



...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 previ-
ous several hours held its ten-
sion-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 burst-
ing of a dam people poured out
into the streets singing, dancing
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Greetings

The Daily Star wishes its
readers, patrons and ad-
vertisers 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 (Tues-
day)

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



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In Big League with a bang



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 sup-
plement 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 ec-
stasy, celebrating the "Bengal
Tigers" proud entry into the se-
lect few in World Cup Cricket.

It was about 6 pm, the cele-
brations had become more than

an hour old. But at the Elephant
Road and New Elephant Road
intersection, when their rick-
shaw 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.

More gifts for cricketers

By Staff Correspondent
The education ministry and
some companies have announ-
ced gifts in honour of the
members of Bangladesh cricket
team.

The education ministry yester-
day announced stipends for
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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, particu-
larly at their stronghold, the
Dhaka University, the celebra-
tions were reminiscent of the
jubilations after the fall of Gen-
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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 Bangla-
deshi 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 pre-
decessor Mohinder Amarnath.

Cricketers showed their guts
and commitment to stamp their
supremacy in the nerve-
wracking 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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By Al-Amin

Bangladesh snatched a
nerve-wrecking last ball victory
against Kenya to emerge
unbeaten champions in the In-
ternational Cricket Council
(ICC) Trophy at the Kilat Kelab
ground in the Malaysian capital
of Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Congratulations 'Golden boys have earned pride for the nation'

President Justice Sha-
habuddin Ahmed, Prime Minis-
ter Sheikh Hasina and BNP
Chairperson and Leader of the
Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia
yesterday congratulated the
Bangladesh cricketers on their
becoming unbeaten champions
of the ICC Trophy, report agen-
cies.
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reached the summit by the skin
of the teeth.

Played over two days due to
rain intervention with Kenya
managing to amass a fairly
sizeable total of 241 on Satur-
day, the match had to be cut-
tailed further yesterday due to

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more rain and Bangladesh were
left with a target that was lot
more difficult than the original
one of a victory chase at less
than five runs per over under
normal playing conditions.

Evidently, situational ad-
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Grand reception at Manik Mia Avenue today

By Staff Correspondent

A grand civic reception
awaits the trophied Bangladesh
cricket team when it returns
home this morning.

Prime Minister Sheikh
Hasina will attend the recep-
tion to be arranged at the
Manik Mia Avenue in the city
at 10 am.

Earlier she will have break-
fast with the Bangladesh
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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 tradi-
tional festivities across the
country.

President Shahabuddin Ah-
med in a message on the oc-
casion 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 in
the Jatiya Sangsad Begum
Khaleda Zia in separate mes-
sages also extended their greet-
ings to the people and wished
peace and prosperity of the na-
tion.

Jatiya Party chief HM Er-
shad also gave a message on the
occasion.

Different socio-cultural or-
ganisations have chalked out
elaborate programmes to cele-
brate the day.

Bangladesh Betar and BTB
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