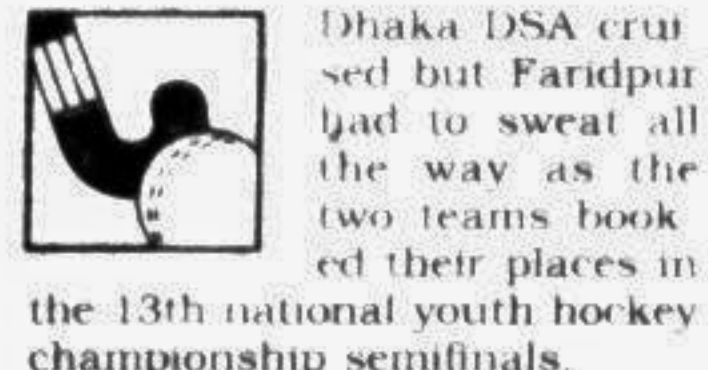


Sport

# Dhaka, Faridpur in semis

Sports Reporter



Dhaka DSA cruised but Faridpur had to sweat all the way as the two teams booked their places in the 13th national youth hockey championship semifinals.

At the Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisthan ground in Jirani, Savar yesterday, Dhaka forwards found scoring an easy proposition as they pumped five goals into the Patuakhali goal en route to the round of last four.

However, Dhaka didn't quite have things under control from the very beginning and had to wait until the 33rd minute for their first goal in the face of determined Patuakhali defence.

Nevertheless, once Wahab sounded the board two minutes from the short whistle, Patuakhali resistance simply fell apart.

Although after the break, the Dhaka players took a while

to gear up, four goals in the space of 16 minutes dashed the slender Patuakhali hopes of shunning humiliation.

After Wahab's strike, the victors were kept at the bay for some 17 minutes before Tareq Adel scored the first of his two goals in the 50th minute.

Three minutes later, Tareq slotted home again but just in the space of next three minutes saw his chances of a treble evaporate when Anwar Kabir netted the fourth goal of the match.

Wahab, who opened account for the victors, rounded off the tally with a 66th-minute strike.

Dhaka DSA take on Dhaka Education Board (DEB), who won by a solitary goal against Rajshahi DSA on Sunday, in the first semifinal today.

Earlier in the first match of the day, Faridpur were made to strive by the youngsters of the Rajshahi Primary Education Institute, before a

last minute goal from Imtiaz, who scored both the goals for the eventual semifinalists, saw them through.

Faridpur, however, started the match in style, scoring through Imtiaz in the 11th minute to go one up. But their joy was short-lived as Sajid nullified the lead nine minutes later to initiate a nightmarish patch for Faridpur.

The teenagers from Rajshahi battled neck and neck until the last minute and surely won the hearts of the spectators. It is quite unfortunate for them they couldn't make it to the last four.

Faridpur seem to have an even more daunting task when they go up against hosts Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisthan in the second semifinal today.

BKSP demolished Jessore 4-0 in their quarter-final match on Sunday.

The final will be played on February 10.

## Div II cricket

Sports Reporter

Nripen scored a century to help Rupali Bank record an 89-run win over Cantonian Sporting Club in the Second Division cricket league at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Rupali Bank won the toss and decided to bat first.

They piled up 200 runs for three in the stipulated 40 overs.

Nripen made 111 off 140 balls.

Other contributions came from Shobuj with 39 and extra 26.

Atiq and Bulbul took one wicket each.

Cantonian were all out on 111 in 33.4 overs.

Bulbul top scored with 26 while Sentu and Liton made 24 and 15 respectively.

Babu, who took four for seven, proved most successful among the Rupali bowlers.

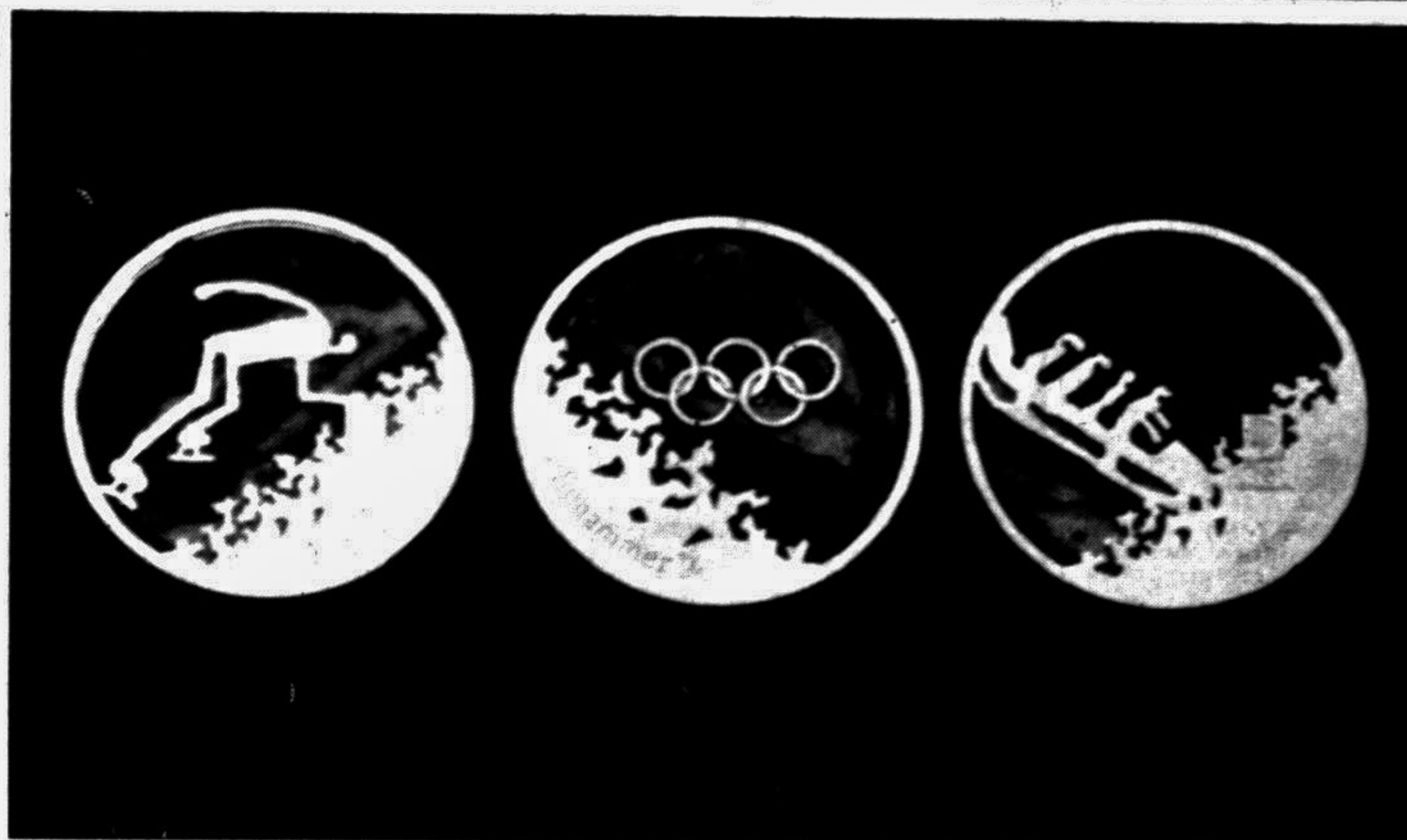
In the other game, Kathalagan beat Kakrail Boys Club by 29 runs. Kathalagan, winning the toss, decided to bat first.

They gathered 184 runs for seven in the allotted 40 overs.

Skipper Zakaria scored 34 while Turki (34) not out.

Raju took three for 36 for Kakrail.

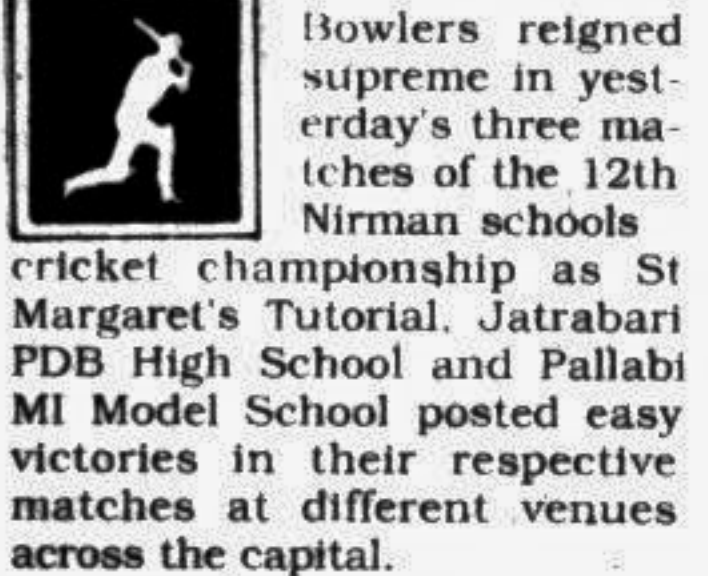
Chasing a target of 185, Kakrail fell 29 runs short when they posted 155 runs for nine in 40 overs.



The medals of the XVII Winter Olympic Games due to start on Feb 12. From L to R, the silver, gold and bronze medals with the Olympic rings on the front side (C) and pictogram of the event on the back side. —AFP photo

# Bowlers reign supreme

Sports Reporter



Bowlers reigned supreme in yesterday's three matches of the 12th Nirman schools cricket championship as St Margaret's Tutorial, Jatrabari PDB High School and Pallabi MI Model School posted easy victories in their respective matches at different venues across the capital.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground, Titu ripped through the Rahmatullah High School batting order to earn St Margaret's Tutorial a huge 89-run victory.

Titu finished with fabulous figures of five for 17 as the Rahmatullah batsmen, set to score 153 in 35 overs for an outright win, were shot out for 63 in 13.5 overs. Only Mahe Alam, who scored 23, could manage a double-digit score among the batsmen with extras providing some 22 runs.

Earlier, the winners, battling first, ended their innings three balls of their stipulated 30 overs to spare on 152.

Shihab was the mainstay of

the impressive total with a fine 63. Zahid made 23 with 31 runs coming from sundries.

Shamim claimed three scalps for 30 runs.

Just a few blocks away at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Munna and Masud MI Model School posted easy victories in their respective matches at different venues across the capital.

Munna spent 12 runs for his three victims while Masud's three cost him only one as the Radiant batsmen, making the first use of the western strip of the stadium, managed 95 runs in 23.1 overs.

Zahid topscored for the losers with 27 and Iftikhar notched up the other double-digit knock of 12 but 25 extras played a vital role in the poor total.

Jatrabari posted the winning runs in 17.4 overs making 99 for the loss of three wickets with Musa and Munna hitting 24 and 22 respectively. Some 29 extras made things a lot easier for the victors.

Zahid, Asif and Aziz bagged

one wicket each.

Eighty-one extra runs was the salient feature of the other match of the day between Pallabi MI Model and Mohammedpur Govt High School at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

The Pallabi school amassed 170 runs in 35 overs with the help of 46 extra runs.

Maruf collected the highest score by a batsman with an unbeaten 35 while Rashed and Mesbah, who have scored 23 each, were the other notable run-getters.

Sony and Bakul even shared four of the wickets to fall in the innings.

In their turn, Mohammedpur High were never near the winning target, crumbling for 90 in 27 overs with Mr Sundries topping the tally with 35 runs. Leo and Shamim were the only two batsmen to have made it to the double figures with scores of 17 and 18 respectively.

Mansur and Aatur were responsible for Mohammedpur's doom as they shared five wickets with the former claiming three for 13.

## Handball results

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Ansars outplayed Brothers Union 24-15 in the only match in the Phoenix Insurance handball competition at the Outer Stadium handball court yesterday.

The winners led the first half 12-4.

Badsha top scored with seven goals for Ansars while Enamul and Qadir chipped in with six and five respectively.

Nabuat and Menzies replied with five and four goals respectively for the losers.

## Rosset outlasts Boetsch

MARSEILLE, France, Feb 7: Marc Rosset of Switzerland captured his second Marseille Open title in a row with a 7-6 win over Frenchman Arnaud Boetsch in the final on Sunday, reports Reuters.

Fourth seed Rosset made an unsteady start but built his victory on a strong service that helped him to keep Boetsch away from the net.

"That was a very close match, totally different from the previous ones in the tournament. I was very nervous before entering the final," said Rosset, who dropped only one set all week in Saturday's semifinal against top seed Michael Stich.

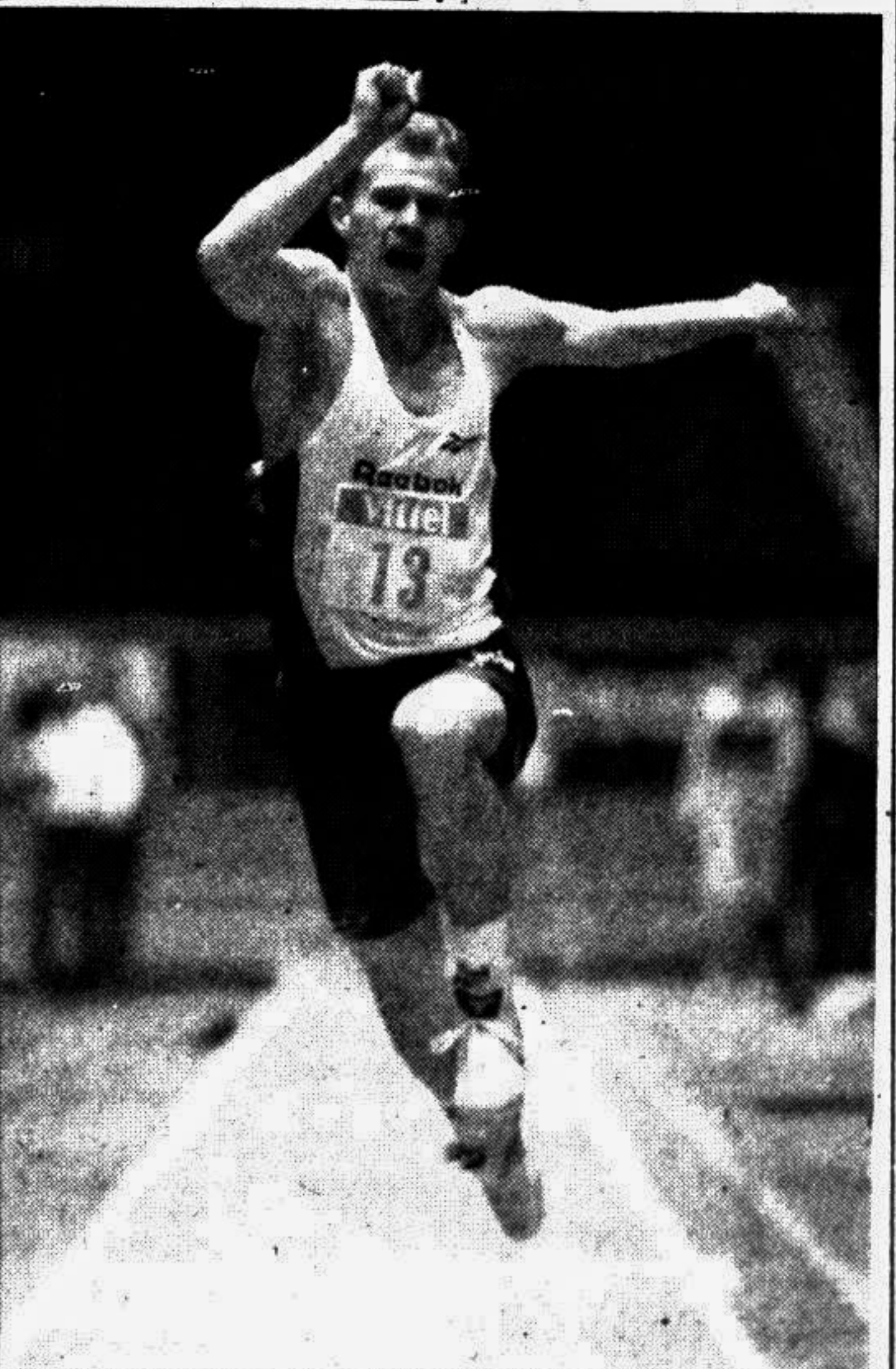
The Olympic champion handed two break points to Boetsch in the ninth game of the first set, but the Frenchman failed to take advantage of them.

## Voloshin soars

GRENOBLE, France, Feb 7: Leonid Voloshin of Russia broke the indoor triple jump world record when he leapt 17.77 metres at a meet here on Sunday, reports Reuters.

Voloshin's effort, bettered by one centimetre the previous indoor record of 17.76 metres established by American Mike Conley in New York on February 27, 1987.

The outdoor record stands at 17.97 metres set by American Willie Banks at Indianapolis on June 16, 1985.



Russian Leonid Voloshin takes to the air to break the world indoor record with a leap of 17.77 at the Grenoble Masters meet in France on Feb 6. —AFP photo

# Samaranch's plea for peace

LILLEHAMMER, Norway, Feb 7: IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch on Monday renewed his plea for a truce in Sarajevo, the war-torn Bosnian capital which held the Winter Games in 1984, reports AP.

"Please stop the fighting," he said. "Please stop the killing. Please drop your guns."

In a speech marking the opening of the International Olympic Committee session, Samaranch made a new appeal for warring parties in Bosnia and the rest of the world to lay down their arms as part of an Olympic truce coinciding with the Lillehammer Games.

On Saturday, the day the month-long truce was supposed to go into effect, at least 68 people were killed and 200 wounded in a mortar attack on the marketplace in downtown Sarajevo.

"Three days ago, horror struck again the Olympic city Sarajevo," Samaranch said. "Our message is stronger than ever... We shall not give up our efforts to contribute as it is stipulated in our charter to

building a more peaceful and better world."

It was mainly with Sarajevo in mind that the IOC pressed its initiative for an Olympic truce, which is based on an ancient Green tradition of halting wars during the Games. The appeal has been endorsed by the UN General Assembly but has proved virtually impossible to achieve.

Samaranch recalled that the Sarajevo Games marked his first as president of the International Olympic Committee. The organizing committee, he said, was composed of Bosnians from different religious and ethnic groups and the Games were held "in a spirit of friendship, solidarity, fair play and commitment of peace."

Samaranch has expressed the desire to visit Sarajevo during the Games but made no mention of that during his speech.

On another topic, Samaranch reiterated — "so there is no more doubt" — that the Winter Olympics will continue to be limited to sports practiced on snow and ice. Some have suggested that sports such as boxing, basketball and

volleyball could be switched from the Summer to the Winter Games.

Samaranch made no mention of an issue that has dominated attention heading into the Feb 12-27 Lillehammer Games — the Tonya Harding affair. The IOC has left it up to the US Olympic Committee to decide whether Harding should be barred from the Games because of the attack on rival figure skater Nancy Kerrigan.

Samaranch said the Olympic movement was stronger than ever, having overcome the era of political boycotts and the time when only one city — Los Angeles — was interested in hosting the 1984 Games. Ten cities are bidding for the 2002 Winter Games.

He said the IOC had taken a major step in the fight against drugs with the Jan 13 agreement for Olympic sports federations to harmonize their anti-doping rules, procedures and sanctions.

Samaranch praised Norwegian organisers for their respect of the environment, describing the Lillehammer Olympics as "the first truly ecological Games — white and green Games."

## Boulmerka's second

FAIRFAX, Virginia, Feb 7: Hassiba Boulmerka won her second indoor mile in three days on Sunday, when a rival misjudged the finish line at an invitational athletics meeting, reports Reuters.

Algeria's Boulmerka, the Olympic 1500-metre champion, who had never completed indoors before winning her first race in New York on Friday, finished in 4 minutes, 28.64 seconds.

Suzi Hamilton of the United States led until the bell lap, but misjudged the finish and pulled up to finish third behind Boulmerka and Kathy Franey of the USA.

"I felt really strong, and I think if I hadn't done what I did, I would have had a different strategy, maybe gone a little easier until the halfway point, then turned it on at the end," Hamilton said. "When I saw people whizz by me I said, 'Oh no, I can't believe what I just did.'"

In other events, Jamaica's Juliet Cuthbert used a strong start to beat Gwen Torrence of the USA in the women's 60 metres, finishing in 7.14 seconds.

Olympic heptathlon champion Jackie Joyner-Kersey of the USA finished fourth in the 60 metres, saying she was more concerned with sharpening her sprinting speed for the heptathlon than winning.

"This was an experiment," Joyner-Kersey said. "I don't care for sprinting. The only way to become better in the heptathlon 100 metres is to continue doing the sprints."

Jamaica's Michael Gren edged John Drummond of the USA to capture the men's 60 metres in 6.69 seconds. Andre Cason, the world record holder from the USA was fourth.

Ireland's Eamonn Coghlan won the Masters' Mile in 4 minutes, 03.28 seconds, falling in his bid to become the first man from the 40-and-over set to break four minutes.

"I believe I can do it," said Coghlan, who has run 74 sub-four-minute miles in his career. "I just need to get in the groove and have the right race. Today was an indication of it."

# Death haunts them, training

LILLEHAMMER, Feb 7: Pools of blood. Bodies of the innocent. Wailing relatives. The television pictures from the shattered homeland are gruesome.

Igor Boras leans forward in his soft, blue chair and stares at the victims' names on the screen.

"Thanks God, I don't know any of them," he says quietly, "but they are people. They are people."

Two days earlier, he lived 100 yards (metres) from the Sarajevo marketplace where a shell killed 68 people Saturday. Now he is at the Winter Olympics after a dangerous journey to the Sarajevo airport, reports AP.

With other members of Bosnia's bobsled and luge teams — two Serbs, two Muslims and a Croat — he sat in the comfort of a lounge at the athletes' village Sunday.

"We're all mixed," Verona Marjanovic says of the harmonious team. "It feels great. That's all we want to do. We want to live together."

They let out their anger, frustration and distress.

"I feel pain in my stomach," Nizar Zacragic says as the screen shows a victim being dragged from the marketplace. "I feel helpless and humiliated."

"I feel a lot of revenge. I want to make it even," says Jabbar Memorial tennis.

Marjanovic, more serious than her 20 years would suggest, "If I'm not an athlete, I could have been in the marketplace. I could have been killed."

Subdued lighting creates a peaceful mood for the athletes from a city where there is little electricity. The nearby dining room serves meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, milk and other foods. In Sarajevo, thousands go hungry.

Boras was shocked by the bounty when he went for his first meal at the Olympics.

"When I see how much food, I leave my plate and go out for a walk and come back later," he said.

Outside, there is a winter postcard. Everywhere there are pristine piles of snow and countless evergreens, their needles covered with white. It is a world away from the horror back home.

"It seems to me like I had an operation and they gave me anesthesia," Zacragic said. "Then I woke up here."

The athletes are happy to be away but their thoughts are still in Sarajevo. A Sunday workout was cancelled. The tragedy distracts them from their training.

"I'm fighting against that, but every time I start to think about Sarajevo and Bosnia it brings me down," says Marjanovic. Her father is a Serb, her mother a Croat and other relatives are Muslim.

Boras is a Croat. Zacragic is a Muslim.

The four-man bobsled team probably won't finish in the top 20. Marjanovic doesn't expect to do well in the luge.

But being at the Olympics gives Boras a chance to fulfill a goal.

"I want to show the world that we are normal, that we are not savages," he said. "There are savage people on the hills" where the shell came from.

Zacragic, a 26-year-old economist, arrived in Lillehammer a week ago after competing in Italy. Marjanovic came Saturday by boat from Germany, where she trained. Sunday was the first anniversary of her departure from Sarajevo.

Boras barely made it.

At Friday morning mass at the seminary where he lived — and where the marketplace is visible from the second floor — he was heartened by the words of friends and family.

"They pray for me," he said. "Then they say goodbye."

An armoured personnel carrier took him to the airport. He hurried to a United Nations plane that dropped off food

and remained on the ground for just 15 minutes, its engines running, to pick up 10 people.

Then he flew to Ancona, Italy, took a train to Milan and flew to Oslo where he learned of the shelling. A car took him north to Lillehammer. His parents and girlfriend live in Sarajevo. He doesn't plan to return.

"It's very difficult," said Boras, whose 26th birthday is Thursday. "The only wish of my mother is that she see my back, that I'm getting out. She doesn't want to see me without legs, without hands."

The special television report, "Terror in Sarajevo," is replayed. The athletes' eyes are fixed on the screen again, on images of innocents slain as they did their Saturday shopping.

"Sarajevo is like the Middle Ages," Boras said. "There is no water, there is no gas, there is no electricity, there is no television. You have nothing."

"We just want to enjoy small things, to have a light, to have water to wash with."

Stone-faced as always, he thinks back to the well-wishers at Friday's mass.

"When they said to me, 'I wish you luck,' I said, 'That luck I give to the people of Sarajevo.' They need the luck. They need the water. They need the food."

The next day, as he was flying to the Olympics, a single shell ended 68 lives.

## Furlan upsets Chang

SAN JOSE, Calif., Feb 7: Italian Renzo Furlan, his game becoming more daring as the match wore on, upset Michael Chang 3-6, 6-2, 7-5 Sunday night to win the San Jose Open, his first title on the tour, reports AP.

"I'm in the sky right now," said Furlan, the No 6 seed from Italy. "I can believe I won."

Furlan, ranked 69th in the world, knocked off the top seed after defeating the No 2 seed Richey Reneberg on Saturday. He earned \$15,000 for the victory over the world's ninth-ranked player.

"I was nervous at first, playing Michael Chang in a championship match and all," Furlan said. "Nothing was working. But I started feeling more comfortable in the second set and did a better job of coming to the net."

In the second set, he broke Chang three times. Furlan went up 2-0 in the final set before Chang broke in the third game.

Chang was at break point in the 11th game, but Furlan fought back to lead 6-5. In the deciding game, Furlan was up 30-0 and 40-30. Chang rallied to twice hold the advantage, but went no further. He committed an unforced error and then double-faulted Furlan won when Chang's return went wide.

"It was a good week but a frustrating day," said Chang, who earned \$12,410. "I found that I really need to work on my conditioning. I didn't expect to play back to back three-hour matches."

Chang defeated Furlan last year in their only previous meeting.

## PSV humble Ajax

EINDHOVEN, Netherlands, Feb 7: Ghanaian teenager Nii Lamptey scored twice as PSV Eindhoven humiliated Dutch League leaders Ajax Amsterdam 4-1 on Sunday, reports Reuters.

Striker Arthur Numan set the tone early on with a sweeping run from the halfway line. He outpaced a sluggish Ajax defence before volleying home from the edge of the box in the 11th minute.

Veteran Wim Kieft also scored as PSV rose above Vitesse Arnhem into third place on 30 points, six adrift of Ajax an one behind Feyenoord Rotterdam. Vitesse, beaten 3-1 at home by MVV Maastricht, began the day ahead of PSV on goal difference.

Zambian international Kalusha Bwalya made an identical run to Numan's in the 25th minute. His shot rebounded off the right post and 18-year-old Lamptey, who is on loan from Anderlecht of Belgium, scored his first goal.

## India-SL third Test begins in Ahmedabad today

# All eyes on Kapil, Azhar

AHMEDABAD, India, Feb 7: Indian all-rounder Kapil Dev's expected world bowling record looms large as the home team prepares to complete a 3-0 whitewash of Sri Lanka in the Test series, reports AP.

The 35-year-old seamer, who equalled Richard Hadlee's 431-wicket haul last week, is expected to cross the magic figure in the third and final Test starting at the Motera Stadium here Tuesday.

Kapil welcomes the setting for the momentous occasion — it was at the same ground that he achieved his career-best figures of 9-83 against the West Indies in 1983.

"Oh yes, I have been dreaming of that one wicket ever since I made it to 431," Kapil said Monday. "But frankly, the pressure is off now. I want to enjoy the occasion."

Match organisers have invited Kapil's wife, Romi, and his 76-year-old mother to witness the historic occasion.

Motera, on the outskirts of Ahmedabad, is a lucky venue for record seekers. It was here in 1987 that India's other cricketing great, Sunil Gavaskar, became the first batsman to score 10,000 Test runs when India played Pakistan.

Kapil, however, is not the only Indian with personal stakes in the match.

A victory for India here will put skipper Mohammad Azharuddin alongside Gavaskar and Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi as the most successful Indian captains with nine wins each.

History points towards another nightmare for the Sri Lankans, already battered and bruised by humiliating innings losses, defeats on Indian soil have all been by innings margins — and this Indian team on a high is determined to underline its superiority at home.

India appears invincible on home turf, having won eight matches on the trot and 10 of their last 11 since January 1988.

Expectedly, Azharuddin will not show any mercy towards the Sri Lankans, despite having the series in the bag.

"It is important to continue the winning streak because we have faced enough humiliation in the past," said the 30-year-old, whose job was at stake when India lost 4-0 in Australia in 1991-92 and 1-0 in South Africa later in the year.

"It seems like a turner," confessed Indian manager Ajit Wadekar and agreed it looked "worse" than the ones provided for the first two Tests in Lucknow and Bangalore, which ended in under four days.

That means the bewildered Sri Lankan batsmen will once again have their hands full in keeping at bay India's prolific leg-spinner Anil Kumble, who has taken 83 wickets in his first 15 Tests.

While India will retain the winning combination of three spinners, the Sri Lankans may one again be forced to include just one fast bowler in Pramodaya Wickremasinghe, as they did in Bangalore, to accommodate an additional spinner.

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## Div I basketball

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Josephites Club squeezed past Azad Boys Club 49-48 in the Partex First Division basketball league at the Outer Stadium wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 18-16.

Shehjad caged 14 and Asif 10 for Josephites while Zillur scored 16 and Akias 10 for Azad.

Angels Club trounced Dhumketu Club 87-46 in another game. The winners had a lead of 47-21 in the first period.

Dulal top scored with 30 points for the winners while Rehan with 12 and Siddique 11 were the other major contributors.

Titas and Nahad caged 17 and 13 respectively for the losers.

## Mariners TT

Sports Reporter

The sixth Dhaka Mariners table tennis tournament, sponsored by Druthi Paribahan, began yesterday at the Dhanmondi wooden floor gymnasium.

Two men's team matches were held on the opening day.

Inter Sports Limited trounced Victoria SC in 3-0 sets in the first match while Bangladesh Biman defeated Wari Club by the same margin in the other encounter.

State Minister for Textiles M A Mannan inaugurated the meet.

President of Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation Syed Yusuf Hossain, president of Dhaka Mariner Club A S M Ali Kabir, general secretary Asaduzzaman Kohinor and managing director of sponsor Druthi Paribahan Zohir Naim were present the occasion.