

### Rivash Gobind Quits Warriors to Become Part of Afghanistan's Management Team

PORT ELIZABETH - Former South African Under-19 cricketer, and a leading force behind the tremendous success of the current Warriors franchise, Rivash Gobind, has stepped down as head coach, to take up an international post with Afghanistan.

Gobind is to become part of the Afghanistan national cricket team's management and coaching structure. He will be leaving the Warriors before the end of October. Gobind captained both KwaZulu-Natal and South Africa Under-19s and is a certified level 3 coach. In addition to his cricketing accomplishments, he holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration. He was appointed assistant coach of the Warriors in August 2016, and ...*(More on P4)...(7)*

# Plan Unveiled to Curb Air Pollution in Kabul



The National Environment Protection Authority (NEPA) says it has hammered out a five-year plan to prevent air pollution.

KABUL - Deputy head of NEPA Azizullah Sidiqi announced the strategy, prepared in coordination with 13 sectors, at a press conference late on Sunday. Sidiqi said air pollution reached an alarming level in Kabul last year. NEPA devised the plan to protect the capital from harmful

effects of pollution. Urban and transport sectors, National Standard Authority, National Reform Authority, Gas and Fuel Authority, public health and power sectors and ministries of education, information, mines and petroleum, commerce and industry and agriculture cooper-

ated with NEPA in preparing the plan. Kabul Governor Mohammad Yaqub Haidari suggested gas should be used instead of other things to prevent air pollution. Haidari proposed a ban on brick kilns in Paghman, Qarabagh, and Deh ...*(More on P4)...(3)*

## Abdullah Rejects President Ghani's Order Regarding the Dismissal of MoFA Spokesman

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dismissals' in top government positions to elections, Abdullah further added in his statement that Mr. Ahmadi would continue

to his work until the elections process concludes and results are finalized. Presidential spokesperson Sedqi Sediqqi had earlier announced that "President Ghani has appointed Mr. Mirwais Nab as Deputy Minister for Economic Cooperation Ministry of Foreign Affairs and caretaker of the office of Spokesperson of the ministry. The former MOFA acting Spokesperson has been fired due to his latest irresponsible comments." Mr. Ahmadi had issued a statement following Taliban leaders visit to ...*(More on P4)...(4)*

## Afghanistan's Silent Mental Health Crisis

He carried his sister's limp body over the mountain to escape the fighting. Bullets flew around them and her blood stained his clothes.



KABUL - "There was no chance of taking her to the hospital, we had to care for the others," Mirwais told me as we sat in a tent ripped half open by the wind and dust that battered the displaced people's camp where he lives east of Herat, Afghanistan's third largest town. "When we crossed the mountain, she had lost her soul."

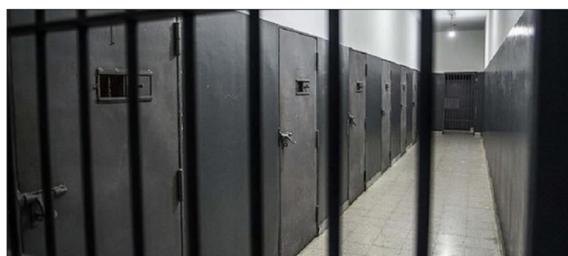
Her name was Guldastah. It means "bouquet of flowers" in English. She bloomed no longer than fourteen years. Twenty-nine-year-old Mirwais - who did not want us to use his real name - is one of many Afghans who have suffered in that country's four-decades of armed conflict, but his story should resonate with the hundreds of people gathering in Amsterdam today for the International Conference on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Crisis Situations. The conference aims to highlight the mental health needs of people in emergency situations. Mirwais' traumatic experiences actually began before his sister's death. In less than two years, the farmer from Faryab province said he lost most of his cattle to drought and had to flee his home more than 20 times due to fighting between

the Taliban and Afghan government forces. Guldastah died during one of those escapes. A few weeks after her death, Mirwais began to experience flashbacks and bouts of anger. "I had headaches and was angry at my family," he explained. "Especially when it is noisy. If my kids are next to me, I beat them."

Mirwais told me that beating one's family is no honorable thing, so he began to seek help. Afghanistan has been devastated by violence, and it is estimated that half the population experiences depression, anxiety, or post-traumatic stress, which can have a disastrous impact on people's mental health and the well-being of their relatives and friends. Despite this, the government only spends about US\$0.26 per capita on mental health, out of \$7 spent annually per capita on health services in general. The World Health Organization says an appropriate mental health system in low-income countries such as Afghanistan would require an investment of \$3 to \$4 per capita. International donors have invested heavily in health services but focused their attention ...*(More on P4)...(5)*

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Funded By	Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
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## Three Indian Engineers Released in Exchange for 11 Taliban Prisoners in Afghanistan



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## Paktians Ask Taliban to Enter Direct Talks with Govt

GARDEZ - The residents of southeastern Paktia province held two separate gatherings on Monday to condemn what they called some countries' interference in the Afghan peace process. The gatherings in Ahmadabad and Syed Karm districts termed Pakistan's official welcome of the Taliban political delegation as contrary to international norms and principles. Mohammad Hanif, a tribal elder, asked the Taliban to sit and talk with Afghans instead of making visits to foreign countries. "Around 200 people are daily martyred who leave behind mothers, fathers, sisters, children and wives. This is the biggest catastrophe. They are our sons and relatives. We may not be alive but peace must come to this country." Another tribal elder Abdul Sattar asked the government to give elders and jirga experts to hold talks with the Taliban at different levels. Haji Walli, a tribal elder from Syed Karm district, was upbeat about peace and said a descent development ...*(More on P4)...(8)*