



West Indies Beat Afghanistan in First T20 International at Basseterre

KABUL - The West Indies beat Afghanistan by six wickets in the first T20 international at Basseterre. The tourists won the toss in St Kitts and chose to bat but they could only total 110, after slipping to 58 for eight. Rashid Khan top-scored with 33 from 27 balls. Off-spinner Sunil Narine took three wickets and Kestrick Williams and Carlos

Brathwaite two each. The hosts had 33 runs on the board by the time they lost their first wicket, Chadwick Walton, in the fourth over. They passed their target with 21 balls to spare, with Marlon Samuels (35) and Evin Lewis (26) flourishing. The second match in the three-match series takes place at the same venue on Saturday. (Agencies)

Taliban Says not behind the Attack on Funeral Ceremony in Kabul



KABUL - The Taliban insurgents group in Afghanistan has rejected the role of the group in the consecutive explosions in capital Kabul that left several people dead or wounded. The group's spokesman in a statement said the fighters of the group have no role in the explosions that took place during the burial and funeral ceremony in Sarai Shamali area of Kabul. Mujahid claimed that the incident has links to internal dispute and enmity among the enemies of the group. According to the security sources, three back to back

explosions took place as burial and funeral ceremony of Mohammad Salim Izadyar, the son of the deputy speaker of the Afghan Senate House was underway in the area. The officials are saying that the death of at least eighteen people can be confirmed at the moment and around thirty others were wounded. However, the Ministry of Interior in a statement confirmed that 6 people were killed and 87 others were wounded in the coordinated explosions targeting the burial ceremony of Mohammad Salim Izadyar. (KP)

Khost Gathering Flays Anti-Govt Protest in Kabul

KHOST CITY - Hundreds of residents and government officials in southeastern Khost province on Saturday condemned anti-government protests in Kabul as 'illegal.' Addressing the demonstrators in Khost City, the provincial capital, Khost governor Hukam Khan Habibi said some regional spy networks wanted to pave the ground for violence in the country and collapse the system. He said the protest in Kabul against the government was undemocratic and illegal and asked the people to stand with the system. "Is this protest to infiltrate gunmen and kill innocent people," asked Habibi, who accused some former high officials of playing with people's sentiments for their own interests. "Ahmad Zia Massoud was part of this system ... (More on P4)...(11)



Gunfire Heard in Vicinity of Kabul Emergency Hospital



KABUL - Gunshots were heard late Saturday in the vicinity of Sherpoor Circle where demonstrators have gathered. TOLNews journalist Mir Abed Joyenda reporting from near the Emergency Hospital in Kabul said sporadic gunfire has been heard in the area but the reasons for it are not as yet clear. Not only are there hundreds of demonstrators still gathered in the area but family and friends of the victims of Saturday's deadly bombing at the burial service of Salem Ezadyar, the son of an Afghan senator, have also converged on the hospital. In this attack, three suicide bombers detonated explosives killing as many as 20 and wounding over 80. The wounded were taken to the Emergency Hospital. Meanwhile, organizers of the march issued a list of demands earlier in the day and said they will continue their demonstrations until their requests have been met. (Tolnews)

Pakistani Ambassador Claims Haqqani Network has Shifted to Afghanistan

KABUL - A top Pakistani diplomat has claimed the notorious Haqqani terrorist network has moved to Afghanistan, rejecting the claims of the Afghan officials after the deadly Kabul bombing was attributed to the network and Pakistan's military intelligence. The Pakistani Ambassador to Washington, Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry, told reporters in Washington that the Afghan officials must focus on eliminating the terror network inside its soil rather than blaming Pakistan.



Chaudhry also claimed that the network is on the run after the operations were launched in North Waziristan, insisting that "They have moved into Afghanistan and need to be taken care of there." "It is outright barbaric terrorism, and we should condemn it with all the might that ... (More on P4)...(12)

Asfandiyar Pakhtuns are Victims of Terrorism

PESHAWAR - Veteran Pakhtun nationalist leader Asfandiyar Wali Khan has expressed solidarity with President Ashraf Ghani and the Afghan nation in the fight against terrorism. The Awami National Party (ANP) president phoned Ghani and former president Hamid Karzai to convey his condolences over Wednesday's bombing in Kabul, which killed around 90 people and wounded over 450. The ANP chief vehemently condemned ... (More on P4)...(14)

Landmine Planter Killed by Foreign Forces

CHARIKAR - A rebel who wanted to plant a mine in the Bagram district of central Parwan province has been targeted and killed by foreign forces, an official said on Saturday. Police chief, Brig. Gen. Mohammad Zaman Mamozai, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place Friday night at around 12:00am. The insurgent wanted to plant a mine under a culvert in the Qala-i-Nasro village when killed by foreign forces. The insurgent wanted to plant the mine in the darkness of night when sighted by foreign forces. His body was transferred to Afghan Security forces from where it was dispatched to security ... (More on P4)...(15)

Nangarhar Police Detain 13 Crime Suspects

JALALABAD - More than a dozen people have been arrested by police in separate operations during the past 24 hours in eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Saturday.



The operations were conducted in Jalalabad, the provincial capital, Khogyani, Haska Mena and Surkhrod districts since yesterday, the governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said the detainees included two suspected mili-

tants and three drug smugglers. He said police during searches recovered 120 kilograms of drugs from a car in Surkhrod district. He said the drugs had been skillfully hidden in the car destined for neighboring ... (More on P4)...(13)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

There are plenty of responsibilities on your plate, but you are hoping for a chance to catch up on rest and relaxation today. You could be quite cagey when choosing which of your preferences you actually share. Your key planet Mars shifts into nurturing Cancer, sensitizing you to the feelings of others. You may eventually say whatever you want any-

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

A friend might not be totally forthright with you today, but it's not advisable to push too hard when seeking the truth. Underlying tensions are at play now and letting them surface on their own timing works out better than trying to force the issue. Nevertheless, be ready to bring the subject up for discussion if you're presented with an opportunity. Don't clam up before you even start.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Although everything may seem quieter today as the flow of events slows down, your brain is as busy as ever. You might feel as if others aren't being fully truthful and you're worried about the drama that could develop over the days ahead. But rather than wasting your finite energy by slipping into an anxious state, concentrate your thoughts on spreading love and kindness in every moment of the day.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your emotional reactions can be so overwhelming that you resist sharing your desires, scared that your intensity will alienate those you love. Unfortunately, your inaction only leads to a different set of problems as warrior Mars enters your sign today, intensifying your feelings. But the truth is there's no need to pretend that all is well.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You're vested in satisfying your emotional needs today, yet unable to confess what you want. People typically expect you to be honest; their current concerns could mean trouble now, especially if they can sense you're hiding something. Unfortunately, this might lead to an endless cycle of pointed accusations and defensive denials.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You simply can't figure out how to spend your time today, even if you're energized and in the zone. The bottom line is you don't feel your relationships are in balance now. Although your intentions are good, you can mislead yourself if you don't stop to clarify your goals. Naturally, you want to do the right thing, but all the choices seem overly complicated. Your actions will likely be misinterpreted if you act impulsively now.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You may be thinking about redirecting your energy to take care of your own needs, instead of looking out for everyone else. Luckily, self-starter Mars enters your 10th House of Social Status today, amplifying your inclination to weigh all your options before choosing which professional path to follow. Your entire life is on the cosmic scales now and everything is up for recalibration.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Unfortunately, there might not be anywhere safe to unload your deepest concerns today, and sharing them with someone isn't your smartest option. You could be dancing back and forth now that fantasy-prone Neptune is squaring the changeable Gemini Sun. If your long-term goals clash with more immediate demands on your time, you may choose to delay your decision.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Looking off into the distance is often easier for you farsighted Sagittarians than seeing something that's right in front of your nose. However, you might not get very far in your vision-questing while delusional Neptune squares the Sun in your 7th House of Partners. It's inadvisable to head out today without the company of a fellow traveler. Collaborating with a like-minded friend changes the energy now.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

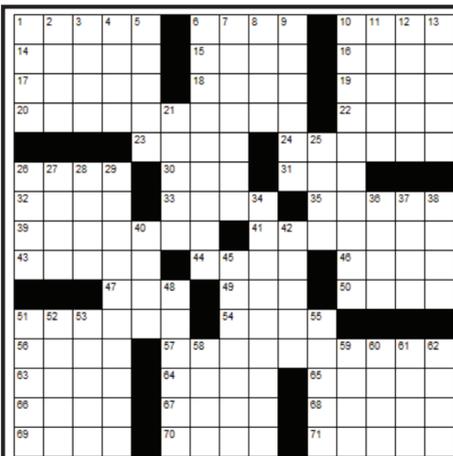
People in your life can take a pain in the neck now, especially if they take a passive-aggressive stand in their dealings with you. Argumentative Mars enters caregiving Cancer, magnifying your emotional sensitivity. You may think that everyone is worrying too much about trivial matters, but you hesitate to speak your truth because you don't want to upset the applecart.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Your recent optimism has faded but don't worry, it will return in full force soon enough. However, you have some serious work to do in the meantime. Reduce the pressure by temporarily setting aside your hopes for the future. Bring your attention back to the present moment and focus on today's activities.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your attempts at being practical today fall short of your expectations. You're easily distracted by fantasies pulling you one way and then another. You might even believe someone is trying to sway your loyalties, even if your heart is telling you something different. Thankfully, you can sense that you're missing important facts now and you're willing to wait until you know more.



Across

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Down

- 1. Fearless, 2. 57 in Roman numerals, 3. Horse feed, 4. Chocolate cookie, 5. Gift of the Magi, 6. Endangered, 7. Provide commentary, 8. Algonquian Indian, 9. The best of times, 10. Bulwarks, 11. Cognizant, 12. "Message received and understood", 13. Quench, 21. Remove errors from, 25. Blowgun missile, 26. Reflected sound, 27. Street, 28. An upright in a wall, 29. Video entertainment, 34. He fears foreigners, 36. Curse, 37. Bright thought, 38. Recent events, v 40. Diva's solo, 42. Water vapor, 45. Ablation, 48. Instill, 51. Mommies, 52. Banish, 53. Compacted, 55. Deposits of ore, 58. Hotels, 59. Ark builder, 60. Mentor, 61. L L L L, 62. Impetuous

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