



*...and now for
a cricket
stadium.*

By Mahfuz Anam

Hearty congratulation for this grand victory.

It was moment during which Bangladesh did not breath. As the Kenyan bowler ran up to deliver his last ball, a nation glued to the radio for the previous several hours held its tension-choked breath for that moment of truth that changes the destiny of a nation forever.

When that critical one run came, a cry of pure joy that our people have not uttered for a long time, reverberated from every corner of our victory starved nation. Like the bursting of a dam people poured out into the streets singing, dancing

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Greetings

The Daily Star wishes its readers, patrons and advertisers a happy Bangla New year.

HOLIDAY

The offices of The Daily Star will remain closed today (Monday) on the occasion of Pahela Baishakh. Therefore, there will be no issue of the newspaper tomorrow (Tuesday).

*We congratulate our
BANGLADESH NATIONAL CRICKET TEAM
for bringing home the
Triumphant Victory
of
ICC Trophy*



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Bangladeshi cricket captain Akram Khan (R) receives the ICC Trophy from the Malaysian King Tunku Ja'afar (L) after winning the final of the ICC Trophy between Bangladesh and Kenya Yesterday in Kuala Lumpur. Bangladesh batting was delayed due to the soggy ground conditions and the target was 166 runs in 25 overs. — AFP photo

Supplement

A 4-page special supplement on 'ICC Trophy' on pages 13-16.

Jubilations all over

By Shehab Ahmed

Three young girls riding a rickshaw waved the National Flag, their faces beaming in ecstasy, celebrating the "Bengal Tigers" proud entry into the select few in World Cup Cricket.

It was about 6 pm, the celebrations had become more than

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an hour old. But at the Elephant Road and New Elephant Road intersection, when their rickshaw slowed down in a massive traffic jam, the crowds cheered them.

It was a pleasant departure from the unruly behaviour on Wednesday when the Tigers confirmed their berth in the World Cup. The girls would not have dared to be out on that day.

But yesterday's outbursts of joy had no bounds. Barring some stray incidents, in which some cheering youngsters

sprinkled buckets of coloured water on passers-by, particularly at their stronghold, the Dhaka University, the celebrations were reminiscent of the jubilations after the fall of Gen-

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More gifts for
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The city burst into jubilation after Bangladesh's victory against Kenya in the ICC Trophy final yesterday. — Star photo

*Flash Gordon, how
delectably
different*

Syed Ashfaqul Haque

Performances of the Bangladeshi cricket team in Nairobi and Kuala Lumpur marked the difference between the two coaches — Gordon Greenidge and Mohinder Amarnath.

While Greenidge, the man in the middle now won the hearts of the millions like a master charmer, fresh flow of pent-up wrath reach out for his predecessor Mohinder Amarnath.

Cricketers showed their guts and commitment to stamp their supremacy in the nerve-wrecking final of the sixth ICC Trophy yesterday, proving it was the enigmatic Indian rather than whom he toyed with as trainees was chiefly at

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**Pahela
Baishakh
today**

By Staff Correspondent

Today is Pahela Baishakh, the first day of Bangla new year, 1404.

The day, a public holiday, will be celebrated with traditional festivities across the country.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed in message on the occasion wished peace, happiness and wellbeing of the people and urged them to work unitedly to build a prosperous nation. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia in separate messages also extended their greetings to the people and wished peace and prosperity of the nation.

Jatiya Party chief HM Ershad also gave a message on the occasion.

Different socio-cultural organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes to celebrate the day.

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