continued for several hours before the militants were forced to retreat.

The official further added that 7 Taliban militants were killed and at least 10 others were wounded during the clashes.

He said the provincial acting police chief was also among those wounded during the clash but added that the health condition of the wounded policemen are stable as they suffered minor injuries.

The Taliban militants group has not commented regarding the clashes so far.

Uruzgan is among the relatively volatile provinces ... (More on P4)... (14)

## 15 Taliban, 2 ANA Soldiers Killed in Farah Clash

FARAH - Fifteen Taliban militants and two Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were killed during an overnight clash in the Bala Buluk district of western Farah province, an official said on Saturday.

The district's administrative chief, Sayed Mohammad, told Pajhwok Afghan News dozens of Taliban gunmen attacked Kanj Abad locality and ANA check-posts on Friday night.

He said the clash

stretched into Saturday morning until 6:00am and left 15 Taliban and two ANA personnel dead and two ANA personnel wounded.

But Mohammad Allah, a resident of the area, said five Taliban and three ANA had been killed and six Taliban gunmen and four ANA personnel wounded during the battle.

However, the Taliban claimed overrunning a check-post and killing more than 20 security forces in Kanj Abad area



fighters were also killed. confirmed its three (Pajhwok)

## Gold, Flour Prices up in Kabul this Week

KABUL - The prices of gold and flour edged up while that of sugar dropped during the ongoing week in Kabul, market sources said on Saturday.

Food Traders Union head Fazal Rahman told Pajhwok Afghan News the price of a 49kg bag of Pakistani sugar dropped from 2,350 afghanis to 2,320 afghanis. The price of a 49kg bag of Kazakhstani flour jumped from 1,140 afghanis to 1,150 afghanis, but other items' rates remained

unchanged.

A 16-kg tin of Khurshid ghee cost 1,100af and a 24.5-kg bag of Pakistani rice was priced at 1,550af, he added.

Haji Rahmatullah, a tea seller in Kabul Mandavi, said a kilogram of Madina green tea cost 240af and the same amount of African black tea 260af, the same rates as of last week's.

Ahmad Sharif Malik, who owns a grocery store in Taimani neighborhood, said, 49-kg of Kazakhstani flour was sold



for 1,250af, 49-kg sack of Pakistani sugar for 2,350 af, 16-litre tin of Khurshid ghee for 1,180af, 24.5kg sack of Pakistani rice for 1,700af, a kilo of Madina green tea for 280 af and the same quantity of African black tea for 300af. Fuel rates remained the ... (More on P4)... (15)

## 12 Taliban Militants Killed in Herat, Zabul Incidents

KABUL - A key Taliban commander among 12 rebels have been killed in separate incidents in different provinces of the country, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said Saturday.

A statement from the MoI received by Pajhwok Afghan News said that nine Taliban militants including a key commander were killed during a clash in Arghandab district of southern Zabul province.

The statement identified the Taliban commander as Mulavi Seddiq who



was accused for involvement in many attacks against the government in the district. Governor's Spokesman

## Taliban Fighters Killed in Nad Ali District

LASHKAR GAH - A total of 21 Taliban fighters have been killed in the poppy growing and restive Helmand province over the past 24 hours, said a statement of provincial government released here on Saturday.

According to the statement, the ground and air strikes against Taliban militants in parts of Nad Ali district since Friday morning ... (More on P4)... (17)

## Three IS Militants Killed in Gunbattle in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Three militants of the Islamic State (IS) were killed in clashes with security forces in Nangarhar province, a military spokesman said Saturday.

A group of IS fighters attacked security checkpoints in Ghani Khil district Friday night, triggering a gun battle during which three armed insurgents were killed and the remaining fled away, ... (More on P4)... (18)



Afghan displaced children stand outside a mud house in Kabul on Saturday January 28, 2017. The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) has appealed for 550 million U.S. dollars for Afghanistan to support the vulnerable people in the war-ravaged country in 2017. For Afghanistan's 30 million population, around 1.57 million people are reportedly food insecure, with 1 million children suffering from malnutrition. (Xinhua/Rahmine)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

Lethargy and doubt are left in the dust as the fire within you blazes. Brazen Mars bursts into your sign, beginning a conquest in your 1st House of Self. You are able to call on the courage and grit of the red planet to initiate an exciting new phase in your life, characterized by being completely yourself without compromise. The unorthodox Aquarius Sun and Moon fan the flames of your passion.

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

Electricity crackles through your environment as possibilities for career advancement seem more real than ever. Ideas for innovative collaborations with colleagues flood your mind today, but enterprising Mars takes up residence in your 12th House of Privacy, indicating that your boldest plans may come to you when you are alone.

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

You're ready to rally all your comrades and lead the charge on a thrilling new adventure. Militant Mars marches into your 11th House of Social Movements today, inciting action and fueling motivation to get out there and make a difference. A special connection between revolutionary Uranus and the regal Sun adds creative flavor to the mix, promising that whatever you set out to accomplish will be worth writing home about.

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

Whether you've been wanting to start your own business or rise in the ranks at your current occupation, today brings a wave of ambition that is sure to propel you in the right direction. You're emboldened by Mars' move into enterprising Aries, emphasizing your 10th House of Career and igniting your desire to excel. Hesitation is replaced with tenacity as your conviction takes the driver's seat.

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

You're ready to dive headfirst into a passion project, feeling absolutely certain that you have what it takes to see it through to its conclusion. You're hungry to learn as much as you can now that fearless Mars is firing up your 9th House of Higher Education, and you want to spend every spare moment pursuing your quest.

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

A switch has flipped and you're eager to start a new cycle. Warrior Mars takes the title of Cosmic Catalyst upon entering your 8th House of Transformation, initiating deep alchemical changes in your psyche. Although this process may not look like much fun from the outside, the results are game-changing. Adding this measure of valor to your inherent critical nature leads to dynamic development.

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

You are turning a new page and are no longer afraid to speak up about what you want. Sexy Mars strides into your 7th House of Relationships, attracting all types of partnerships from romance to business. This cosmic dose of assertion mixes with your natural diplomacy to create a compelling potion that's sure to ignite passion wherever it's poured. Abraham Maslow wrote, "In any given moment we have two options: to step forward into growth or to step back into safety."

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

The heat is rising and you're ready to get up and move. If you've grown bored with your routine, it's the perfect time to take things to another level now that action-planet Mars is fueling your 6th House of Fitness. Whether your sights are set on a weightlifting regimen or simply taking a daily walk, the Universe is giving you the green light to mobilize your plan.

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

The stage is set for your dramatic entrance and you're more than ready to star as the life of the party. Everyone wants to hear your stories as the individualistic Aquarius Sun and Moon bless you with originality and charisma; in fact, passions may flare when you spark more than just casual interest in a conversation. Fiery Mars steps into red-hot Aries, cranking up the heat in your 5th House of Romance, creating an exciting cosmic conglomerate to reignite your playful spirit.

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

The time for planning has come to an end; decisive action is top priority now. Macho Mars is in aggressive Aries, ready to carve a new path in your 4th House of Roots. You're ready to conquer home improvement projects that you previously doubted your ability to pull off. Moreover, you possess the courage to address old patterns from the past which are holding you back in the present. Sometimes updating antiquated structures requires.

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

You're not one to be at a loss for words, but your eccentric notions are even more dazzling today. Both the Sun and Moon are in your innovative sign, and you feel right at home offering up thinking-points and promoting stimulating conversation. Furthermore, rambunctious Mars charges into your 3rd House of Communication, driving you to see just how far you can push the limits of discourse.

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

Although plenty is going on behind the closed doors of your mind, your outside world is changing rapidly at the same time. The conceptual Aquarius Sun and Moon occupy your 12th House of Meditation, where personal growth is a private affair. Meanwhile, insistent Mars shifts into daredevil Aries and your 2nd House of Self-Esteem, urging you to take immediate action. This unique cosmic combination empowers you to pick up the pace without losing control.

**Across**

1. A small farm, 6. Decree, 10. Swear, 14. Greetings, 15. Small island, 16. Ear-related, 17. Fool, 18. Misplaced, 19. Anagram of "Tine", 20. Collaborator, 22. Secluded valley, 23. Quick note, 24. Collar, 26. A metal fastener, 30. Cool, once, 31. Female deer, 32. Winglike, 33. Again, 35. Discrimination against the elderly, 39. Stronghold, 41. Otalgia, 43. French for "Sister", 44. Smelting waste, 46. Foot digits, 47. Large, 49. Fury, 50. Terminates, 51. Separate, 54. Crooner Crosby, 56. Cut down, 57. Finally, 63. Tropical tuber, 64. Rubber wheel, 65. 63 in Roman numerals, 66. Beige, 67. Popular hot beverages, 68. A carpenter's device, 69. Celebrity, 70. "Wise" birds, 71. Seasonings.

**Down**

1. Fashionable, 2. Start over, 3. Hodgepodge, 4. Dud, 5. Clan emblem, 6. Thin wires, 7. Variant of an element, 8. As well, 9. Foursome, 10. Assemble, 11. Practical, 12. Locations, 13. Smell, 21. Rehabilitation, 25. Lion sound, 26. Taverns, 27. Margarine, 28. Stow, as cargo, 29. Minstrel, 34. Fatigue, 36. Computer symbol, 37. Outbuilding, 38. Untidiness, 40. Relating to urine, 42. Narc, 45. Progressive, 48. A poor city district, 51. Days of the month, 52. Precise, 53. Latin name for our planet, 55. A narrow gorge, 58. Opinion, 59. Spindle, 60. Teller of untruths, 61. Arm or leg, 62. Puppy sounds.

**Yesterday's Solution**

HABIT	JOB	COIL
URINE	GRAL	HIDE
MERCANTILE	ALLE	ALUE
SALAM	GAD	NEAR
	STAIN	ODDLY
GALA	TINCISE	
ATAVISM	ENCLASP	
MOJERIT	FAILLIE	
SPANNER	FORESEE	
	GEMINI	ROWS
ODDER	NEEDS	
FOAM	EGG	AFISH
FUME	FLAG	LLATE
AMEN	PETA	LAMBIA
LAST	STEP	EBBET

about, anatomy, better, bonus, cattle, chance, comfort, decide, either, enjoy, flash, forgot, grand, happen, hence, imagine, integrity, laugh, lets, local, mare, mill, motor, neighbor, nurse, place, relax, relief, rigor, root, ruts, saga, small, sore, supplement, taste, theory.

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