


# Column One

## SPORTS TALK



**Romario**  
(Brazil's Star footballer)  
I am 31 now. I won't make the same mistakes. Now that I am back, I won't leave until the World Cup.

After being included in the national squad from his long lay-off since 1994.

# Abahani blank Ansars

**Sports Reporter**

Title-aspirants Abahani Krira Chakra began their Green Delta First Division hockey league campaign in style, thrashing Dhaka Ansars by six goals to nil in their match opener at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday afternoon.

Midfielder Mahboob Haroon and defender Shipu scored two goals each while substitutes Khokon and Lulu added one apiece to the winners' account.

On the second day of the league involving 16 teams, Abahani, the winners of the Karnaphuli Garder City Club Cup last month, enjoyed a first half lead of 2-0.

In a one-sided affair, Abahani, who trounced the same opponents 12-0 in the Club Cup, went into the field with quite a relaxed mood and as a result the Dhanmondi lads failed to cash in on the inexperience of the Ansar outfit.

Abahani, however, broke the evening's duck in the 14th minute when Shipu, after his power-packed penalty corner hit was rebounded off to an un-

marked danger zone, blasted home past the helpless Ansar custodian Rouf.

After 15 minutes, Shipu doubled the margin capitalising another penalty corner. Abahani, after the breather, returned to the field as motivated and attacking side and were duly paid off as the Dhanmondi supporters saw four goals scored in the second half. Haroon, who led Bangladesh in the World Cup qualifiers last year, switched on scoring spree converting two penalty corners in only two minutes.

The tall midfielder, scored his first goal in the 40th minute and then sounded the board again in the 42nd minute to make it 4-0.

After nine minutes, Khokon put the fate of the match beyond doubt quite a bizarre fashion when he tried to pass on to Haroon in a bid to enable him clinch a hat-trick, but his firm hit deflected home after hitting the stick of an Ansar defender.

Lulu drove the last nail on Ansars' coffin with a powerful hit from a goalmouth melee in the 63rd minute.

In their next match, the winners will take on Victoria Sporting Club on May 4.



Action from yesterday's Green Delta Insurance First Division match between Abahani Krira Chakra and Bangladesh Ansars at the Hockey Stadium. —Star photo

## Sports

### WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

#### Sports WHIZZ KID competition-68

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes 8 pm, May 2, '97

- Who won this year's British Open squash title?  
Jansher Nicol Eyles
- Who won the Lipton Championship tennis title?  
Hingis Seles Novotna
- Who lifted the international water polo trophy?  
Army Sri Lanka Navy
- Who clinched the national women's chess crown?  
Nipa Rani Eva
- Which team won the Top Five volleyball title?  
BDR Army Air Force

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# Waldner fights lone battle

**MANCHESTER, England, Apr 29:** Jan-Ove Waldner out-hit world champion Kong Linghui in a match of dazzling rallies but it was still not enough to save Sweden from a quarterfinal defeat against title-holders China in the World Table Tennis Championships on Monday, reports Reuters.

China's 3-1 victory earned them a semifinal date against South Korea, who scrambled a 3-2 win over Japan.

The other semifinal will be between Germany, 3-1 winners against Greece, and France who edged Belgium 3-2.

It was a rare meeting for China and Sweden at such an early stage in the championships after having contested the last seven finals.

But after Sweden managed only second place behind Belgium in their group they were forced in to a play-off for the quarterfinal berth, which they duly gained by beating England 3-1 in the morning session.

China were given a winning start when Olympic gold medalist Liu Guoliang secured a straight games victory over Swedish No. 3 Peter Karlsson, although he was taken to deuce in the second.

This brought the world's two top ranking players face to face across the table.

Waldner, a member of the Swedish team which won the title three times in succession through 1989 to 1993 showed he likes nothing better than a challenge, taking the battle to Kong from the start with his fierce topspin. Waldner won 21-15, 27-25.

Kong raised the tempo in the second game and the world No. 1 and world No. 2 matched each other stroke for stroke, attacking and counter hitting with stunning speed. Kong had five game points only to be denied by the 31 year old Swede, Waldner himself failed to convert two match points before he was given a third chance with a lucky netcord.

But it was to be Sweden's only success as Jorgen Persson was dismissed by Wang Tao.

It was the first time the Swedish men have missed out on a team medal since 1981.

South Korea and Japan were involved in a real cliffhanger lasting just under three and a half hours with Yoo Nam Kyu emerging as Korea's hero by winning both his matches, including the decider.

South Korea won the opening two matches. But Japan fought back to level the contest.

But Yoo proved equal to the task, hitting through Hiroshi Shibutani's slice defence to earn his team a semifinal appointment with the Chinese.

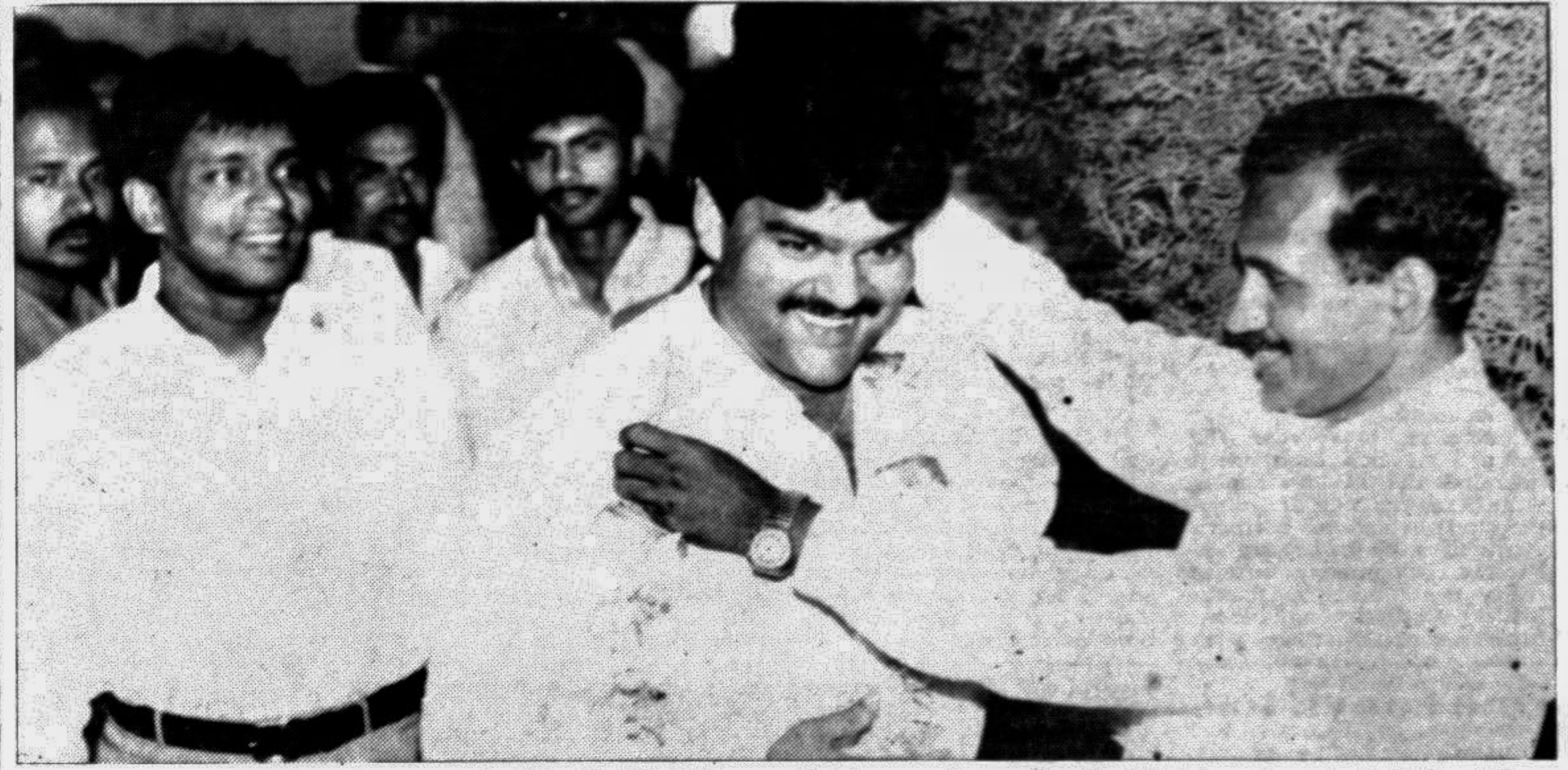
Germany were too strong for Greece although Stefan Fetzner lost the opening match against Kalinikos Kreanga.

The France-Belgium match was another tightly fought affair with Belgian Philippe Saive missing out when leading 20-19 in the decider as Patrick Chiles snatched glory for France by winning 10-21, 21-19, 22-20.

China's women's team showed their continued dominance when they reached the final for the 14th consecutive time with a 3-0 victory over European champions Germany.

The all-conquering Chinese, 10 times champions since 1975, will dispute the crown with North Korea, who blanked 1995 runners-up South Korea 3-0 in a surprisingly low-key encounter.

**Chinese Deng Yaping is about to serve against Jie Schoepf of Germany during their engagement at the World Table Tennis Championships in Manchester, England on April 28. Deng won 21-14.** —AFP/UNB photo



Skipper Akram Khan is being received by Sheikh Mohammed Aslam on the national cricket team's arrival at the club premises of Abahani Krira Chakra yesterday. The popular Dhanmondi club accorded a reception to the victorious Bangladesh cricket team. —Star photo

# Asian Club soccer MSC-Pohang tie Aug 9

**Sports Reporter**

Premier Division football league champions Mohammedan Sporting Club will face Pohang Club of North Korea in their two-tier (home and away) first round match of the 17th Asian Club Championship, Asian Football Confederation (AFC) announced the fixture yesterday.

Mohammedans will meet Pohang Club in their away match in North Korea on August 9. The local giants will then play their home match against the same opponents in Dhaka on August 16.

The winners of the first round will meet either Nepal or Maldives in the second round scheduled for November 4 and 15.

Besides, the AFC also declared the fixture of the forthcoming 8th Asian Cup Winners' Cup which involves league runners-up Abahani.

In their two-tier first round engagement, the Dhanmondi boys will take on Old Beneditines Club of Sri Lanka in Colombo on August 23 and in Dhaka on August 30.

The winners of this round will face either China or Maldives in the next round.

# Ealham sixer sinks Surrey

**LONDON, Apr 29:** A last-ball six by Kent's Mark Ealham condemned Surrey to a four-wicket defeat in a low-scoring West Midlands derby at New Road.

Medium-pace Brown sent five frontline Worcestershire batsmen packing for 31, and the hosts lurched to a disastrous 56 for nine, batting first.

There was no way back from there, despite the best efforts of Stuart Lampitt and Phil Newport.

The last pair put on 40 for the last wicket, before Lampitt was caught by Allan Donald, off slow left-arm Ashley Giles, and the innings closed on 96 all out, after 37.1 overs.

Then the Worcestershire seamers returned to their day job, taking two wickets each to reduce their opponents to 36 for four, before Dominic Ostler (37 not out) and Trevor Penney (33 not out) steadied the ship to see Warwickshire home.

Sussex gave chief executive Tony Pigott a perfect start in his new job by beating neighbours Hampshire by 49 runs at home.

Hampshire captain John Stephenson followed two for 34 with the ball by making 65 with the bat. But his efforts came to nothing, as his team reached only 183 all out in 47.3 overs, in reply to Sussex's 232 for seven.

Sussex had earlier batted down the order for their runs, with Yorkshire old boys Bill Athley (66) and Paul Jarvis (42 not out) providing the backbone of their innings.

All-rounder Ronie Irani was the star of the show as Essex recorded a five-wicket win over Glamorgan at Chelmsford.

Irani was one of three Essex bowlers to take three wickets, as Glamorgan's innings fell away following early contributions from Hugh Morris (67) and Matthew Maynard (44).

But it was Irani's 82 not out that proved most crucial in steering Essex past the visitors' 210 all out, with more than six overs to spare.

County champions Leicestershire showed little mercy on Scotland at Grace Road, where four home batsmen made half-centuries in a 50-overs Cup record 371 for six.

In-form opener Darren Maddy (97) led the runs feast, with Iain Sutcliffe, Captain James Whitaker and Aftab Habib were the others to pass 50.

Scotland could reach only 193 for six in their full 50 overs, losing by 178 runs.

Gloucestershire also rattled up a formidable total at Bristol, where the British Universities were overwhelmed at having to chase 281 for six.

# 2 local cricket coaches awarded

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) will give Taka one lakh to each of the two local coaches of Bangladesh cricket team — Osman Khan and Jalal Ahmed Chowdhury for their contribution towards the team's victory in the ICC Trophy, reports BSS.

According to a press release, the BGMEA president Golam Mostafa Qudus announced the cash reward for the coaches when they made a courtesy call on him at the association's office yesterday.

Qudus, who is also chairman of Rupali Insurance Company, announced another cash reward of Taka 50 thousand for each of them on behalf of the company.

# Mayor Gold Cup volleyball

**RAJSHAHI, Apr 29:** Mayor Gold Cup volleyball tournament-97 organised by the Rajshahi City Corporation began at Rajshahi Collegiate High School ground here today, reports BSS.

Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu formally opened the tournament at a colourful ceremony attended by district level officials and a large number of volleyball fans.

The tournament, first of its kind in the district, is being participated by five teams from Bangladesh Army, Bangladesh Rifles, Khulna, Rangpur and Bright Star Club of Rajshahi.

The final match of the tournament will be held on May 5.

# Irina's Athens trip in doubt

**MOSCOW, Apr 29:** Russian sprinter Irina Privalova is likely to miss the World Championships in Athens in August because she is not expected to recover her form following surgery on a torn thigh muscle, reports AFP.

Vadim Zelichenok, chief coach of the Russian track-and-field team, told today he would not hurry to count Privalova out but admitted: "The chances of her appearing at the World Championships in Athens are very small."

Privalova, 28, underwent surgery on her right leg at Moscow's main military hospital on April 18.

She pulled a muscle in a 60 metres final heat at the World Indoor Championships in Paris last month.

Initially doctors advised non-surgical treatment, but later a medical panel decided the injury was more serious and needed surgery.

The doctors said Privalova's recovery was going faster than expected.

"We want to discharge Irina this week, although the cast will be removed only at the end of May," the panel said in a statement.

# Rain plays foul at Duluth

**DULUTH, Georgia, Apr 29:** Intermittent showers throughout the day and evening forced suspension of play at the 328,000 dollars AT and T Challenge tennis tournament, one of just three clay court events played in the United States, reports AP.

In the one main draw first-round match scheduled for Monday, wild-card entrant Alejandro Hernandez of Mexico led fifth-seeded Petr Korda of the Czech Republic 5-4 before yet another shower ended play just 24 minutes into the match.

Hernandez, a 19-year-old Davis Cupper from Tijuana, started well against the experienced Korda, currently ranked 28th in the world. Hernandez broke Korda's serve twice to establish a 5-2 lead.

Serving for the set at 5-2, however, Hernandez displayed nervousness. With a double fault and a couple of backhand errors, Hernandez lost his serve for 5-3. Korda easily held the next game on his serve to cut the lead to 5-4 before the rain returned to end the action.

Weather permitting, completion of the Korda-Hernandez and first-round matches for the other seven seeded players will be played Tuesday.

Defending champion and top-seeded Michael Chang will open against Fernando Meligeni of Brazil. Jonas Bjorkman, the second seed from Sweden, will play Sargis Sargsian of Armenia and third-seeded American Jim Courier will face qualifier and fellow American Steve Campbell.

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## Tender Notice

No: 24/96-97 Dated: 22/4/97


Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from Public Health Engineering Directorate's 1996-97 renewed/registered 'A' & 'D' category contractors/firms for sinking of specially allotted 38mm dia shallow tubewell (7 groups) under countrywide Rural Water Supply (GOB-4) Project during 1996-97 financial year. Papers of the said tender and other terms & conditions will be sold at the prescribed price (non-refundable) from the office of the Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Kushtia Division, Kushtia and office of the undersigned during office hours up to 7.5.97/24.1.1404BS. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Kushtia, Magura and office of the undersigned.

The tenders received will be opened at the office of the undersigned after collecting from the office of the Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Kushtia/Magura at 11:00 AM of 11.5.97/28.1.1404BS before the contractors/representatives of firms (if any) present. No tender will be sold on the date of receiving tender.

Detailed information may be known or seen at the abovementioned offices during office hours up to 7.5.97.

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### No 39/96-97

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by Biman Bangladesh Airlines on two envelope system (Technical & Price Offer) from interested manufacturers/distributors for the supply of any or all the items mentioned below as per details/specifications mentioned in the schedule:

01. a) MICRO-COMPUTER SERVER -01 Unit.  
b) MICRO-COMPUTER -02 Unit.  
c) PRINTER -03 Unit.
02. a) ADJUSTABLE MICRO PIPETTE -05 Unit.  
b) MICRO PIPETTE STAND FOR 5 PIPETTE -01 Unit.  
c) LAB ROTATOR (WITH TIMER & SPEED CONTROL) -01 Unit.
03. FAX MACHINE (MODEL-TSP 68) -01 Unit.

Tender schedule mentioning full details/specifications of items, terms and conditions will be available from the Accounts Officer, Cash Payment Unit of Finance Directorate, Biman Admin Building, ZIA, Dhaka on payment of Tk 100/= (Taka one hundred) only per set (non-refundable) by applying own letter head pad during any working day up to 10-05-97.

Sealed tenders should be dropped in the tender box kept in Local Purchase Section, Stores & Purchase Directorate, Admin Building, ZIA, Dhaka and Biman Press Building, Farmgate, Tejgaon, Dhaka latest by 1030 hours (BST) on 11-05-97 and will be opened on the same day at 1130 hours at the premises of Stores & Purchase Directorate, Admin Building, ZIA, Dhaka in presence of the tenderers (if any).

Biman Management reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity of the items and can accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

- 1 Familiar quintet
- 6 One who eats and/or runs?
- 12 Bus destination, maybe
- 13 Impose a fine
- 14 Profited
- 15 Esteem
- 16 Cruising
- 17 Pealed
- 19 Partner of wds.
- 20 Leak slowly
- 22 Dada
- 23 Advertise
- 32 Phrase that may follow
- 1 Across
- 35 North American peninsula
- 36 Poi source
- 37 Paddock
- 38 Ref
- 40 Offensively
- 42 Solidify
- 44 A deadly sin
- 46 "Oops!"
- 50 Regal adornments
- 52 Pal of Jerry, George and Kramer
- 54 Overly decorated
- 55 Ship's kitchen
- 56 Less arid shade
- 57 Irish playwright
- 20 Leak slowly
- 1 Boule's planet
- 21 "Foucault's pendulum"
- 2 Diminutive author
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**Solution time: 24 mins.**

**CRYPTOQUIP**

IFK IMJ RFX LXGOMRQO-ZOMT MSIMKJ OQQORMASK? AXZMBJX FX FMG JBFZ SORRSX LMRXTRJ

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IN GENERAL, THIS DOG WAS SUCH A BAD DANCER BECAUSE HE HAD TWO LEFT FEET.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: 5 equals L

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.