

**CHAMPIONS TROPHY  
India off to  
bright start**

BISHWAJIT ROY from Jaipur

Indian cricket team ensured a happy Diwali but not before going through nervous moments as they scrapped through to a four-wicket victory against England in the low-scoring ICC Champions Trophy final-round opener at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium yesterday.

Rahul Dravid's men, however, go into a ten-day break in happy mood to enjoy and celebrate Diwali -- the most popular festival in the country -- with their families as their second group encounter is

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**63 killed as sectarian  
unrest flares up in Iraq**

**5 US soldiers, 10 others die in attacks, bombings**

AP, Baghdad

Suspected Shia militiamen killed at least 46 Sunni Arabs in a weekend rampage of revenge killing in a city north of Baghdad, an Interior Ministry official said Sunday, raising the toll in the latest sectarian blood-letting there to 63.

A string of bombings in the northern city of Kirkuk killed 10 people, including two girls who died when a

man detonated explosives strapped to his body in front of the al-Mallimin girls high school in downtown Kirkuk, police officials said.

The US military reported the deaths of a Marine and four soldiers, in statements late Saturday and Sunday. The Marine was killed in combat in Anbar province, the Sunni heartland west of Baghdad on Saturday.

Three soldiers died in a roadside

bombing Saturday south of Baghdad, and one soldier was killed in a roadside bombing Friday night southwest of the capital.

The sectarian killings Saturday and Sunday in Balad, 80km north of Baghdad, were in apparent retaliation for the slayings of 17 Shias, whose decapitated bodies were found in an orchard on the

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**Hasan urged to decline  
caretaker job**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Peshajibi Samannay Parishad, a platform of professionals, yesterday urged Justice KM Hasan to refuse the office of the chief adviser to the caretaker government.

The ninety signatories of the statement represent different professional bodies including lawyers, doctors, engineers, agriculturists, journalists, and teachers of the University of Dhaka.

The 14 crore people of the country have ardently been looking forward to a free, fair and neutral election, but the nation is locked

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**Sanctions slapped  
on North Korea**

**UNSC division to make  
implementation tough**

AP, United Nations/ Seoul

The UN Security Council unanimously approved tough sanctions against North Korea for its claimed nuclear test, but divisions over how to enforce them signalled that implementation may not be easy.

One of the biggest differences was over a call on countries to inspect cargo leaving and arriving in North Korea to prevent any illegal

trafficking in unconventional weapons or ballistic missiles.

The final resolution was softened from language authorising searches, but was still unacceptable to China the North's closest ally and largest trading partner which said it would not carry out any searches.

Japan and Australia promised Sunday to immediately enforce the

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**Two Huji men  
remanded for  
grenade attack  
on UK envoy**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

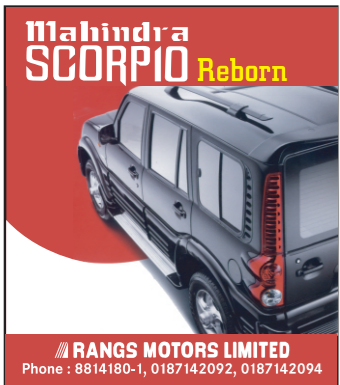
A Sylhet court yesterday placed two members of the banned Harkatul Jihad (Huji) on a five-day remand in connection with the grenade attack on the British high commissioner in 2004.

The arrestees are Sharif Shahedul of village Maishdi under Chandpur Sadar and Delwar Hossain Ripon of Kulaura upazila under Moulvibazar district.

The Sylhet Sadar Cognizance Magistrate Deva Jyoti Sinha

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**Mahindra SCORPIO Reborn**



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**1 killed while  
unclogging  
sewer line**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A manhole cleaner of the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) drowned yesterday when he was cleaning a clogged sewerage pipe at Banagram in the city's Sutrapur area.

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**Mild tremor  
jolts Ctg**

UNB, Dhaka

A tremor measuring 4.1 on the Richter scale jolted the port city and its adjoining areas early yesterday.

The quake occurred at 01.03.56 (BST) and lasted for 21 seconds. However, there was no report of any casualty or damage.

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PHOTO: STAR

Slum dwellers lamenting the loss caused by a fire at Balur Math slum in Nazimuddinbagh of Kamrangirchar on the outskirts of Dhaka as around 100 shanties including 20 small plastic factories were burned down yesterday.

**Sehri, Iftar timing**

Ramadan	Oct	Sehri	Iftar
22	16		5-35
23	17	4-37	5-34
24	18	4-37	5-33

**Prayer Timing**

October 16		
	Azan	
Fajr	4-36	4-46
Zohr	12-45	1-20
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	5-35	5-55
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

