

# Afghan Women Run in Mixed-Gender Bamyan Marathon



KABUL - Under a brilliant blue sky at the foot of where the giant Buddhas of Bamyan statues once stood, nearly 200 girls in headscarves of every color jockey for position at the starting line.

The announcer counts down, "five, four ..." but the girls can't contain their excitement and they're off early, running in the third annual Bamyan Marathon and 6 mile race alongside the men and boys

— the only mixed-gender sports event in Afghanistan. Sixteen years after the fall of the ultra-conservative Taliban, it's still culturally ... (More on P4)...(19)

## Woman Among 3 Killed in Parwan, Samangan Violence

CHARIKAR/AIBAK - A man accused of illicit relationship with a girl has shot dead her two brothers in central Parwan province while another woman has been killed in northern Samangan province, officials said on Sunday. Mohammad Masoom Farzai, administrative chief of Jabal Seraj District, said the Parwan incident happened in Tajikan area on Saturday night. He said the accused man who had illegal relation with a girl forced his way into her house and gunned down her two brothers. The assailant managed to flee the area. Police arrested the girl and the murderer's father. The girl confessed she had relation with the man. In Samangan, a 23-year-old young woman was strangled to death in Kachi Monghar village of Hazrat Sultan district, police spokesman Monir Rahimi said. (Pajhwok)

## Fundraiser for Blast-Hit Paktia University Launched

GARDEZ - A youth group has launched a fundraiser for reconstruction of the university in southeastern Paktia province after a heavy explosion badly damaged the campus in Gardez, the provincial capital. The suicide and gun attack on the police headquarters in Gardez left 41 people, including the provincial police chief, dead and some 200 others, mostly civilians, wounded on October 17. The hours-long and multipronged attack also damaged several buildings including the university. A group, Teri Youths Association, has started collecting donations from people and drivers entering or leaving Gardez. The association says they plan to take the fundraising campaign to the interior city and businessmen. (Pajhwok)

## Poorly-Built Paktia Hospital Building Damages



GARDEZ - A newly built 50-bed hospital in Zurmat district of southeastern Paktia province has partially damaged due to its poor construction. The hospital, a 230 million afghanis project, was inaugurated by former Paktia governor, Zalmai Wesa, in January this year. Residents of the district say poor quality construction materials had been used in the hospital's construction and asked officials to fine the contracted company. Sherullah Murad, a resident of Zurmat district, said the hospital was an important project inaugurated in the district after many years. He asked provincial officials to investigate the issue and take necessary steps regarding the repair of the damaged parts of the facility. "It was an important development in this unstable district, you can say a big kindness of the government, but unfortunately the project fell prey to corruption." He said it would have been better if the building had not been constructed because the structure was likely to collapse in two months or so. (Pajhwok)

## Daesh Foreign Mentors Recruiting Jawzjan Youth



SHIBERGHAN - Some residents of northern Jawzjan province have claimed expert mentors from Sudan, Chechnya, Uzbekistan and France have been training newly-recruited members of Daesh or the so-called Islamic State (IS) in Darz Ab district. A resident of the locality, who declined to give his name, said Daesh was expanding presence in the district after defeating the Taliban. "Daesh plans to expand its influence as the group has sent messages to Taliban members in nearby provinces to either join them or face destruction," he said. Other residents said Daesh preferred recruiting teenage boys and took them to their recruitment center in Sardara village of Darz Ab district. The youth were imparted military training and the foreign trainers trained them in insurgency related warfare. The claims of foreign trainers surface amid reports three French people, including a woman, have been encouraging youth under 18 years of age to cooperate and join Daesh militant group in the district. (Pajhwok)

## A Gang of 14 Kidnappers Detained in Kabul

KABUL - National Directorate of Security (NDS) forces have detained a group of 14 kidnappers who were involved in kidnapping businessmen and robbery cases in the capital Kabul. A statement from NDS received by Pajhwok Afghan News said, "The group was detained during an operation by intelligence forces in various parts of Kabul." Fardeen, the leader of the gang, had kidnapped a businessman, Safiullah from the 5th police district and he had demanded \$500,000 in ransom money from Safiullah's family, the source said. The kidnappers treated Safiullah with ruthlessness during his abduction and his hands and feet were chained, the source added. The group included notorious criminals who organized armed robbery, threatening businessmen and abducting capitalists in various parts of Kabul city. The exact time and location of the gang detained was not mentioned in the statement. (Pajhwok)



## 35 Couples Tie the Knot at Nimroz Mass Wedding



ZARANJ - Thirty-five couples tied the knot at a mass wedding ceremony arranged by a welfare organization in southwestern Nimroz province on Sunday. Haji Ibrahim Habibi, head of the welfare organization, said the purpose of mass marriage was to help couples who lacked the financial ability to arrange their marriages. "The aim is bring a smile on their faces," he said, adding his organization paid the expenses on their marriages because it was difficult for the poor couples to afford the wedding, a costly affair in Afghanistan. (Pajhwok)

## Outlook Horoscope

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



**Aries** Although the universe seems to be conspiring to bring you a double dose of pleasure today, your system can only handle so much before it reaches overload. Nevertheless, you could be so wrapped up in the experience now that you might overindulge before you come to your senses and say enough.

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



**Taurus** You may be very happy today because someone you adore treats you like royalty. There's no reason to doubt any longer if you were uncertain about their feelings toward you. Nevertheless, there's always room for confusion to slip into the current dynamics. A conversation could take a funny turn and lead you into uncharted territory.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



**Gemini** You are the source of an endless stream of words today, but the water runs dry unless you have someone to act as your muse. You need the give and take of ideas in order to stimulate your imagination. But your creative collaboration won't automatically occur with just anyone. Your partner in crime must possess the right combination of optimism and realism, along with a dash of emotional intensity.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



**Cancer** Your heart is smiling today because you're able to feel the love within as well as the love directed your way. You are passionate when you talk about something that's important to you and your exuberance is contagious. People don't only want to know the facts; they also want to hear you tell an evocative tale of personal redemption now, whether or not it's completely true.

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



**Leo** You are known to be dramatically expressive when you're interacting with others. But your colorful words are only distractions today, obscuring your true emotions. You're not worried about revealing your vulnerability or being rejected for your beliefs. You simply want enough privacy to work on healing your old wounds without any outside interference.

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



**Virgo** Your past may sneak up on you today, pulling you back into your own personal history. You can be flippantly cavalier about an event that still influences your decisions, but your actions are probably some form of denial. You might rationalize your behavior by thinking it doesn't really matter because no one will notice. However, those closest to you can see through your attempts to hide your stress now.

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



**Libra** Many unanswered questions are on your mind today, yet you won't likely let others know of your concerns. You prefer to put up a defensive front so no one suspects that you're experiencing doubt. But the amount of psychic energy necessary to hide your uncertainty can take its toll over time.

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



**Scorpio** A torrent of creativity may be building behind a dam that is about to burst under the pressure. However, it's difficult to see the potential when you are feeling the frustration of being blocked. Luckily, establishing an easy flow of artistic self-expression is easier than you realize. It's like priming a pump that's gone dry.

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



**Sagittarius** You live under the illusion of believing you can say nearly anything that's on your mind. However, when people misinterpret your words today, you might wish you kept your thoughts to yourself. It's as if there's an invisible filter between your emotions and other people's ears while the moody Moon squares communicator Mercury in your sign.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



**Capricorn** Making plans can be a form of enjoyment for you goal-oriented Capricorns. Nevertheless, some days are better than others for doing the foundational work that ultimately makes or breaks a project. Fortunately, a Moon-Pluto trine supplies you with a seemingly endless supply of energy and you are excited to make the most of this cosmic momentum.

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

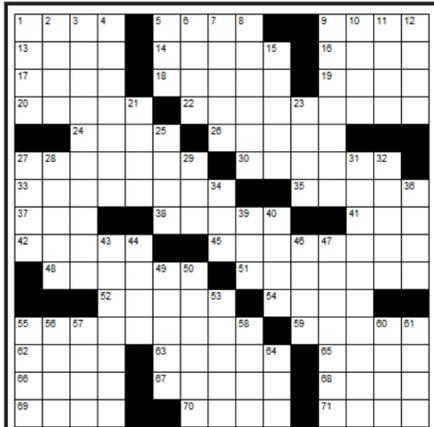


**Aquarius** There are emotional complexities at play that you cannot quite decipher. You know you are missing part of the evidence that you need to strengthen your case, but you can't describe what you don't yet understand. Your most efficient way to gather data now is by asking direct questions to those in charge. If you are careful in your approach to avoid implying any blame today.

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



**Pisces** You might experience a bit of role reversal today as you show up to a meeting supported by a wealth of details. Unfortunately, someone else might criticize you for being lost in an analytical detour when it's your emotions that reveal the real meaning. But you're having a hard time trusting your feelings now, especially if expressing them is going to complicate matters.



**Across**  
1. Twice-baked bread, 5. Church alcove, 9. Volumes (abbrev.), 13. A single time, 14. Ups and down, 16. Margarine, 17. Armed conflicts, 18. Truth (archaic), 19. Teller of untruths, 20. Jackets and trousers, 22. Zodiacal prediction, 24. Goad, 26. Ski jacket, 27. Irrigated, 30. Goober, 33. Infidelity, 35. Laser printer powder, 37. Needlefish, 38. Slowly losing life, 41. African antelope, 42. Expels, 45. Thoroughbred, 48. Sleeping sickness carrier, 51. Provide commentary, 52. Of very poor quality, 54. Car trunk (British), 55. Sub-tenant contracts, 59. Smell, 62. Urine component, 63. Type of mattress, 65. A long way off, 66. Bearing, 67. Pee, 68. Hoodwink, 69. Found on most beaches, 70. Being, 71. If not,  
**Down**  
1. Seating sections, 2. Two-toed sloth, 3. Sacred Christian writings, 4. Sparrow hawk, 5. Commercial, 6. Milne bear, 7. A swift descent through the air, 8. Catch, 9. Lava mountain, 10. Hodgepodge, 11. Jump, 12. Achy, 15. Beach, 21. Classify, 23. Three-handed card game, 25. Accomplishment, 27. Tail motions, 28. Suit, 29. Not wet, 31. Thankless, 32. Basic belief, 34. Sharp high-pitched cry, 36. Boorish, 39. Religious sister, 40. Seize, 43. Marsh, 44. Anagram of "Ties", 46. God of love, 47. Material with a raised pattern, 49. Foul-up, 50. Guarantee, 53. Abominable snowmen, 55. Totals, 56. Murre, 57. Existed, 58. Male offspring, 60. Short sleeps, 61. Tall woody plant, 64. Born as,

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