

Usman's 69 Runs Helps Afghanistan Beat Oman in First UAE T20

UAE - The Afghanistan national cricket team defeated Oman by 27 runs in the first Twenty20 match of Afghanistan Tour of United Arab Emirates. Afghanistan set a target of 160 runs in 20 overs after losing 8 wickets after Oman won the toss and elected to field first. Despite losing opener Mohammad Shahzad during starting overs, a brilliant start by Usman Ghani helped Afghanistan to set the target together with the middle order batsmen. On the middle order side, Asghar Stanikzai was bowled after scor-



ing 8 runs but Karim Sadiq scored 26 runs along with SamiullahShenwari scoring 17 runs and Shafiqullah with GulbadinNaib scoring 14 runs each. However, the Oman batsmen could not chase the given target and were all out after scoring 132 runs from 18.1 runs. On the bowling side, Syed Sherzad took 3 wickets from 3 overs and by giving only 16 runs, while YaminAhmadzai, RokhanBarakzai and SamiullahShenwari taking 2 wickets each. Mohammad NasimBaras also took 1 wicket after bowling 3 overs to restrict the Oman batsmen. (KP)

NDS Rescues Child from Kidnappers in Kabul



KABUL - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) has rescued a child from kidnappers in capital Kabul on Sunday. A statement released by the NDS stated that eight-year-old Mohammad Ibrahim who is a student of grade eight was kidnapped from the 17th sector of the city and kept in AstarGhach village of QaraBagh District for 20 days. Kidnappers had asked Ibrahim's father for \$100,000 in ransom, the statement adds. In a raid, Ibrahim was recovered and one of the kidnappers, Fahim S/O Khan Mohammad, who is also a resident of 17th sector was arrested. In a footage released by the spy agency, ShireenAghan is shown with Ibrahim who thanks NDS for securing his son. The suspected kidnapper is also shown in the video confessing to his crime. (KP)

5 IS Affiliate Militants Killed in Nangarhar



KABUL - About five Islamic States (IS) affiliate militants have been killed in Nangarhar province, the Defense Ministry said on Sunday. "Personnel of 4th Brigade of Afghan National Army's 201 Sae-laab Corps fired several rounds of heavy weapons on IS or Daesh hideouts in Shaddel area of Achin district, Nangarhar province over the past 48 hours. As a result five members of IS group were killed," the ministry said in a statement. The raid was part of a joint military and cleanup operation code-named "Shaheen 10," which has been going on in eastern Afghanistan, the statement said, adding that the joint operation was launched by Afghan security forces more than one month ago and covers several districts in mountainous eastern part of the country. The Achin district, which has been regarded as IS militants' stronghold, has been the scene of heavy clashes between IS militants and security forces over the past couple of months. The militant group has yet to make comments. (Xinhua)

Gunmen Kill Former Director of Hajj and Religious Affairs

QALAT - Unknown gunmen have killed the former director of Hajj and Religious Affairs in the southwestern Nimroz province, official said. Reports suggest that Sayed Nazir Sadat was returning from mosque after offering prayers when unidentified gunmen opened fire at him in Zaranj, the provincial capital of Nimroz, last night. MohammadGhaws, a police officer of Nimroz said the attack was carried out by two gunmen who were riding a motorcycle. He said soon after the incident security



officials arrived at the site but the attackers had fled. Investigation has been underway to arrest the culprits, he added. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack. This year has been one of the deadliest for influential people and government officials. And most of the attacks have been unclaimed. (KP)

3 ANA Soldiers Killed in Separate Attacks

KABUL - A total of three soldiers have been killed in attacks in Afghanistan since early Saturday, the Defense Ministry said on Sunday. "Three Afghan National Army personnel were martyred as a result of separate attacks across Afghanistan over the past 24 hours," the ministry said in a statement. Several Taliban insurgent group members were killed and injured while three armed insurgents were captured during joint military operations in different provinces over the same period, the statement said, without revealing the exact number of casualties on the side of the militants. The Afghan security forces' casualties have risen recently as they have assumed the full security charges from NATO and U.S. forces since January this year. (Xinhua)

Well-Known Afghan Youth Shot Dead in Kandahar

KANDAHAR - A civil society activist was shot dead in Kandahar city on Saturday evening, provincial government spokesman said. "A gunman shot and killed NafahRokyal in Qala Faisal. The attacker fled the scene after the shooting and the security forces launched a massive manhunt in the area to nab the culprit," spokesman SamimKhpalwak told Xinhua. "Rokyal was well-known for his personality. He was a respected civil society activist in Kandahar," the source said while blaming Taliban militant group for the latest targeted attack. (Xinhua)

Eight Taliban Insurgents Killed in Sar-e-Pul Operation

SAR-E-PUL - At least eight Taliban insurgents were killed in a military operation in northern Sar-e-Pul province, local officials said on Sunday. In addition, three other insurgents were injured. The operation was launched in Sancharak district of the province to clear the insurgents, Provincial Police Chief Abdul QayoumBaqizoy said. The Taliban has not yet confirmed the deaths. However, the operation is ongoing, said officials. (Tolonews)



Unidentified Armed Men Kill a Teacher and His Son in Uruzgan Khas

TRINKOT - Unidentified armed men have shot dead a teacher with his son in UruzganKhan District of central Uruzgan province. Governor of UruzganKhan District said that gunmen went to the instructor's house in Shaikhi area and as he went out with his son they were shot dead. He said miscreants gunned down a third person who watched the murder. Although, Karmi held Taliban responsible for the attack but the group's spokesperson has not yet commented on the report. This was second reported attack of unknown



gunmen in Afghanistan last night. The other attack was carried out in Zaranj, the provincial capital of southwestern Nimroz, in which a former government official was killed. Sayed Nazir Sadat the former director of Hajj and Religious Affairs of Nimroz was returning from mosque after offering prayers when unidentified gunmen opened fire at him. This year has been one of the deadliest for influential people and government officials. And most of these attacks have been unclaimed. (KP)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Your promise means business today, for once you make a decision you won't be able to easily change your mind. Unfortunately, your judgment might be off if you assume you can talk your way out of a commitment. Whether you are considering making a move, changing jobs or switching schools, it's crucial to take your time and think through all your options before choosing what to do next.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You may need to manage some money matters today, and it could be a hassle dealing with all the details. The Sun-Saturn conjunction falls in your 8th House of Shared Resources, requiring you to have a heart-to-heart talk with a family member or business partner. Or, perhaps, tax or insurance issues need to be ironed out. Whatever serious concerns come to light, don't procrastinate.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

If you try to avoid taking full responsibility for your actions today, someone else might do it for you. But if others point out your shortcomings now, your reaction may be to blame them for complicating your life. Even if people just want to help, it could be difficult to respond positively to their constructive criticism. Nevertheless, you might have to modify your behavior even if it turns your life upside down.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

The plot of your personal story thickens as your previous commitments take precedence over fun and games. There are many aspects of your life that are dependent on others and you often take the lead from the cues of those around you. You may be eager to kick back and relax today, but someone else might have an entirely different plan in mind for you. Resistance is futile now.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Although there are chores that must be completed today, you won't need to forego all pursuits of pleasure. In fact, establishing a predetermined amount of time for structured recreation can be exactly what you need to be more productive in the long run. Don't just impulsively bolt from your work whenever you feel like it; instead, take advantage of Saturn's persistence by creating a schedule and sticking to it.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You might be required to make a significant choice today that will impact your personal life or your future plans for the family. Perhaps you need to participate in serious discussions about the care of an elderly relative or the schooling of a youngster. Maybe someone is overstepping your boundaries in a way that threatens your sense of independence. Whatever the specifics are now.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Although many people celebrate this as a day of rest, your schedule won't likely allow you much room to recharge your batteries. Today's Sun-Saturn conjunction adds weight to your 3rd House of Learning, making this an ideal time to begin a new course of study. But your current interest in education is not meant to be a frivolous exercise to distract yourself from what's important.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You may be overly self-critical today as you compare your achievements with your failures. The Sun illuminates your shortcomings when it joins judgmental Saturn in your 2nd House of Self-Esteem. Concentrate your energy on completing tasks that will make you feel good about your accomplishments. Regrets are wasted energy; if your thoughts begin to turn to what you did wrong in the past.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Sometimes your innate ability to project generalized concepts so far into the future complicates your decision-making about a specific event in the here and now. However, you're successfully able to narrow your field of vision today so you can focus your intentions on whatever you consider most important. Don't worry about losing sight of the big picture. You will be given an opportunity later on to balance your ambitious drive with your need to be fair.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

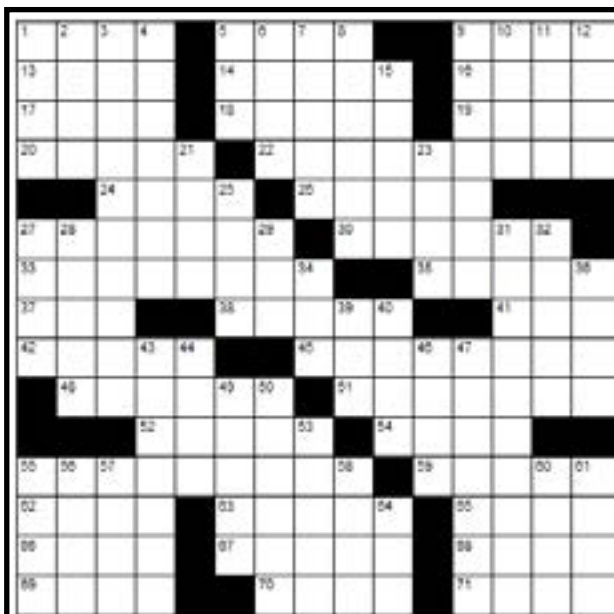
Vacillating between accurate analysis and fuzzy thinking can be a bit exhausting today, especially if you can't tell which is which. However, if you do get confused, don't be afraid to ask for help. Usually, you are the one assisting others with your pragmatic perspective, but now it's your turn to lean on someone else for a change. Thankfully, your trust won't likely be misplaced if you pick your allies wisely.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Your social calendar may be a source of concern now, especially if you have overcommitted your time. The Sun-Saturn conjunction crystallizes the energy in your 11th House of Long-Term Goals, enabling you to be more realistic than ever while making plans for your future. But remember that Saturn can also bend your thoughts in a pessimistic direction.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You don't have to accept the negativity if someone rains on your parade today. There's no reason to just assume that you have done something wrong. Instead, look directly at the resistance you now face as a lesson from the universe. Even if your original attempt was not met with much enthusiasm, don't give up on your goals. Instead, work even harder to prove that you're willing to sacrifice immediate gratification for the possibility.



Across

- 1. Not first, 5. Yeses, 9. Russian parliament, 13. Countertenor, 14. Demise, 16. God of love, 17. Average, 18. Roam, 19. Applaud, 20. Start, 22. Pursuits, 24. Prima donna problems, 26. Egyptian peninsula, 27. Reddish purple, 30. Tent fabric, 33. Mystical, 35. Tidy, 37. "Eureka!", 38. Decree, 41. Tavern, 42. Odd-numbered page, 45. Renegade, 48. Beat, 51. Stalemate, 52. Devout, 54. Tastes, 55. Fortitude, 59. Crown, 62. After-bath powder, 63. Incline, 65. Norse god, 66. District, 67. Kids, 68. Outlay, 69. Anagram of "Loot", 70. Recent events, 71. Boats.

Down

- 1. Young sheep, 2. Away from the wind, 3. Pre-car transport, 4. This evening, 5. Commercials, 6. Abominable Snowman, 7. Deservedly receives, 8. Interference, 9. Lead astray, 10. Website addresses, 11. Protective ditch, 12. Vipers, 15. Doglike mammal, 21. Schnozzola, 23. Relative status, 25. "Your majesty", 27. Terror, 28. Doorkeeper, 29. Assist, 31. A diplomat, 32. Arguments, 34. Spy agency, 36. Tall woody plant, 39. Consumer Price Index, 40. Male turkeys, 43. Normal44. Ear-related, 46. Expectoration, 47. Soup thickener, 49. Raise, 50. Plain-woven cotton fabric, 53. A cloud of fine particles, 55. Immediately, 56. Tropical tuber, 57. Margarine, 58. Gush, 60. Hazard, 61. Picnic insects, 64. S.

Yesterday's Solution



alien, always, armor, bellow, charge, circumstance, dimension, duel, floor, grand, group, hamster, heroine, laser, lien, lumber, name, news, nice, optional, passive, phrase, pivots, plasma, prior, purpose, reality, review, riles, royal, saws, stock, study.

