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Nabi “Man-of-the-Match” in Australia’s BBL.

SYDNEY - Nabi, the 33-year-old Afghan cricket player blasted a match-winning BBL century as Melbourne Renegades kept derby rivals Melbourne Stars waiting for a first victory with a crushing six-wicket win at the MCG on Saturday.

Nabi hit 52 off 30 balls on the way to a man-of-the-match performance — told Marquesi Cricket postgame the “whole of Afghanistan” would be watching as Melbourne Renegades beat cross-town rivals Melbourne Stars by six wickets.

“The MCG may look empty but tonight was a big crowd,” Nabi said after the match. “Everything’s going well so far and I’m enjoying BBL.

Nabi, with both bat and ball to help his side dismantle the Melbourne Stars, who could miss the knockouts for the first time in the BBL.

Saturday.

ETWA Expresses Concerns on the Process of Appointing a New IEC Commissioner

KABUL - The Election and Transparency Watch Organization of Afghanistan (ETWA) is closely observing the process of appointing a new commissioner for the Independent Election Commission of IEC.

ETWA is concerned with the process, which moves forward in contradiction with the president’s decree on electoral laws, would further undermine IEC’s independence and limit opportunities to establish a political consensus on elections among politicians.

Since re-establishment of the Selection Committee and its working results clearly oppose the electoral law, thus, the individual being selected as the member of IEC through this process, would lack legal legitimacy.

Involvement of representatives of independent institutions such as the Supreme Court, ICOIC, Aicherture and women support institutions as members of the Selection Committee in an illegal process could affect people’s...

Mangal Wants Polling Stations Increased in Nangarhar

FAIZABAD - All mines in northeastern Badakhshan province are illegally extracted by armed men and militants as the government collected no revenue this solar year from mining in the province.

Local officials say revenue of the provincial Mines Department was zero this year and all income from the natural resources went to pockets of powerful figures and the Taliban.

Representatives of the private sector have called on the government to ease the tax-paying process for increasing the national revenue and prevent tax evasion.

The Ministry of Finance says it has the required plans to raise public awareness on paying tax.

“Unfortunately, we are in a low position compared to African countries in terms of our income from the Gross Domestic Product,” said Najibullah Wardak, deputy minister of finance for customs and taxes.

Repayment of the private sector has called on the government to ease the tax-paying process in government institutions to prevent tax evasion.

“Government should improve and extend its plans for increasing the national revenue and preventing tax evasion,” said Sayyid Parwiz, spokesman for the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries.

The Ministry of Finance says it has the required plans to raise public awareness on paying tax.

“We have many programs for this week to raise the awareness of taxpayers. We will launch some of these programs through mosques and schools,” said Habibullah Zadran, general director of income at the finance ministry.

Based on statistics of the ministry of finance, Afghanistan’s GDP is estimated to be 22 billion Afs. Of that figures, 11 percent is collected by the finance ministry from... 

US Weighs Options Amid Pakistan Tensions

WASHINGTON - Pentagon officials are watching Pakistan’s next moves after US froze security aid payments to Islamabad, saying it is not doing enough to target Haqqani network bases on its soil, according to AFP’s report.

The Trump administration’s decision to withhold hundreds of millions of dollars from its “coalition support fund” has riled Pakistan, with some there calling for retaliatory measures that might hamper America’s war efforts in neighboring Afghanistan.

Despite US officials insisted they’d seen no evidence Islamabad was planning such a move, it has happened before.

In 2015, Pakistan closed its border to NATO supply lines following a series of incidents that brought relations between the US and Pakistan to all-time lows.

These incidents included a botched American air raid and the killing...