

### Lara, Morton give WI hope

West Indian captain Brian Lara and Runako Morton hit fluent half-centuries to lift the West Indies to 234-6 against Australia in the Champions Trophy here on Wednesday.

The pair put on 137 for the fifth wicket after the West Indies, electing to take first strike on the dry wicket, were reduced to 63-4 by the 15th over.

Lara, who dropped himself to number six, made up for a hesitant start to play two sixes and seven boundaries off the world champions in his 71 before hurting his

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# 10 US troops killed in Iraq violence

Former US Secretary of State James Baker, who is drafting a widely anticipated report on possible alternatives to current US policy in Iraq, has warned there is no "magic bullet" to solve deepening problems in Iraq.

At least 68 US troops have been killed in October -- a pace, that if continues, would make it the deadliest month for U.S. forces since January 2005. At least 2,777 have died since the invasion in 2003.

After falling to 43 in July, the U.S. toll rose to 65 in August and to 71 in

September. U.S. commanders, who have declared the fight for Baghdad the war's main effort, have conducted major security sweeps in the capital since August, massing neighbourhoods with troops to flush out militants.

Some 15,000 U.S. troops in Baghdad are focussing efforts in the sprawling capital on curbing death squads and other armed groups. U.S. commanders have attributed the rising death toll to

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### Dhaka-Ctg rail link snapped for over six hours

A wagon of a container train derailed at Muhuriganj in Mirersarai upazila yesterday, disrupting rail communications on Dhaka-Chittagong route for six and a half hours.

Railway sources said the wagon of the Chittagong-bound container train from Dhaka skidded off the track at 7:45am and the rail link between the capital and the port city remained snapped until 2:15pm. Eight passenger trains got stranded on both sides of the rail route.

Rescue teams from Feni and Pahartali removed the wagon from the rail track after six hours of frantic efforts.

# Printing of voter list unlikely before Dec

Printing of the updated voter list before announcement of the next parliamentary election schedule in late November has become uncertain while the vendors said the massive task cannot be completed before December.

The Election Commission (EC) Secretariat planned to complete the printing task by November 18 and the EC will announce the schedule for the ninth parliamentary election at the end of that month.

The EC did not provide the

vendors with the task of printing as of yesterday.

For the first time, the EC is facing such a situation whereas on earlier occasions it always had the voter list prepared a few months before declaration of the election schedule.

Considering the situation, a number of district election officials said they would get very little time to check for the accuracy of the task.

This time they will have to complete the task for arranging the voter list on the basis of the polling stations hurriedly along with the other tasks ahead of the polls and it will be

an extra burden on them, they said.

Asked whether the EC will declare the polls schedule without completing the printing of the voter list, EC Secretary Abdur Rashid Sarkar said there is no relation between printing of the updated voter list and declaration of the election schedule.

Although the selection committee could not complete selection

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### RMG workers torch factory vehicle

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Angry workers of a garment factory set fire to a vehicle owned by another garment factory after a worker died in a road accident in the city yesterday.

Sources said a female worker of BSA Garments in the Sagarika area was critically injured at around 8:00 am yesterday as a city service bus knocked her over on Sagarika road under Pahartali thana.

Locals sent the victim, Khaleda Begum, 35, to Chittagong Medical College Hospital where the on duty doctors declared her dead.

On the rumour of the death of their compatriot by a vehicle owned by a nearby garment factory, Design Makers, around hundred workers from BSA Garments went berserk and thronged to

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Although a foot over-bridge is seen within reach, a man jumps over the iron fence of the central reservation on Mirpur Road in front of New Market in the capital yesterday and lands straight into the path of a bus.

### 40 hurt as mob clash with cops over road crash

UNB, Chuadanga

At least 40 people, including 12 policemen, were injured in a clash between the law enforcers and an angry mob in Damurhuda upazila yesterday following a road accident that killed three people.

Witnesses said the accident occurred at Purapara village at about 3:00pm when a Damurhuda-bound bus rammmed a three-wheeler, coming from opposite direction.

The three-wheeler's driver Idrish Ali, 40, and its passengers Saiful Islam and an unidentified woman died on the spot.

Enraged by the accident, local people damaged around 20 vehicles on the Chuadanga-Damurhuda road.

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# Tamil raid on Lanka navy base kills 16

REUTERS, Colombo

Sri Lanka's Tamil Tiger rebels attacked a naval base in an apparent suicide mission in the southern city of Galle yesterday, leading to at least 16 deaths and triggering brief looting of minority Tamil shops.

It was the latest in a series of

blows to an already battered peace process that have dimmed hopes ahead of planned peace talks between the government and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in Geneva on October 28-29.

Yesterday's attack on the Dakshina base in Galle came two

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**Sehri, Iftar timing**

Ramadan	Oct	Sehri	Iftar
25	19		5-33
26	20	4-38	5-32
27	21	4-39	5-31

**Prayer Timing**

October 19

	Azan	
Fajr	4-37	4-47
Zohr	12-45	1-20
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	5-33	5-53
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation