



## Sports-lovers missing out on int'l events at home

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Country's sports-loving people were supposed to spend busy time now watching glowing performances of foreign and local players in events scheduled as part of birth centenary celebration of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, but the coronavirus pandemic has put a damper on all the planning, depriving the spectators from the events.

The months of March, April and May were scheduled to be full of international events in Bangladesh. Two T20I matches involving cricketers from around the globe was the first and perhaps the biggest one to be postponed as coronavirus started to break out in Bangladesh in the second week of March. Subsequently, a number of international events including ones in archery, cycling, golf, hockey, roller skating and volleyball were suspended as the virus spread throughout the country and international travelling was suspended.

Zahid Ahsan Russel, State Minister for Youth and Sports, recently [before Eid-ul-Fitr] told The Daily Star that they are going to scrap most of the invitational international tournaments due to the coronavirus pandemic even though some sports organisers have vowed to hold tournaments which are also part of international calendar.

"Programmes regarding the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman will be trimmed," said Russel, retreating from the original plan of hosting approximately 100 international and local sporting events on this grand occasion.

"We have no alternative but to scrap maximum international tournaments proposed for Mujib Borsho as health and safety is our



Unlike most other sports in the country, cricket is gearing up for a potential restart, even if in the form of training. The BCB Academy ground is being prepared as the BCB is contemplating plans to start training while maintaining safety regulations.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

main priority. Furthermore, foreign participants will possibly not be able to come here due to health concern. Considering these aspects, we guess most international tournaments will be scrapped from our plans," explained Russel.

However, the minister expressed his desire to hold some domestic competitions scheduled as part of the celebrations.

"We will try to hold some domestic competitions when the situation gets normal. Half of the scheduled events were scheduled for March, April and May while the remaining competitions were scheduled for the next nine months. But due to the pandemic, we had to suspend Bangabandhu Bangladesh Games, many international tournaments, local tournaments. We have also suspended an international competition

involving intellectually challenged athletes which was scheduled for April," said Russel.

However, some federation likes hockey, volleyball, archery and football want to hold international tournaments to celebrate the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman because those events are also the part of international calendar.

"Bangabandhu Junior Asia Cup hockey is likely to take place in January or February next year, which falls within the timeframe of Mujib Barsho. We have already bought tournament's title name spending a lot of money while the Junior Asia Cup is a qualifying tournament for Word Cup, so there is no scope of cancelling it," Bangladesh Hockey Federation's acting general secretary Mohammad Yousuf said.

"If the situation improves and

the government gives us approval, we will hold the Bangabandhu ISSF International Archery Championship in February next year as we have a Feb 22-28 slot available in the international calendar," said Bangladesh Archery Federation's general secretary Kazi Razibuddin Ahmed Chapal.

Bangladesh Volleyball Federation's general secretary Ashiqur Rahman Miku said, "Our plan is to hold the Bangabandhu South and Central Senior Men's Volleyball Championship next year, whether or not the government helps us financially."

SAFF Championship is also scheduled to take place in September in Dhaka, but as the situation deteriorates, it is likely to be deferred by at least a few months.

## Shami needs no 'saliva or sweat'

AFP, New Delhi



India fast bowler Mohammed Shami says he will be able to reverse-swing the ball even if saliva is banned during the coronavirus pandemic.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) is expected to next week order a temporary ban on using saliva, as part of measures to get the sport started again while reducing the risk of spreading the virus.

Bowlers traditionally get the ball to move in the air, deceiving the batsman, by shining one side using sweat or saliva.

"There will be difficulties. We have been accustomed to using saliva since childhood," Shami said in an online discussion.

"If you are a fast bowler, instinctively you apply saliva to shine the ball. But yes, if you can maintain the shine of the dry ball, it will definitely reverse."



The 29-year-old, renowned for his reverse swing, offered no alternative but insisted that sweat is not a viable replacement.

"Sweat and saliva work differently. I don't think it will help. I never tried bowling without saliva," he said. "Now because of COVID-19 pandemic, it's very important to stop using saliva."

Australian ball manufacturer Kookaburra is developing a wax applicator to shine the ball, but the world body is reluctant to allow artificial aids.

## Players must retrain brain: Hussain

REUTERS, London



Playing in empty stadiums is not ideal but a bigger challenge for players during England's home series against West Indies will be changing the way they shine the ball and keeping a lid on celebrations, former England captain Nasser Hussain has said.

Subject to government approval, the three-test series will take place in July behind closed doors, with the use of saliva to shine the ball likely to be banned as part of measures to prevent spread of the new coronavirus.

"Some of the stuff they have trained their brain for 10 years to do, shining a cricket ball, celebrating a wicket, will be the difficult thing for them," he added.

"They are used to putting saliva on a cricket ball and can't do that anymore, so they will have to re-train the brain."



## Asian football 'closer' to return

AFP, KUALA LUMPUR

Asia's Champions League is getting closer to a return but it will have to wait until domestic competitions are back in action, a senior football official told AFP on Wednesday.

Football is gradually resuming around the world after closing down because of the coronavirus, although most leagues are still yet to return.

AFC general secretary Windsor John said: "We are approaching closer to the return of football."

"We have to wait for all the domestic leagues to start first," added John.



Men wearing uniforms ride bikes on the World Bicycle Day in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, yesterday. Although professional cycling events around the world have been postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic, the sport is expected to make a comeback with the Tour de France, rescheduled to start on August 29.

PHOTO: AFP

## A grandmother's gift and a father's transformation

Cricket is undoubtedly the most loved and followed sport in Bangladesh. Fans are excited to see the likes of Tamim Iqbal and Mushfiqur Rahim in action and know their stories as it is the men's team that is often highlighted most. In an attempt to begin redressing that balance, The Daily Star tried to contact women cricketers and bring up the stories of their struggles, hardships or the reason behind choosing the profession. In today's instalment, we unveil the story of middle-order batter Fargana Hoque.

MOSTAFA SHABUI

It is not very usual to see the norms of the modern generation being welcomed by members of the preceding generation. But the tale of Bangladesh batter Fargana Hoque is one such exception. Like most female sportspeople in the country, Fargana also had to contend with opposition from her family and surroundings. It was the support from a person who is two generations older than Fargana that helped her follow her dream fearlessly.

"I used to steal my brother's clothes and go and play with the boys in my locality since I was about five or six years of age. My father is a religious man. He never liked seeing me play with boys and used to get very angry when elderly people of my locality relayed the news to him. He used to punish me. But I used to sneak out and go to play," recalled Fargana.

And maybe Fargana would have given up had it not been for her



grandmother Tahera Begum, who shielded her from most of the negativity.

"My father had tightened the noose as my eagerness for cricket grew. But then, my grandmother emerged as a blessing in my life. She almost started a battle against my father. She said, 'If Fargana wants to play then just let her. There are women who are doing a lot more than that in the world'. My father's heart slowly started to melt

since then; he had a lot of affection for his mother and could never really win arguments with her," said Fargana.

"Since then I started playing cricket fearlessly. My grandmother used to take me to the field and stand under the scorching heat for as long as I played," said Fargana, who is just two runs shy of 1,000 T20I runs.

Fargana also mentioned how the scenario changed over the years.

"In 2008, my father took me to BKSP for trials. It was the first time that I saw my father worrying about my selection. Fortunately, I was selected.

"My father has changed a lot. Even now during this coronavirus crisis, he calls me daily and asks me if I am training properly and working on my fitness or not," said Fargana.

Fargana was also grateful for all the support that she gets from her husband and her in-laws. She is continuing her fitness work and training as she eagerly waits to get back on the field and score the two runs that will take her to a new milestone.

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Memo No. CMCH/Tender/2019-20/COVID-19/Quarantine Express/4076 Date: 02-06-2020

### Invitation for Tender

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from experienced contractors to Perform cleaning different wards of CMCH in the fiscal 2019-20. As per PPA-2006 & PPR-2008 (Including all corrigendum); Terms and conditions are as follow(s):

KEY INFORMATION	
1 Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2 Agency	Chattogram Medical College Hospital.
3 PE name, designation & contact details	Brigadier General S M Humayun Kabir; Director, Chattogram Medical College Hospital. Telephone: +88031630179, Fax No. 88-031-610022, e-mail address: cmch@hospi.dghs.gov.bd
4 Procuring entity code & district	GOB, Chattogram.
5 Invitation for	Procurement of cleaning different wards of CMCH in the fiscal year 2019-20.
6 Tender Ref. No & date	CMCH/Tender/2019-20/COVID-19/4076 Dated: 02-06-2020.
7 Procurement method	Open Tender Method (National).
8 Budget and source of funds	GOB, Economic code: 3821126 (Quarantine Express).
9 Tender publication date	03-06-2020.
10 Tender schedule selling starting date and time	05-06-2020 during office hours.
11 Pre-tender meeting	10-06-2020, 10:00am.
12 Tender last selling date and time	13-06-2020, 12:00 Noon.
13 Tender dropping & closing date and time	Dropping date: 14-06-2020, Dropping time: From 09:00am to 12:00 Noon, Closing time: 12:01pm.
14 Tender opening date and time	14-06-2020 at 01:00pm.
15 Name and address of the offices	
(a) Selling tender documents	1 Cashier, Office of the Director, Chattogram Medical College Hospital. 2 Cashier, Office of the Civil Surgeon, Chattogram District.
(b) Receiving tender documents	1 Office of the Director, Chattogram Medical College Hospital. 2 Officer In-charge, Panchlaish Model Thana, Chattogram Metropolitan Police.
(c) Tender documents opening place	Office of the Director, Chattogram Medical College Hospital, KB Fazul Kader Road, Chattogram-4203.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
16 Bidders eligibility (Bidders has to submit these certificates/attested photocopy (as applicable), deficiency of any of these documents would be counted as ineligibility of the respective bidder)	All bidders must submit tender through "Tender Booklet" prepared by procuring entity and abide by the terms and conditions stated in the "Tender Booklet". The bidder must enclose the following documents with the tender: 1 The bidder must be a Bangladeshi citizen and should submit attested photocopy of NID card. 2 02 (two) passport size photo of the bidder/representative. 3 Up-to-date trade licence valid for the fiscal year 2019-20. 4 Electronic TIN (e-TIN) registration certificate. 5 BIN (Business Identification Number) certificate. 6 Income tax clearance certificate of last fiscal year (2019-20) including previous 03 (three) fiscal years (2016-17, 2017-18 & 2018-19). 7 Bank statement (original computer sheet) from 01-06-2019 to 31-05-2020. Bidder bidding for different groups should attach the original copy of the bank statement with one group and attested photocopy of the same with other groups. 8 Financial solvency certificate stating amount from any scheduled bank with the bidder holding an account (The statement should be issued after 31-05-2020). Solvency certificate should be based on bank statement attached. Certificate stating "Sound & Solvent" is not acceptable and bidder submitting that type of certificate will be rejected. 9 Bidders should be experienced in performing cleaning worth at least total BDT =30,00,000.00 (thirty lac only) at any tertiary level hospital/specialized government hospital/civil surgeon office/any government hospital within any of the last 03 (three) fiscal years. Experience certificate and respective work order must be submitted.		
17 Description of groups, price of tender document, tender security etc.			
Sl. No.	Description of group	Price of tender document in BDT (in cash, non-refundable)	Tender security in BDT (in the form of Pay Order/Demand Draft)
1	Cleaning different wards of CMCH.	BDT 3,000.00 (three thousand only)	2,00,000.00 (Taka two lac only)
18	Description of related services	Detailed description in Tender Booklet.	

Note:  
(a) Corrigendum if necessary in future will be a part of this notice. The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.  
(b) If the date of selling, receiving & opening of tender is disturbed under any unavoidable circumstances, the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively.

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