Razzaq restricts Sri Lanka

AFP, Jaipur

Seamer Abdul Razzaq grabbed four wickets as under-strength Pakistan restricted Sri Lanka to 253 in a Group B match of the Champions Trophy tournament here on Tuesday.

Pakistan had lost much of their bowling strength on the eve of their opening match when new-ball bowlers Shoaib Akhtar and Mohammad Asif returned home after failing a dope test.

Sri Lanka looked like posting a big total when they raced to 108-1 in less than 18 overs, but Pakistan came back strongly to make their opponents struggle for runs in

middle and end overs. Razzaq finished with 4-50 to SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

Contractor shot dead in Kushtia

UNB, Kushtia

A contractor was shot dead by a gang of miscreants in Kalishankarpur area of the district town yesterday evening.

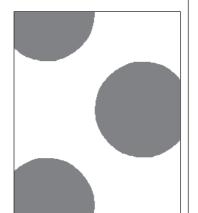
The dead was identified as Foyezuddin, 38, a resident of Courtpara near Kushtia Govt University College, and a first class contractor of Kushtia LGED.

Police said three gunmen stormed into the house of Swapan Ghosh, a fish trader, at about 7:00pm and shot Foyez point blank. He died instantly

Foyez went to the house of his friend Swapon Ghosh in the evening and was reading a newspaper when he came under the gun attack.

The gang left the scene immediately after the incident. Police said Foyez might have been killed as a sequel to previous enmity over construction works

Police recovered five cartridges from the spot.



Lanka hits back after suicide bomb attack

wounded when four jets struck a

civilian settlement and destroyed

Norway's peace envoy Jon

Hanssen-Bauer was due back on

the island in a bid to finalise arrange-

ments for peace talks scheduled to

take place in Switzerland on

Hanssen-Bauer, diplomats said.

Japan's special peace envoy

Yasushi Akashi was holding talks

with President Mahinda Rajapakse

on reviving efforts to end the ethnic

violence, which has claimed the

lives of 60,000 people since 1972.

With the death toll rising,

Fate of talks hangs in the balance

nine homes.

October 28 and 29.

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lankan jets pounded Tamil Tiger areas in the wake of the rebels' deadliest-ever suicide bombing, officials said Tuesday, amid heightened international moves to keep the Tiger military base. next week's scheduled peace talks on track.

The defence ministry said its Israeli-made Kfir war planes hit targets in the northeast of the island, destroying a rebel base. The prorebel website Tamilnet.com said the

planes had hit a civilian settlement. The raids were a response to the embattled island's worst suicide bombing, in which Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) fighters detonated a truck packed with explosives next to a convoy of buses packed with sailors. At least 103 people were killed

and 150 others wounded in Monday's attack, according to hospitals in the area.

The bombing occurred about 170km northeast of Colombo at a transit point near the restive district of Trincomalee.

"Air force Kfir jets pounded a Tiger terrorist base in Akashi is due to hold separate talks with the Tigers in the rebel-held town of Kilinochchi on Wednesday. Puthukuddierippu in the evening," the defence ministry said. "Accord-International concern over Sri ing to intelligence sources, air

Lanka's deteriorating security strikes have completely destroyed situation was led by UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, who described However, Tamilnet.com said two Monday's suicide attack as "appallchildren were killed and 15 others ing"

"The Secretary-General stresses once again that a return to civil war will not resolve the conflict." his spokesman Stephane Dujarric said.

"He calls upon all parties to refrain from the use of force and to return to the negotiation table at the end of this month, as tentatively agreed between the government of Sri Lanka and the LTTE."

The LTTE have indicated that they will confirm their presence on In Washington, State Thursday when they meet with Department spokesman Sean McCormack also called on the LTTE The suicide bombing came as to "renounce the use of terror".

Diplomats said the violence has dimmed peace hopes. SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

ATTACK ON SHOOTERS Judicial enquiry starts on Oct 22 COURT CORRESPONDENT

The judicial enquiry of the attempted murder case against five police personnel filed by the National Shooting Federation for attacking three shooters, including the Commonwealth Games goldmedallist Asif Hossain Khan on October 2, will begin on October 22. Metropolitan Magistrate

Mohammad Shafiq Anwar yesterday set the date and issued summons upon the complainant and others to appear before the court on the fixed date. Metropolitan Magistrate Syed

Mohammad Mojibul Haq ordered the judicial probe into the matter after Range Officer AFM Sahab Uddin Ahmed filed the case with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's

Court, Dhaka on October 8. The accused are: Deputy Commissioner (DC) of police Obaidur Rahman Khan, Officer-incharge (OC) of Gulshan Police Station Mahbub Alam Khan, subinspectors Jasim Uddin and Faisal Zaman and driver to the deputy inspector general (DIG) of Special Branch Havildar Abdul Khaleq. In his complaint, Sahab Uddin

mentioned that Zumman Ali, one SEE PAGE 15 COL 4



Used mineral water bottles are gathered in Dhaka University area for selling to illegal mineral water companies who reseal the bottles with impure water.

caught in the middle of the clash.

Eid bonus.

their workplaces.

days back without paying salary and

factories said the owners promised

to pay the dues yesterday, but no

responsible officials of the factories

were found when they showed up at

ries around the EPZ area brought

out a procession at around

The workers from several facto-

SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

The affected employees of the

DEMAND FOR BONUS, ARREARS 100 injured as cops club RMG workers

At least 100 garment workers were injured yesterday when police clubbed a procession demanding salary and Eid bonus around the EPZ area under Ashulia thana in Savar.

The agitating workers vandalised a dozen vehicles at Nabinagar and Kaliakoir bus stations and barricaded the Nabinagar-Kaliakoir highway for two hours.

The clashes between the workers and law enforcers left several policemen injured while a number of commuters were also injured being

Addict kills uncle, aunt over mobile money

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A drug-addict youth murdered his elderly uncle and aunt at East Basabo under Sabujbagh Police

aunt's wardrobe, police said.

UNB, Dhaka The High Court (HC) yesterday staved the proceedings of a graft case against Anwar Hossain Manju, The workers said the owners of the energy minister during Ershad around 10 garment factories had regime. closed their production units several

HC stays graft

case against

Manju

The case relating to Haripur oil and gas exploration with Scimitar Company is now pending with the Dhaka Divisional Special Judge's Court.

A division bench, headed by SEE PAGE 15 COL 7

BOLERO SLX Tougher Than The Toughest **MANGS MOTORS LIMITED**

Khilgaon Bazar on Monday evening with a plan to loot money from his

hammer, a chisel and a knife from

Jewel, living in the same area

JU CORRESPONDENT



A rickshaw-puller searches for his rickshaw-seat that contained the registration number in Agargaon in the capital yesterday. Law enforcers earlier seized rickshaws and kept it there.

Station in the capital vesterday, as they did not give him money to buy a cellphone set.

Jahangir Shawkat Jewel, 25, admitted to having killed his aunt, mother's sister, Tajifa Begum, 55, and her husband Afsar Uddin Ahmed, 65, a retired warrant officer of the air force, after police arrested him.

Quoting Jewel, police said that he has been demanding Tk 3,000 from his uncle and aunt to buy a cellphone set for the last four days. Irritated at their delay, he bought a

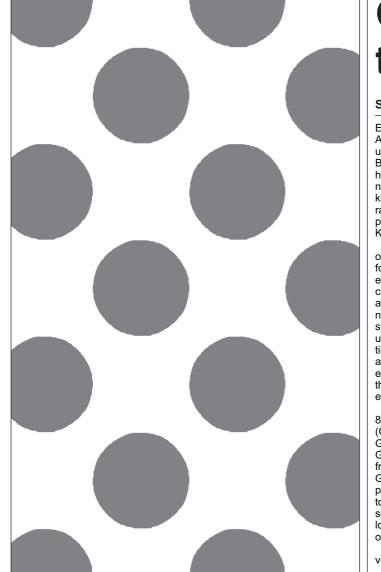
came to his aunt's house at around 8:30am soon after her son Babul Ahmed, an official of a private company, left for office.

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Sehri, Iftar timing

Ramadan Oct Sehri Iftar

pany, left for office. At first, he threatened his aunt to give him the money at knife's point. As she refused and tried to resist him, he struck her on the head leaving her critically wounded. Hearing Tajifa's groaning, Afsar, who was asleep, got up and tried to resist Jewel, but got severely wounded as Jewel hit his	Prayer Timing			
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	Maghri	b	5-33	5-54
	Esha		7-30	8-00
SEE PAGE 15 COL 6	Source: Islamic Foundation			



GP taking internet to villages

SHARIER KHAN, from Singapore

Eight months ago, when Fizaz Ahmed opened an Internet service using a mobile modem in Kapalia Bazar of Jessore, the local people hardly knew what it was as the nearest Internet service was 35 kilometres away. Now the Internet is rapidly changing the lives of the people of about 15 villages around Kapalia Bazar.

Villagers are now buying printouts of documents like passport forms or licenses from Fizaz's establishment. For Tk 5, a farmer can obtain a listing of prices for any agricultural commodity sold at nearby markets. Students have started exploring admissions in universities and compiling education related information. Mothers and fathers are chatting with their expatriate children or relatives on the Internet where they can see

each other through the web-cam. Fizaz's Internet service is one of 80 Community Information Centres (CICs) set up with the help of Grameen Phone. Again the Grameen Phone initiative came from a development fund of the GSM Association (GSMA), a trade platform of 12 leading mobile operators of the world. The vision of this scheme is to take internet to remote locations using the GSM technol-

"This is such an educational venture for our community," says

Fizaz, "because people are personally interested to use this technology for various reasons. They come to me for free training on the Internet. I get 25 to 30 customers a day." The shop generates daily revenue of Tk 350 to Tk 450.

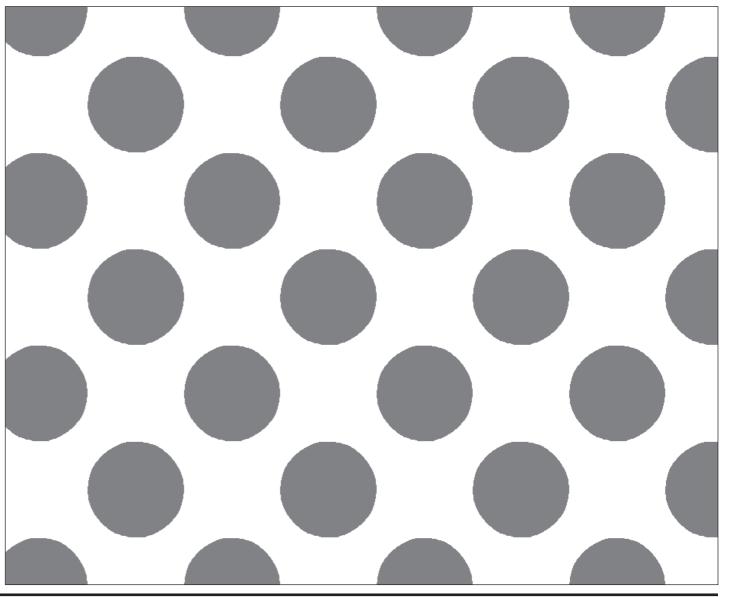
The success story of Fizaz was shared among 6000 participants from 96 countries of the GSMA world congress being held in Singapore from October 15 to 19.

With the help and training from Grameen Phone, Fizaz took microcredit worth of Tk 50,000 to set up this CIC with a PC, a GSM modem, a scanner, a printer and a web-cam.

Based on the success of this venture, Grameen Phone expects to help roll out 500 such CICs across Bangladesh by the year-end and help spark local entrepreneurship and knowledge dissemination.

"If one per cent of the population can be given Internet access, it will contribute to 4 per cent growth to export,' said Erik Aas, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Grameen Phone. He added that the CICs are not exactly a business for the Grameen Phone. "From our perspective, we feel that it's important to give people access to the Internet.'

Addressing a press conference, Erik noted that Bangladesh holds opportunities for the GSM technology. The mobile broadband has SEE PAGE 15 COL 6



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