

# Aryana Sings for Disabled Soldiers Ahead of Invictus Games

KABUL - Well-known female singer Aryana Sayeed on Saturday performed for the soldiers who will represent Afghanistan in this year's Invictus Games in Canada. The move was to encourage the 11 Afghan National Army soldiers who will attend the Invictus Games. The soldiers clapped and sang along to songs sung by Aryana at the event. "You have sacrificed your lives and your bodies for us to ensure our safety. Today, it is our duty to support you," Aryana told the soldiers. The head of the Army's training center, Mohammad Amin Wahidi, said the games will be held next week. "They have served with courage, they have exercised with courage and have attended the (selection) competitions. Those whom you see here have found the honor to represent Afghanistan at Invictus Games in Canada," he said. "Seventeen countries including Afghanistan... (More on P4)... (14)



## 6 Policemen Killed in Taliban Attack on Checkpoint

QALA-I-NAW - Six policemen manning a check-post have been killed and two others captured by the Taliban insurgents in northwestern Badghis province, local officials said on Saturday. The check-post was located on the Qala-i-Naw-Herat highway in the Laman area of the provincial capital, Mohammad Qasem, police officer of another post in the areas, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said the militants attacked the Public Order Police post at midnight. The attackers overran the post, killed six policemen and kidnapped two others. However, the security forces recaptured the post early in the morning. Mohammad Fareed Akhizai, deputy head of the provincial council, confirmed the militant attack on the checkpoint and the policemen fatalities. (Pajhwok)

## Romanian Soldier Killed in Kandahar Suicide Attack



KABUL - One Romanian soldier was killed in a suicide attack in southern Kandahar province, NATO's Resolute Support Mission said on Saturday. "Our hearts go out to our Romanian comrades for the loss of their soldier," said Gen. John W. Nicholson, commander of NATO-led mission. In a statement, he said: "The thoughts and prayers of the entire Resolute Support Mission are with the loved ones of our fallen soldier at this difficult time."

Two other Romanian soldiers were wounded in the attack when the vehicle-borne improvised explosive device targeted their patrol. "Once again, the Taliban have proven that they are not interested in peace," Nicholson added. "This loss only continues to strengthen our resolve and support to the Afghan government and its citizens." (Pajhwok)

## 5 Fighters Dead in Daesh-Taliban Clash in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Three Daesh (Islamic State) and two Taliban fighters have been killed during a clash in eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Saturday. Attullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the gunbattle erupted between the insurgent groups in the Ghulam Dag area of Chaparhar district late on Friday night. He said three Daesh and two Taliban fighters were killed during the firefight. Civilians suffered no casualties, the gubernatorial spokesman added. Separately, a Taliban fighter surrendered to the government with a pistol, one Kalashnikov assault rifle and three hand grenades in the Dur Baba district of the province. (Pajhwok)

## Herat Man Arrested for Stabbing Wife to Death

HERAT CITY - A man stabbed his young wife to death due to a family dispute in western Herat province, officials said on Saturday. Police spokesman Abdul Ahad Walizada said the man killed his 20-year-old wife with a knife in the Jakan area of the 6th police district of Herat City on Friday night. He told Pajhwok Afghan News the accused had been arrested by police. According to the police spokesman, the uxoricide resulted from a family dispute. Meanwhile, Mohammad Rafiq Sherzai, spokesman for the local hospital, said the woman was brought to the hospital in injured condition. After half an hour, however, she succumbed to her wounds. He added the woman, a mother of two children, had been stabbed in her neck. (Pajhwok)



## Afghan Taliban 'will Support Pakistan Against Foreign Aggression'

KABUL - A hardline religious scholar from Pakistan has said that the Afghan Taliban would support Pakistan against any kind of foreign aggression, Pakistani media reported on Thursday. Maulana Samiul Haq, known as 'Father of Taliban', chief of his own faction of the Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam, said the Taliban has pledged to stand by the govern-

ment of Pakistan in case of any aggressive design pursued by the United States against the country. Different groups of Afghan Taliban after holding consultations sent a written statement to Maulana Haq, extending full support to Pakistan in case of an attack by the US or any other country, the reports said. (More on P4)... (15)

## BPL Auction: 5 Afghan Players to Play this Season

KABUL - Five Afghan national cricket team players to take part in the upcoming Bangladesh Premier League (BPL), media reports said on Saturday. Earlier, Shapur Zadran and Mohammad Nabi Esakhel appeared in the BPL last year games. The players drafting process was held in Bangladesh capital Dhaka today in which five Afghan players also become part of the upcoming season of BPL. Rangpur Riders bought two Afghan spinners Samiullah Shinwari and Zahir Khan, Comilla Victorians picked Rashid Khan and Mohammad Nabi while Chittagong Vikings grabbed Najibullah Zadran for this season. Nazem Jar Abdul Rahimzai, the founder of Afghan domestic cricket and expert, said the presence of five Afghan players in the upcoming BPL was a huge achievement for the Afghan cricket. He said great players of the limited over games would be playing in the BPL and it was a huge chance for the Afghan players to learn from their experiences. (Pajhwok)

## Kabul Residents Complain High Liquefied Gas Price




KABUL - Surge in the price of liquefied gas irked some residents of the capital Kabul while the rates of fuel and gold dipped during the outgoing week, market sources said Saturday. The price of liquefied gas differs in different parts of Kabul but generally its rate has increased by 10 Afghanis in each kilogram.


Ahmad Javid, a gas seller in Taimani area of Kabul, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the price of one kilogram of liquefied gas was increased from 60 Afs to 65 Afs. He said he sold the same amount of gas for 55 Afghanis about a month ago. Mohammad Asif, a gas seller in Qala-I-Fatullah area of Kabul, said the price of one kilogram gas... (More on P4)... (16)

### Outlook Horoscope


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

 Aries There are plenty of reasons to maintain a low profile today, but the temptation to do something crazy becomes harder to ignore throughout the day. You are painfully aware of your obligations and sincerely intend to fulfill your commitments. Nevertheless, you can't quite let go of a risky plan that could fire up your adrenaline and, hopefully, put you on a path.


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

 Taurus You are known for your easy-going but somewhat linear attitude to romantic relationships; you like the future to be a logical extension of the past and the present. However, you might be more inclined toward experimentation now that your key planet Venus is dancing with radical Uranus.


#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

 Gemini You are hoping to be distracted by your friends today. Better yet, attending a social situation where you can circulate and meet new people might be your cup of tea. Unconventional Uranus excites pleasure-seeking Venus in your 3rd House of Communication, motivating you to interact with interesting people about a whole range of subjects. Your only agenda now is to satisfy your unquenchable curiosity.


#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

 Cancer Your friends wonder what got into you because you might be acting out of character today. Your normally reserved personality has been replaced by an exuberant and extroverted one. Instead of waiting for another person to start a conversation, you jump right in with pointed questions and respond with clever witticisms.


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

 Leo You might get off to such a slow start today that you doubt your ability to turn the day around. But surprising Uranus zaps sweet Venus in sassy Leo, encouraging you to catch the wave of enjoyment, even if you must paddle extra hard at first. Thankfully, your perseverance is rewarded and you notice one thing after another falling into place.


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

 Virgo You're worried that circumstances will quickly escalate out of control today. However, there is a rebellious voice whispering in your head now, telling you how much fun it will be if you're released from your constraints. In fact, a part of you is ready to blow off a previous commitment to do something for the sheer pleasure of it. Chances are you won't have to let anyone down now in order to follow your heart's desire.

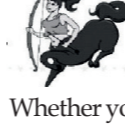
#### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

 Libra A friend or acquaintance may approach you with an out-of-the-box invitation today. But instead of carefully weighing the pros and cons before you respond, you automatically say yes. You're uncharacteristically emphatic about making the most of an opportunity, even if it stretches you beyond your limits.


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

 Scorpio You are trying harder than ever to break old habits and create new routines. You're highly motivated to improve the quality of your life while enriching Venus harmonizes with progressive Uranus in your 6th House of Logistics. But you're not interested in making a minor modification just so you can track its influence on your daily life. Consider this a cosmic


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

 Sagittarius You love the idea of expanding your knowledge base and are willing to take a risk in the pursuit of learning. Whether you make a long-term plan to study an intriguing subject or you engage in a dialogue about a topic that is outside your normal interests, you want to dance with the edge and push your boundaries now. You don't care if your new exploration threatens the foundations of your thinking.


#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

 Capricorn You're in the mood for a different kind of love today. It makes more sense to shine your light into the darkness than to stagnate in the emotional security of a safe discussion. Even if you're involved in a committed relationship, you want to intensify the connection by delving into the unspoken mysteries.

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

 Aquarius You're willing to entertain the 'craziest of ideas today. In fact, your key planet Uranus is electrifying your 3rd House of Information - the more radical the ideas, the better. Of course, you shouldn't believe every conspiracy theory you uncover now. Bring your latest discovery down to earth by verifying sources and researching the fine print. Make your choices based on facts not assumptions.

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

 Pisces Some people would try anything to get out of doing chores, but there's something reassuring about the regularity and familiarity of your routine. Paradoxically, you're more motivated by the response of those close to you than you are in the tasks at hand. You delight in putting on a show while vivacious Venus is visiting dramatic Leo. However, your mind is restless with erratic Uranus also in the picture today.

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Across  
1. Instrument indicators, 6. Took flight, 10. Actors in a show, 14. Metal bar, 15. Back  
16. Double-reed woodwind, 17. Platform, 18. Kitty (poker), 19. Not a single one, 20.  
Watchmaker, 22. Resign, 23. Climax, 24. Grasp 26. Misled, 30. Poetic dusk, 31. Has-  
ten, 32. Unit of land, 33. Against, 35. Candid, 39. A movement downward, 41. Day-  
time performance, 43. Prevent legally, 44. Tastes, 46. Prying, 47. Japanese apricot, 49.  
Short sleep, 50. Handguns, 51. Slept briefly, 54. Goulash 56. Smell, 57. Marine inver-  
tebrate, 63. Mouselike animal, 64. Found in some lotions, 65. Bog hemp, 66. Boats  
67. Ripped, 68. Motionless, 69. Oceans 70. Visual organs, 71. Dog-  
Down  
1. Plate, 2. Within, 3. Food thickener, 4. Corporate image, 5. Grave marker, 6. Shards, 7.  
Not strict, 8. Dines, 9. Poor devil, 10. Vanquishing, 11. More or less, 12. Relating to audi-  
ble, sound 13. Fangs, 21. Sea, 25. Elevator (British), 26. Stow, as cargo, 27. Frosts,  
28. At one time (archaic), 29. Relax, 34. Balsam or touch-me-not, 36. Dwarf buffalo, 37.  
Where a bird lives, 38. Lock openers, 40. Type of sword, 42. Type of poplar tree, 45.  
Coastal, 48. Conceive, 51. Exploded stars, 52. Love intensely, 53. A type of dance, 55.  
More awful, 58. Cause surfeit through excess, 59. Information, 60. Arab chieftain, 61.  
Anger, 62. Blend,

Yesterday's Solution  
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