

Lankan fastest man

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Iliasuddin of Bangladesh clocked 14:47.29 minutes to finish 4th among seven competitors in the event.

In the men's 400 metre hurdles, Rahman Nayeem of Bangladesh finished 6th out of the seven competitors clocking 53/87 seconds.

Mahesh Perera of Sri Lanka won the gold with a timing of 51.21 seconds. Two Pakistani hurdlers — Muhammed Amin and Rafique Ahmed — respectively bagged the silver and bronze medals.

In the women's 1500 metre run, Rahima Khanam Juthi of Bangladesh was placed 4th with a timing of 4:51.73 minutes while her compatriot Monira Akhter finished 7th among the eight participants.

KC Rosakutty of India clinched the event's gold with a new SAF record



Chintaka de Souza — fastest woman

clocking 4:19.65 minutes. M A Moly, also of India, took the silver while D Keshani Samarakoon of Sri Lanka bagged the bronze.

Swimming

Bangladesh had another disappointment today as they missed an expected gold in swimming with SAARC and SAF Games record holder Karar Mizanur Rahman finishing second in his favourite 100 metre breast-stroke.

The gold of the event was won by Sebastian Xavier of India, the fastest swimmer of South Asia, with a time of 1:09.72 minutes at the Velachery Swimming Complex.

Karar Mizanur Rahman of Bangladesh took the silver clocking 1:09.98 while Harinder Singh, also of India, bagged the bronze with 1:09.98 minutes.

In the 100 metre freestyle, India's celebrated swimmer Sebastian Xavier won the day's second gold with a new SAF mark clocking 53.95 seconds.

Another Indian, Shibu Sebastian, bagged the silver while Mohammad Maroof of Pakistan took the bronze.

Two Bangladeshi swimmers Mahbubur Rahman and M Moniruzzaman were placed 6th and 7th among the eight competitors in the event.

In the 200 metre butterfly, K Suresh Kumar of India clinched the gold, also with a new SAF timing of 2:07.68 minutes while Ghefari Dulanpander of Sri Lanka won the silver and Salman K Masud of Pakistan bagged the bronze.

Two Bangladeshi swimmers M Moniruzzaman and Din Amin were placed 4th and 5th out of six competitors in the event.

In the 1500 metre freestyle, India's promising swimmer J Abhijith won the gold with a timing of 17:20 minutes while Manion Delano of Sri Lanka took the silver and Akhter Zeb of Pakistan the Bronze.

Mohammad Asaduzzaman of Bangladesh finished last

among the four participants with the timing of 18:59.58 minutes.

At the end of the second day today, India took all the eight golds in swimming.

Soccer

Bangladesh's performance was not upto the mark as they scored goalless draw with the Maldives in their first match of the SAF Games football today.

They need a draw with holders Nepal in the remaining match on Saturday to confirm their semi-final berth from Group B.

In the inaugural match on Tuesday, Nepal beat Maldives 1-0 to book a semi-final berth from the same group.

Bangladesh today faced strong resistance from Maldives.

Acc striker Mizan came close to score in the 33rd minute of the second half, but sent the ball wide despite having a vantage position.

In the 34th minute of the second half, a Mizan header off a Rakib cross sailed harmlessly over the crossbar.

Earlier, in the 27th minute of the same half, a Masud Rana shot from outside the box also went over the bar.

Jewel Rana of Bangladesh was shown yellow card.

Basketball

Bangladesh finished last in the 7th SAF Games Basketball out of four participants as they lost to Sri Lanka 68-83 points in the last match today.

Bangladesh, which earlier lost to both India and Pakistan, were trailing 31-37 during the first session.

Host India emerged champions to win the gold beating arch rivals Pakistan 85-66 at the same venue this afternoon. India was leading the first session 38-34.

Judo

Shahtul Islam earned the 4th bronze medal for Bangladesh in the SAF Games. Judo in open category today the last day of the competition.

Satish Kumar Yadav of India won the gold while Bir Bahadur of Nepal won the silver of the event.

In the 45 kgs, Ravi Bhushan Kadem of India won gold, Birendra Ranjit of Nepal bagged the silver and S Deshapriya of Sri Lanka took the bronze.

In the 50 kgs, Harjinder Singh of India won the gold, G Bandana of Sri Lanka took the silver and Rupak Lama of Nepal the bronze.

Shooting

Atiqur Rahman, the gold medalist Bangladeshi shooter of Commonwealth and SAF Games, finished fifth in his favourite men's free pistol (60 shots) event.

Atiq scored 625.9 points. Indian shooter Jaspal Rana won the gold medal scoring 635.8 points while his compatriot Ashok Pandit took the silver and Pakistani Rustam Khan bagged the bronze of the event.

In the women's 10M air rifles, Fawzia Karim of Bangladesh was placed 5th among the eight participants scoring 482.4 points.

PI Ramanayake of Sri Lanka clinched the gold scoring 493.2 points, her compatriot KDM Wickramasinghe took the silver and Deepali Sinha of India bagged the bronze.

Kabaddi

Bangladesh brightened their chance of winning the silver in the SAF Games kabaddi beating holders Pakistan 16-14 in a keenly contested match.

Bangladesh was trailing the first session 1-4.

But to confirm the silver medal, Bangladesh will have to beat Nepal tomorrow.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia giving away prizes to the winners of National Television School Debate Competition-1993 and 1994 at the TV Bhaban in the city yesterday. — PID photo

Debate contest sharpens merit of students: PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday advised the students to devote themselves to the pursuit of knowledge to take up the country's future leadership, reports UNB.

There is no alternative to acquiring knowledge to take up that leadership. Debate competitions can play a supportive role. Logic can replace emotion," she said.

Begum Zia was distributing the Prime Minister's Gold Cup and medals among the winners of the Television Jatiya School Debate Competition of 1993 and 1994 at BTV auditorium here in the afternoon. The function was telecast live.

She told the junior debaters that many people who had participated in the debate competition in their schools and colleges achieved world acclaim in different fields. Many of them carried out state responsibilities.

Government Laboratory High School emerged as champions for the year 1993 while BAF Shahin School of Chittagong for the year 1994. Both the schools got the Prime Minister's Gold Cup.

Newspaper men threaten strike Dec 27

Three federations representing the journalists, press workers and the general employees of newspaper industry and the Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) yesterday demanded formation of a full wage board and announcement of 50 per cent dearness allowance by December 26, reports BSS.

A press release of the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) said that if the demands were not met by the deadline, a full work abstention will be observed on December 27 in all newspapers and news agencies and a rally will be held at 11 am at the Jatiya Press Club on the day.

The programme was announced at a rally held at the Jatiya Press Club. Later a procession marched towards the Prime Minister's secretariat. The procession was intercepted by police at Bangla Motor Point. The processionists then staged a sit-down protest there till leaders of the three federations and DUJ returned from the Prime Minister's secretariat after submitting a memorandum to the Prime Minister demanding formation of a full wage board and announcement of dearness allowance, the press release said.

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Queen's letter to Charles, Di

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John Major was also believed to favour a divorce, 14 years after the world believed it was watching the fairytale wedding of the century.

The queen has sent Charles and Diana each a letter explaining her view and expressing 'anger and frustration' over their publicly aired disagreements, the newspaper said.

According to the Sun, there is concern at the palace over damage to the monarchy and to the welfare of Princes William and Harry as a result of their parents' public disagreements.

While Charles, 47, was said to agree with his mother, Diana's reaction was harder to gauge. 'She was devastated that such private arrangements have been made public,' a friend of the Princess was quoted as saying in Thursday's Daily Mail.

The friend told the Mail's royal reporter, who is known to be a close past confidant of Diana, that the Princess feared for the effect of the news on her two sons.

Heralding its 'royal scoop

Planning Commission okays 70 pc ADP project

A special meeting of the Planning Commission yesterday reviewed the progress in approving the projects under the Annual Development Programme of 1995-96, reports UNB.

Chaired by State Minister for Planning Dr Abdul Moayeen Khan, the meeting discussed the importance of for-

Macroeconomic gains being eroded: FBCCI chief

FBCCI President Salman F Rahman yesterday cautioned that the macroeconomic gains achieved during last few years were rapidly eroding because of the persisting political crisis in the country, reports UNB.

He said reserves of foreign exchange were declining, inflation was rising, exports slowing down, current expenditure was on the rise and revenue growth would also be slower.

"Undoubtedly business is being hurt in every sector throughout Bangladesh," Rahman said at the annual general meeting of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry at its auditorium.

Taking part in discussion, members of FBCCI applauded the activities of the chamber over the last year towards securing an enabling environment for business and different issues relating to trade and commerce.

Some of the projects were not approved because the project proforma and other related papers were not reached to the Commission from the concerned ministries and divisions.

The meeting requested the concerned ministries and divisions to send their development project proforma to the Planning Commission by January 15, 1996.

Local level draft plan documents of the Perspective Plan for 1995-2005 of 10 districts were approved in the meeting. The districts are Madaripur, Shariatpur, Chandpur, Kishoreganj, Khulna, Lakshimpur, Sylhet, Pabna, Habiganj and Manikganj.

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3. Use of government media by any minister in the electioneering after announcement of the schedule or use of government officers or employees or transports by the minister.

4. Overlapping of the posters, leaflets and handbills of the opponents.

5. Erecting election camp in a public place or places of normal movement of the people or supply of food and drinks to the voters.

6. US of government's dakbanglow, rest house, circuit house and any government office by any political party as its nominee's electioneering place.

7. Use of foreign paper or paper other than specified 12x10 inches of black and white posters.

8. Use of more than three mikes in a particular constituency or use of mike in any other time except from 2 pm to 8 pm.

9. Damage of land or personal property of any person, or damage of any movable or immovable property or breach of peace by disorderly activities.

10. Wall-writing for the purpose of electioneering.

11. Use of motor cycles of any other transports within the boundary of the polling centre, carrying of firearms or illegal interference by any powerful quarter in the electioneering.

12. Procession of bus, truck or of any other transport or torch procession in favour of any candidate, and

13. Use of arms, money and musclepower and local power to tarnish or influence the elections.

The Election Commission hoped that the quarters concerned would refrain from committing these irregularities and abide by the set guidelines. It has also asked the people to lodge complaints before the electoral enquiry committees in case of violation of these rules.

COMDECA ends today

The closing ceremony of the second Asia-Pacific Community Development Camp (COMDECA) organised by Bangladesh Scouts will be held at Taltali under Amtali thana in Barguna district today, says a press release.

About 2,500 Scouts, Rovers and Scout leaders from the Asia-Pacific Region participated in the camp. Australia, USA, Indonesia, Japan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Korea and Thailand attended the COMDECA.

President and Chief Scout Abdur Rahman Biswas is expected to attend the closing ceremony as the chief guest.

5 killed in Sherpur truck collision

From Our Correspondent
SHERPUR, Dec 21: Five persons including three of a family were killed and six others injured in a road accident on Sherpur-Nakhla road this morning.

The mishap took place at around 6:30 am when a fertilizer-loaded truck with some passengers on board from Dhaka collided with a truck coming from opposite direction near Shuryadi-Tetultala. Five people died on the spot, said Sherpur thana police.

Of the dead, four were identified as Hujura Begum, 32, of Jagledi village in Sadar thana, her daughter Rozina, 8, and son Rupjal, 10, and Ansar Ali, 40, of the same village.

The injured were admitted to Sherpur Sadar Hospital in critical conditions. Later, three of them — Maznu Mia, 20, Gopal Mia, 50, and Amir Hussain, 22 — were shifted to the Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

Car bomb blast kills 32 in Peshawar

PESHAWAR, Dec 21: At least 32 people were killed and 60 injured when a car bomb blast ripped through a busy market in this gateway city to neighbouring Afghanistan Thursday, officials and witnesses said, reports AFP.

As rescuers searched the debris after the explosion blew up a dozen vehicles and set many shops ablaze, police said the number of casualties could rise.

The victims included four children and a woman, burned alive in a car, witnesses said.

Three policemen were also killed, along with the daughter of provincial transport minister, Attaullah Khan, and another girl, said to be a close relative of provincial governor, Khurshid Ali Khan, officials said.

83 firearms

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rounds of ammunition were recovered by the district police.

Reports received from Jhalakati said that in Rajapur thana two pipe-guns and five rounds of bullet were recovered.

According to news agency reports, 21 people were arrested in Boalia and Rajpara thanas under Rajshahi city during the drive yesterday. No recovery of firearms, however, was reported.

The Midnight File

Pakistan seeks int'l help to stop Indian N-test

ISLAMABAD, Dec 21: Pakistan today called on international powers to stop India from carrying out a reported plan to conduct a nuclear test. Islamabad hopes that those who have been endeavouring to promote non-proliferation will "do everything" to prevent India from "resuming nuclear testing," a Foreign Office spokesman said, reports AFP.

DUTA elections

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the election as it was going to throw its weight on the pro-liberation panel, Blue.

The election is scheduled for December 30 while the last date for submission of nomination papers passed yesterday.

The Blue panel has nominated the DUTA's incumbent President ATM Zahurul Haque for the same for second term while its former general secretary Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique got nomination of the panel for his previous post.

The White group has nominated Prof Zinnatunnessa Tahmidia Begum for the post of president and Prof Syed Rashidul Hasan for general secretary.

The other candidates of

Fog disrupts ferry service

MANIKGANJ (Aricha), Dec 21: Ferry services at Aricha, Nagarbari and Daulatdia ghats remained suspended for six and a half hours since late last night due to thick fog, reports UNB.

However, the ferry service, resumed at 9:30 in the morning after the disappearance of fog that had cut off the capital's road communication with some 36 districts.

Two ferries - Nagarbari bound Khan Jahan Ali and Aricha bound Shah Makhdom - had to anchor in the mid-Jamuna near Latifpur of Pabna district.

Malaysia

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But recently the Malaysian authorities cancelled all licenses of the private recruiting agencies in that country and signed a "Government to Government" manpower recruitment contract with Bangladesh.

Bus fire

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However, police could not find him either at Syedabad or at Chatkhal after the incident of the bomb attack.

Earlier, DB police arrested six persons in connection with the incident and interrogated them for at least a week. They were later sent to jail.

Train collision

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Egypt struck the rear of another passenger train in Badrshain about 20 kilometers (15 miles) from the capital, said police at the scene, speaking on condition of anonymity.

At least three cars of the Cairo-Aswan express were hurtled atop the other train, and other cars derailed. Bodies of victims could be seen inside some passenger cars more than four hours after the 8:30 am (0630 GMT) crash.

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Further, it is informed that the allotment letters and Refund Warrant, as the case may be, will be available from the same premises of Sofsys Engineering Limited.

The bank wise Allotment/Refund Warrant distribution date is as follows:

Bank	Date of disbursement
IFIC Bank Ltd	27-12-95
ICB/Agrani Bank/UCBL	28-12-95
NCCBL/AB Bank Ltd	29-12-95

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In observance of Tourism Month an attractive "Dress as you like" competition will be arranged at Abahani Playground Dhanmondi on 29-12-95 at 10.00 a.m.

Winners will be awarded attractive 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. Interested participants are requested to contact the undermentioned officers during office hour on or before 24-12-95 for registration and further information.

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