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Saudi studio answers to the dreams of young girls

A Jeddah-based studio is allowing the young to discover the beauty of ballet with all its physical and mental benefits



Ballet instructor Rana practices in her studio in Jeddah

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Jan Agha feeds his cranes at a field in Bagram

'A hunter's hope': Sn

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Reuters | Bagram, Afghanistan

As the early morning light breaks over the plain north of Kabul, bird hunter Jan Agha checks his snares as he has done for the past 30 years, hoping to catch a crane, using a tethered bird to lure others down to the nets. Bird hunting is an ancient sport in Afghanistan, where local and migrating species have flocked for thousands of years and where even amid the chaos of the past 40 years of conflict, the tradition persists.

"I have learned different types of hunting from my ancestors because they were hunters too," said 49-year-old Jan Agha, a farmer in Parwan province.

"Some of my sons have learned hunting from me and I hope to see at least two of my sons become hunters so my name is remembered and people know my sons