

**Galilean Nights Event ID:** gn924

**Number of telescopes:** 2

**Number of organisers:** 6

**Number of attendees:** 70

**Event photos:** <http://www.flickr.com/photos/44041030@N08/?saved=1>

**Event Report:**

For many years when an afghan looked to sky, he/she certainly trailed the bullet lights in the sky, and on Friday, when we (the AAA members) were busy to mount our telescopes, children who gathered, with curiosity looked at us. They didn't imagine that we are going to show them the beauty of sky, the real face of moon and four satellites of Jupiter.

Afghanistan Astronomy Association finally organized first ever Observation program within the Project of Galilian Nights 22 to 24 October in Kabul.

However the weather was cold, a number of children, women and elders gathered to see the moon and Jupiter via telescope. For most of them, mainly for children that was astonishing, since they never looked through telescope at least to our nearest satellite.

At the end every one received a Card "I SAW THE MOON" as a remembrance from that event.

We interviewed some of them and asked their impression:

"I knew from many books that the moon surface is not soft and filled with mountains and ditch, but never saw it, and that was very exciting for me" said Sediqa Rezai a filmmaker who attended the observation with her husband and little child.

Mrs. Mahbooba Ibrahimi a young poet who brought her two years old son to the observation said: "when I saw four satellites around Jupiter, I thought, what would be like if our earth had four instead of one moon".

Mr. Aziz Jahid – Chief Financial Officer of National Assembly said: "we appreciate this initiative of AAA, as they offered opportunity to many Afghans to look to the moon and Jupiter. I invite AAA to organize an observation event for National Assembly members too."

Unfortunately, due to security concerns many Afghans got used to go home immediately after sun set, while in many parts of country, mainly in Kabul security is ensured and many works till late night.

However this issue could not obstacle our efforts, and we used plan B. For plan B we broadcasted a special TV program (24 minutes) about moon phases and also Jupiter. It is worth mention to say that we will continue our night observation gathering in public places like parks, institutions, dormitories and elsewhere.

With Regards

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