

Sharbat Gula to Receive Free of Cost Treatment in India

KABUL - The iconic Afghan woman Sharbat Gula who arrived to Afghanistan last week, will receive medical treatment in India amid reports she is suffering from serious illness.

The Afghan Ambassador to India Dr. Shaida Abdali informed regarding her treatment in India today.

According to reports, Gula will receive free of cost treatment in Narayana hospital in Bangalore state of India.

"The Iconic Afghan Sharbat Gula will soon be in India for medical treatment free of cost - Thank you India for being a true friend!" Ambassador Abdali said in a Twitter post.

Gula gained global recognition when her



photograph was featured on National Geographic Magazine's cover in 1985 and was linked with Leonardo Da Vinci's Mona.

She was residing together with her sons in Nasir Bagh camp established for Afghan refugees since she moved to Peshawar in 1984.

Gula arrived to Kabul on Wednesday days after she was detained by the authorities in Pakistan, allegedly for obtaining fake Pakistani national identity card.

President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani met her soon after she arrived in Kabul and handed over an apartment key in a bid to welcome her home after spending more than three decades in refuge. (Khaama)

Joint Pashtun Intellectual Forum Being Established



KABUL - Afghan and Pakistani culturists and civil society activists on Saturday decided to assess and find solutions to problems being faced by people living on both sides of the Durand Line through a joint intellectual forum. The decision came at a two-day seminar "Culture Corridor: A path towards people's solidarity" in Kabul. The seminar was arranged by Afghan and Pakistani culturists and civil society activists in cooperation with the Afghan Ministry of Tribal and Border Affairs.

One of the seminar organizers, Khoshal Rohi, a member of the joint jirga of Afghan Culture Association, said the Pashtuns on both sides of the Durand Line were burning in flames of the war.

"The game is not ours, but we are dying on both sides. Unfortunately, we are victim of terrorism as well as accused of terror-

ism." Rohi said as long as Pashtuns living in Afghanistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa did not join hands and shun their differences, they would not be able to live in peace and prosperity, a reason he cited behind arranging the seminar.

"In the two-day seminar, the participants will discuss problems, challenges, capacities and opportunities and practical mechanisms in this regard. In the later part, responsibilities of the working groups of both the sides will be specified and a joint intellectual foundation will be established and practical work launched."

From Pakistan, tribal elder and Pak-Afghan Friendship Foundation head, Alamzeb, said the Pashtuns on both sides of the Durand Line had been in great trouble for the past three decades and ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Daesh Loses 20 Fighters to Airstrikes, Ground Offensive

JALALABAD - At least 20 militants have been killed in airstrikes and ground operations in eastern Nangarhar province, officials claimed on Saturday.

Fourteen Islamic State (Daesh) fighters were eliminated in Mamanara and Moragi areas of Achin district during overnight airstrikes by foreign troops, the governor's spokesman said.

Attullah Khogyani told Pajhwok Afghan News all the dead were foreign militants. Some dead bodies were still lying at the scene, he said, adding ci-



vilians were not harmed. Elsewhere in the province, one Daesh member was killed and four others were wounded in an ongoing operation by Afghan forces in Pachiragam district. Shireen Aqa, spokesman for 201st Selab Military

Corps, said a number of areas had been cleared of Daesh militants as a result of the offensive. According to Khogyani, two civilians were wounded in the Naukarkhel area of Pachiragam, where a pick-up struck a roadside ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Waziristan Refugees Yet Again Demand Winter Aid

SHARANA - The refugees from Pakistan's Waziristan region in south-eastern Paktika province on Saturday demand aid as they feared hardships with the advent of winter. Recently thousands of families have arrived in Paktika from Pakistan. A leader of the Waziristani migrants in Barmal district, Mirzak Wazir, told Pajhwok Afghan News that thousands of families had taken refuge in the district, fleeing north and south Waziristan. "We don't have shelter and food and the weather is



turning cold day by day, if we are not aided, many will die." Another elder among the refugees, Mir Salam, held similar views and said

over the past 10 months they had not been assisted. "We don't have hospital, school and home. There is also nothing for eating; ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Couple Gunned Down after Eloping in Faryab

MAIMANA - A boy and a girl have been killed by the girl's relatives in northern Faryab province, an official said on Saturday.

Rahmatullah Qesari, the Qesari district chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the couple had love affair and had eloped before they were gunned down on Friday night.

He said gunmen arrested the two and handed them over to the girl's uncle, a prominent tribal elder in district.

Sayed Hafizullah Fitrat, the provincial human rights director, strongly condemned the incident and asked security offices to arrest all those involved. (Pajhwok)

Fuel, Gold, Flour Prices Down, Ghee up in Kabul

KABUL - The prices of flour, fuel and gold have dropped and that of ghee edged up during the outgoing week in capital Kabul, market sources said on Saturday.

Abdul Hadi, a fuel station worker in Kabul, told Pajhwok Afghan News the price of a litre of petrol dropped to 48afis against last week's 46afis and the same quantity of diesel from 49afis to 46afis. He linked the decline in fuel prices to the increase in its imports. LPG prices



were also down. Hussain Ali, a liquefied gas seller in Taimani neighborhood, said the rate of one kg of gas was 63afis against last week's 65afis. However the

commodity price varied in different parts of Kabul city. But Ahmad Salim, a gas seller in Pul Padshah area, ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Explosion in Kabul City, Officials Report no Casualties

KABUL - An explosion took place in Kabul city earlier Saturday evening with the security officials saying the blast has not incurred any casualties to the security forces or city residents.

An official in the Ministry of Interior confirmed the blast took place in the vicinity of the 5th police district of the city.

The official further added that the blast has likely targeted the vehicle of a government official but no one was hurt in the attack. According to the official, the security forces have arrived to the area and an investigation is underway regarding the incident. No group including the Taliban militants has so far ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Expressing your feelings is unavoidable now as your version of reality is communicated in both refreshing and potentially embarrassing ways. You are quite busy projecting your thoughts into the future once interactive Mercury enters your 9th House of Higher Truth. Honesty only hurts when intentions are less than honorable, so speak from the heart.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



It might be wise to ignore the incoming information if you find yourself totally overwhelmed. Turn off your mind and just let your body take over for a while when Mercury kicks off its visit to your 8th House of Deep Sharing. People's ideas are likely to keep you buzzing but instead of conversing, find a quiet place to sit alone and meditate. Talking can be enjoyable.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Expect plenty of conversation with lots of laughs today, and maybe even an argument or two thrown in the mix. You can't avoid intense interactions when mischievous Mercury enters your 7th House of Others, where it quickly runs into an anxious aspect with suspicious Pluto. However, maintaining your sense of humor allows for disagreements without unpleasantness.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



There are too many things happening today and not enough hours to keep up with all of them. Your intentions are clear from the beginning and the outcome looks favorable, but you can grow weary of trying to manage your conflicting emotions. Your vision broadens and you're willing to go wherever your mind takes you now.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



A flood of information rushes through your brain, deluging you with new ideas today. Conversations move along so quickly that it's difficult to keep up with the flow. Cerebral Mercury shifts into your 5th House of Self-Expression, drawing the spotlight in your direction. A simple nod or smile can seem threatening to someone.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Ideas pop up in random conversations today and reveal a totally different way to look at your situation. Trickster Mercury's three-week visit to optimistic Sagittarius encourages you to cast aside your customary discretion and freely express your opinions. Keep an open mind even when solutions seem off-the-wall. However, accepting or rejecting them right away can be a trap. Watering your thoughts with patience will help to reveal which ones can take root and merit your attention.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Nostalgia draws you back into the past, but the call of the future is loud once conceptual Mercury enters visionary Sagittarius. Even if emotions linger behind your thoughts today, your mind can lead you ahead as people show up with radical plans and unusual perspectives. Although your feelings may not fade away yet, you don't have to repeat history.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Decisions you make now concerning your long-term goals impact your future in ways you can't yet imagine. Logical Mercury's shift into your 2nd House of Values emphasizes your desire for financial security. Meanwhile, the Moon's conjunction with independent Uranus in your 6th House of Work urges you to escape.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Breaking free of old habits enables you to discover new expressions of creativity. Innovative ideas enter your awareness with great regularity today, making it difficult to choose which ones are the most valuable. You are likely to become even more outspoken and try to share every thought that crosses your mind while chatty Mercury travels through your extroverted sign.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Your sensible calculations often lead you to wait for the perfect moment before starting something new. You might finally feel ready for the next phase of your journey as messenger Mercury enters adventurous Sagittarius, accentuating your 12th House of Endings. You can see the path ahead if you don't worry excessively about the roadblocks ahead.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

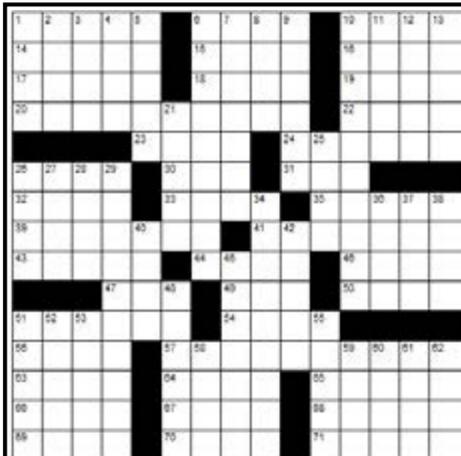


You are less concerned with receiving recognition today and more excited about participating in a group. Your interests are merging with those of a larger community now that adaptable Mercury is visiting your 11th House of Social Networking. It's as if you are leaving personal worries behind in order to become a part of the human collective.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Too much pressure creates anxiety today, eventually prompting you to let off some steam. You might believe that being brutally honest will get things moving in the right direction. But it's also possible to make a positive impact on an influential person by passionately selling yourself or your favorite idea. Mercury's shift into buoyant Sagittarius can carry you away with impractical beliefs.



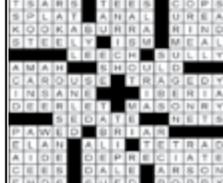
Across

1. Community spirit, 6. Actors in a show, 10. FFFF, 14. A herb, 15. vera, 16. Flutter, 17. Cite, 18. Farm building, 19. Anagram of "Fear", 20. Ignorant, 22. Being, 23. Anagram of "Ties", 24. Helmetflower, 26. Bristle, 30. A box for bricks or mortar, 31. Cashew or almond, 32. How old we are, 33. Distinctive flair, 35. Tubular coverings for the hands, 39. Crack, 41. Garb, 43. Prevent legally, 44. Unit of pressure, 46. Carry, 47. Sprocket, 49. To and, 50. Quaint outburst, 51. 3rd sign of the zodiac, 54. A temple (archaic), 56. Region, 57. Genius, 63. Encircle, 64. 53, in Roman numerals, 65. Cowboy sport, 66. Behold, in old Rome, 67. Cocoyam, 68. Blatant, 69. Articulates, 70. Adolescent.

Down

1. Beige, 2. Not now, 3. High fidelity, 4. Baking appliance, 5. Feudal workers, 6. Small two-wheeled carriage, 7. City on San Francisco Bay, 8. Achy, 9. Sinew, 10. Produce, 11. Emit a brief burst of light, 12. The language of Persia, 13. Velocity, 21. Different, 25. Backside, 26. Not in danger, 27. Auspices, 28. Exam, 29. Affiliates, 30. Story telling, 36. Tailless stout-bodied amphibian, 37. Greek cheese, 38. Sleigh, 40. Atop, 42. Lying facedown, 45. An infraction in some sports, 48. Vodka cocktail, 51. Measuring instruments, 52. Genus of heath, 53. Compassion, 55. Mistake, 58. Assistant, 59. Relocate, 60. Bright thought, 61. Egghead, 62. Specks.

Yesterday's Solution



advice, audacity, boldness, campaign, cheek, disease, eternal, flash, fresh, green, information, injury, layer, money, nerve, nervous, network, never, newcomer, niche, nifty, notch, post, raced, rasp, rise, scepter, scores, settle, smart, speak, squab.

