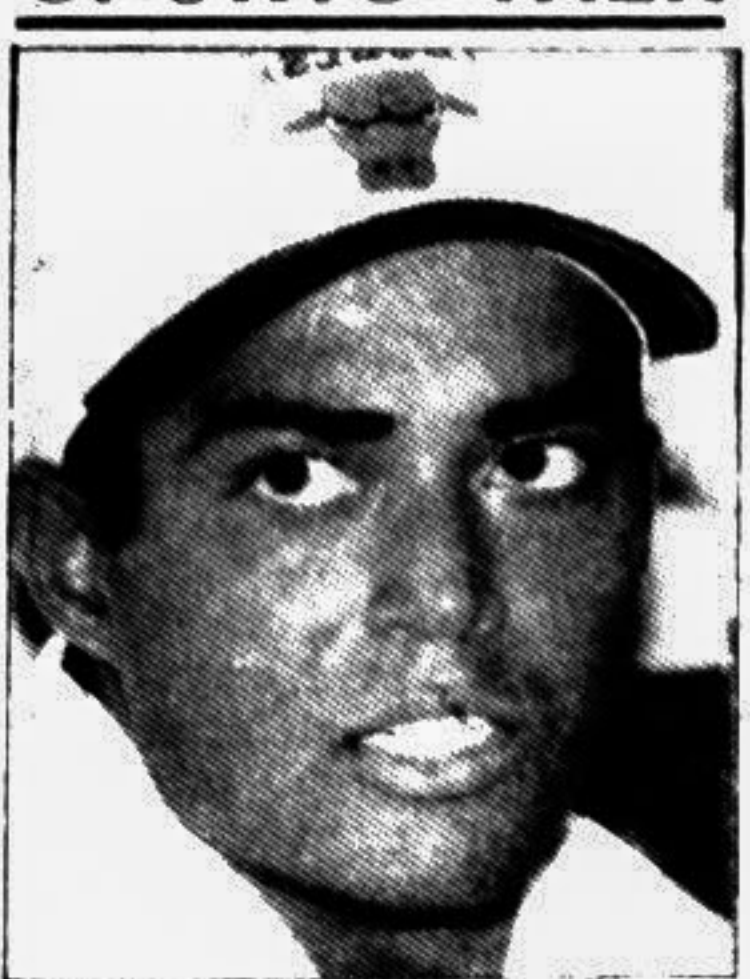


Column One SPORTS TALK



Leander Paes
(India's No 1 tennis player)
"Right now I do feel that I am playing the best tennis of my career. I have really worked hard in the last two years to develop my game. My rankings are at their best. As long as I keep working hard and keep doing the right things my rankings will keep moving up."
After the US Open when his ATP rankings broke into the top 100 at 98.

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Competition-81

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Competition closes at 8 pm, Oct 31, '97

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2	Who was the man-of-the-match in the Pakistan-South Africa first Test at Rawalpindi?	Nagvi	Saqian	Azhar
3	Who won the Heineken Open?	Courier	Gustafsson	Kiefer
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5	What was Bangladesh's position in the KL Sixes cricket tourney?	First	Second	Third

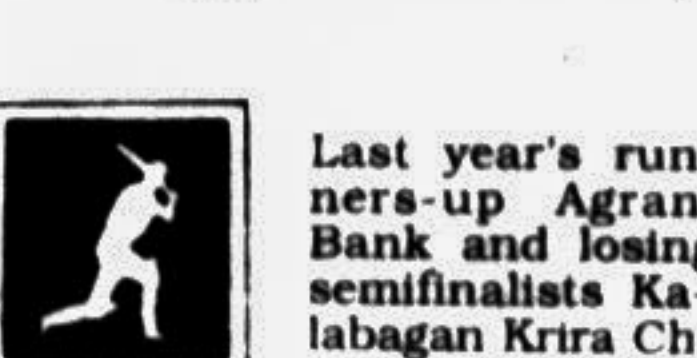
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Brenda, Lisa reach semis

QUEBEC CITY, Oct 25: Top seeds Brenda Schultz-McCarthy of the Netherlands and Lisa Raymond of the United States on Friday reached the semifinals of the 164,250 dollars Bell Challenge, reports Reuter.
Schultz-McCarthy, seeded first, defeated American Corina Morariu 1-6, 6-2, 6-1 and second seeded Raymond beat Magdalena Gazybowska of Poland 6-2, 7-6.
In the other two quarter finals, fourth-seeded Dominique van Roost of Belgium had little trouble beating American Jolene Watanabe 6-1, 6-2, and fifth-seeded American Chanda Rubin eliminated Maria Angelica Vento of Venezuela 6-4, 6-1.
"The Centre Court here is a lot faster than the practice courts where we warm up," the 16-ranked Schultz-McCarthy said about her slow start against the 83-ranked Morariu. "I was a little late with my timing at the beginning, and she played really well, so I was down 0-3 before I knew it."
The 15-ranked Raymond dominated the 44-ranked Gazybowska in the first set and led 5-2. "I think she started to like my pace more and more so I had to mix things up," said Raymond, who has beaten world number one Martina Hingis and number two Jana Novotna in the last two weeks.

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Agrani, Kalabagan go up



Last year's runners-up Agrani Bank and losing semifinalists Kalabagan Krira Chakra moved into the six-team second phase of the 18th Damal Smriti cricket tournament eliminating their respective opponents at different city venues yesterday.
At the Dhaka Stadium, Agrani Bank squeezed past Wari Club by 11 runs to complete their Group B campaign with three wins from as many matches. Title aspirants Kalabagan meanwhile thumped down a nine-wicket defeat on a lowly-rated Azad at the Dhanomdi Cricket Stadium to emerge Group D champions with an impressive all-win record.
Both the winners will now have to wait for the outcome of today's match between Bangladesh Biman and Lalmita to know the other opponent of their group in the second phase.
However, Shaheen Malik and Mushfiqur Rahman put on 92 runs for the fourth wicket to guide Agrani Bank to a fighting total of 197 for seven in the stipulated 50 overs.
Shaheen, one of the two Pakistani recruits of Agrani Bank, scored a workmanlike 56 off 62 balls while young Mushfiqur, who played the perfect foil at the other end, fell four runs short of what would have been a well-deserved half-century. With the two playing confi-

dently, the bankers recovered from a poor start of 61 for three to a respectable 153 before Shaheen got himself out in the 43rd over.
After the departure of Shaheen, Mushfiqur added another 26 runs for the fifth wicket with Pakistani Shahid Iqbal, who chipped in with a run-a-ball 24.
Among the Wari bowlers, Zahid and Feroze, who captured the vital wicket of Shaheen, finished with two wickets a piece.

BRIEF SCORES

AGRANI BANK: 197 for 7 in 50 overs (Shaheen Malik 56, Mushfiqur 46, Hannan 35, Shahid Iqbal 24, Zahid 2/37, Feroze 2/47)
WARI CLUB: 186 for 9 in 50 overs (Sohel 37, Anup 27, Tuhin 26 not out, Dofin 2/25, Sumit 2/37)
Result: Agrani Bank won by 11 runs.

AZAD SC: 97 all out in 43.5 overs (Biplob 22, Munna 15, Saikat 4/12, Talha 2/16, Zakir 2/28)
KALABAGAN KC: 100 for one in 19.3 overs (Shipon 50 not out, Liton 38, Sabbir 1/4)
Result: Kalabagan won by 9 wickets.

In reply, Wari Club could manage 186 for nine before exhausting their quota of 50 overs.
But the Motijheel outfit were

at one stage cruising with 120 for two before suffering a sudden collapse, losing their last seven wickets for the addition of only 68 runs. Although the top order made useful contribution in their chase for a little less than four runs per over with opener Omar scoring 21, one-down Anup 27 and Sohail notching highest 37 off 51 balls, the tail perished quickly despite an unbeaten 26 from number six batsman Tuhin.
For the eventual winners, Dofin chipped in with two for 25 runs in his eight economic overs while Sumit gave away 37 runs for his two scalps.

At the Dhanomdi Cricket Stadium, left-arm spinner Sharfuddinul Islam Shayed Saikat consolidated his claim for a place in the national team when he carved the cakewalk win for Kalabagan.
Saikat took four wickets for only 12 runs in his miserly 6.5 overs as Azad, sent into bat in the morning, were caved in for a meagre 97 in 43.5 overs.

In reply, Kalabagan raced on to 100 in only 19.3 overs with opener Sajjad Ahmed Monzur Shipon scoring an unbeaten half-century.
The young right-hander, who opened the innings with Harunur Rashid Liton, hammered nine sweetly-timed fours in his 55-ball 50. While Liton, the only man fell in the Kalabagan innings, hammered 38 embellished with a sixer and five fours.

Bangladesh Boys win big

Bangladesh Boys Club recorded a huge 125-run victory over Gulshan Youth while Gopibagh Friends Association beat Orient Sporting Club by marginal five runs in their respective 18th Damal Smriti cricket tournament matches slated at different city venues yesterday.
At the Uttara Friends Club ground, Bangladesh Boys reached 171 for eight in the stipulated 50 overs after electing to bat with middle order

BRIEF SCORES

BANGLADESH BOYS: 171 for eight in 50 overs (Mridul 46, Pavel 35, Rana 27, Babul 3/26, Raju 2/29)
GULSHAN YOUTH: 46 all out in 22 overs (Ranil 17, Extras 11; Sayed 5/20, Sumon 3/15)
Result: Bangladesh Boys won by 125 runs.

GOPIBAGH FA: 202 for eight in 50 overs (Shyamol 79, Raju 27, Rosel 23; Lucky 3/19, Dalim 2/34)
ORIENT SC: 197 for seven in 50 overs (Jewel 35, Masum 32, Hasan 29, Topu 26 n.o.; Raju 2/20)
Result: Gopibagh FA won by 5 runs.

Mridul contributing highest 46 off 72 balls. Mridul apart, Pavel (35) and Rana (27) were the other notable rungetters.
In reply, Gulshan Youth were bundled out for only 46 in 22 overs bowing to some fired up bowling by the two Bangladesh Boys new ball bowlers Sayed and Sumon.
Sayed, who ripped through the top orders, finished with five for 20 in his nine overs while Sumon captured three wickets for 15 runs in his ten cheap overs.

Away at the City Club ground, Gopibagh Friends opted to bat and scored 202 for eight in 50 overs.
Middle order Shyamol top scored with 79 while Raju and Rosel added 27 and 23 runs respectively.
In reply, Orient were restricted to 197 for seven in their allotted 50 overs. Opener Jewel made highest 35 followed by middle order Masum who scored 32 runs.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Biman vs Lalmita Club (DS) Brothers Union vs Orient SC (DCS)
Sadharan Bima KS vs Dhaka Wanderers Club (DCG) Ajax SC vs Gopibagh FA (CGI).

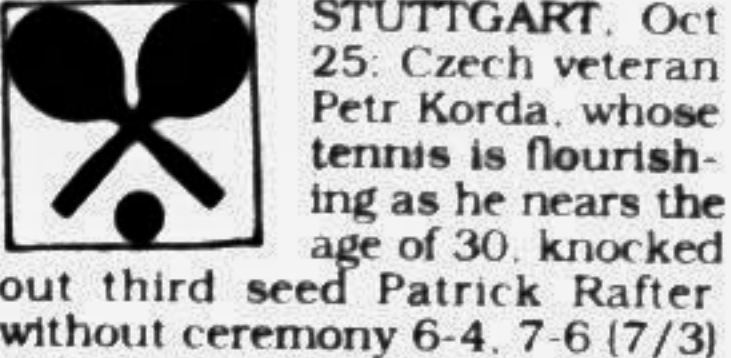
Sino nat'l games end

SHANGHAI, Oct 25: China's national games closed Friday after athletes broke several world records in swimming, track and field, and weightlifting, reports AFP.
Premier Li Peng presided over the closing ceremony of the 13-day games attended by other senior Chinese officials and some 7,600 athletes who participated in the quadrennial sports festival.
The athletes from 46 delegations took part in the games which featured 28 sports with Chinese martial arts as the only non-Olympic discipline.
"Remarkable progress had been made in the 11-day competition as quite a few world and Asian records were broken," it added.
In swimming, Chen Yan, 16, broke the world record in the women's 400-metre individual medley by clocking four minutes and 34.79 seconds.
Wu Yanyan, 19, followed suit bettering the world record in the women's 200m individual medley in 2:09.72.
In track and field, Jiang Bo clocked 14:28.09 and her teammate Dong Yongmei timed 14:29.82, both shattering the newly-established record of 14:31.27 set by Dong in the heats.
The original world mark to 14:36.45 was set by Fernanda Ribeiro of Portugal in Hechtel, Belgium on July 22, 1995.
Li Xuemei, 20, became the first Asian to break the 11-second barrier in the women's 100 metres with the year's second best time of 10.79 seconds.
Chinese female weightlifters displayed their dominance by breaking all the world records in the nine categories while their male counterparts also surpassed six world marks in their 10-class competitions.
The next Chinese national games will be held in 2001 in the southern city of Guangzhou.

Golota fined

TRENTON, New Jersey, Oct 25: Heavyweight boxer Andrew Golota was fined 5,000 dollars for secretly using a pain killer 15 hours before a fight, New Jersey boxing commissioner Larry Hazzard said Friday, reports AP.
Trainer Lou Duva told Hazzard two days after the Oct 4 fight against Lennox Lewis that Golota had received an injection of the legal drug lidocaine in his right knee, Hazzard said.
New Jersey prohibits the use of all drugs and alcohol before or during a match. Boxers taking medication prescribed by a physician must report it.
Hazzard said that despite speculation, no connection exists between the pain killer and Golota's collapse in his dressing room after being knocked out in the first round. He was hospitalized and released the next day and later underwent testing for neurological damage.

Korda knocks Rafter out



STUTTGART, Oct 25: Czech veteran Petr Korda, whose tennis is flourishing as he nears the age of 30, knocked out third seed Patrick Rafter without ceremony 6-4, 7-6 (7/3) today to reach the final of the 2.5 million dollars Eurocard Open, reports AFP.
The defeat, in one hour 29 minutes will not affect the Australian's magnificent progress this year, as the US Open champion has already qualified for next month's ATP Tour World Championships in Hanover alongside Pete Sampras and Michael Chang.
But had Rafter won the Mercedes Super 9 event, he would have stood a chance of overhauling world No 2 Chang.
Korda, with seven career titles but none this year, improved to 3-1 against the 25-year-old Australian in their career series.
He now plays the winner of a second semifinal between 13th seed Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman or the tournament No 16 Dutchman Richard Krajicek, in

Sunday's final.
Korda's best results this year have been finals in Halle on grass and in Washington on hardcourt. He is playing Stuttgart for the fifth time and lost to Stefan Edberg in the 1992 finals.
Korda and Rafter traded breaks in the second and third games to put the match back square at 2-1 for the Czech.
Korda broke to win the opening set 6-4. The Czech continued his dominance, passing Rafter at a almost every opportunity when the serve-and-volley spe-



Patrick Rafter of Australia reacts after making a fault in the first set of his quarterfinal engagement against American Todd Martin at the Eurocard Open in Stuttgart on Oct 24. The Aussie won 4-6, 7-6, 6-4. — AP/UNB photo

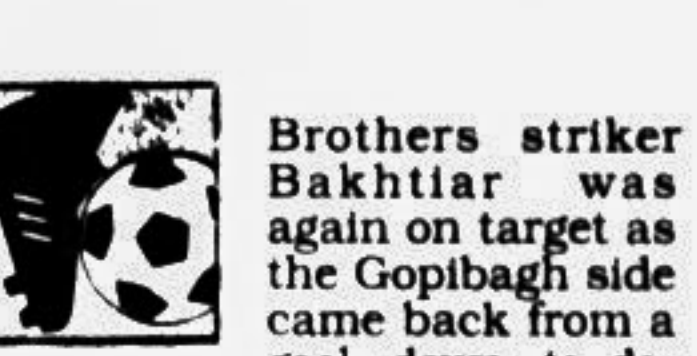
LATEST

STUTTGART, Oct 25: Big-serving Dutchman Richard Krajicek reached the final of the Eurocard Open here today defeating Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman in the semifinal, reports AP.
Krajicek, the 1996 Wimbledon champion, overcame the Swede 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
clalist came into the net.
Rafter managed to take the second set into a tiebreak after love game in his final two times on serve.
But the Aussie could not overcome a 3-5 lead from the European, and fell to defeat on the first of three match points as he returned with a loose volley.

Clavet sails

MEXICO CITY, Oct 25: Spain's Francisco Clavet moved into the semifinals of the Mexico Open after crushing Brazilian Andreia Sa 6-2, 7-6 (7-4) on Friday, reports AP.
The top-seeded Clavet will face Ecuadorian Nicolas Lapentti on Saturday after Lapentti outlasted Spain's Emilio Alvarez 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 on the clay courts of Mexico City's Deportivo Aleman club.
Lapentti also moved up to finals in men's doubles with teammate Daniel Orsanic after they bested the US brothers' team of Luke and Murphy Jensen 6-0, 7-6 (7-1).

Bakhtiar Brothers' hero



Brothers striker Bakhtiar was again on target as the Gopibagh side came back from a goal down to defeat Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club 2-1 in the Premier Division encounter played at the Mirpur Stadium.
The nimble forward who struck both goals in the 2-1 win over Farashganj on Oct 20, grabbed his fourth in three matches to ensure his team's second victory in the league.
Although the winners enjoyed most of the possession, it was the Motijheel outfit who surprisingly led the first half with a goal coming in the 42nd minute.
Midfielder Moni, after receiving a long throw, back-headed the ball to Jalal who fooled the advancing Brothers custodian Saidur with a low header.
Liton, who went off in the second half and levelled the score in the 57th minute through substitute Uttam's spectacular side volley after being fed by Bakhtiar from a goalmouth melee.
Bakhtiar, who was lucky to watch his header rebound off the cross piece 16 minutes into the first half, struck the matchwinner 17 minutes from the end with a power-packed grounder from the top of the box that

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sailed past Fakirerpool keeper Lahul.
Brothers raised their tally to six points from three matches and moved into third spot of the ten-team Premier league table behind leaders Muktiyoddha Sangsad and second placed Mohammedan Sporting Club who have nine and seven points respectively. Fakirerpool remain on one point.

Cantonian Div II b'ball champs

Cantonian SC emerged champions in the Second Division basketball league, beating Kurmitola Youngsters Club by 94-45 points in the last match at the Dhanomdi Gymnasium yesterday, reports UNB.
The winners led the first session 46-20.
The game finished runners-up and losers Kurmitola became third.

Div II h'ball

The Ashraf Real Estate metropolis Second Division handball league, organised by the Bangladesh Handball Federation, begins at the Outer Stadium today, reports UNB.
West Jabbari KC Jr will meet Pratasha Club in the opener at 3:30 pm.

Yellow cards: Bakhtiar and Uttam (Brothers Union)

TEAMS
BROTHERS UNION: Saidur, Swapan, Imadul, Govinda, Mizan, Shameem (Uttam), Yousuf, Asad, Amer Khan, Khatir and Tutul (Jamal)
YMC FAKIRERPOOL: Lahul, Sohail (Babul), Mintu, Rezaul, Shariful Tofazzal, Moni, Monwar, Babul (Kashem), Jalal (Sr) and Jalal (Jr)
Referee: Subhash Roy

BRCT BEAT CHALANTIKA

In the first division Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRCT) posted a 3-1 victory over Mirpur Chalanika.
Striker Masud, midfielder Hemayet and his partner Nurul Islam struck one goal each for the winners while Rana scored the lone goal for the local side.
BRCT joined Badda Jagarani and East End Club at the top of the Division, having raised their account to seven points from three matches. But it was Chalanika's first loss in three matches which kept them on two points.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division Victoria SC vs Rahmatganj MFS (4:30 pm)
First Division Shantinagar Club vs Dhaka Wanderers Club (2:30 pm).

WA on verge of victory



PERTH, Oct 25: Western Australia were poised to defeat South Australia in the Sheffield Shield game at the WACA ground here and jump to the top of the ladder, reports AFP.
They appeared set to complete an overwhelming victory early on the fourth and final day Sunday after routing the opposition again today.
South Australia were toppled for 142 in their first innings and then skidded to 251-6 in their second knock, still 84 runs behind Western Australia's 477-5 declared.
They received a severe blow at the end of the day when captain Jamie Siddons (69), who had defied the attack for more than three hours, was clean bowled by fast bowler Matthew Garnaut.
Western Australian captain Tom Moody gave his side a marvellous start today when he captured the last four South Australian first innings wickets for only 10 runs to finish with 5-20.
Then pace pair Brendon Julian (3-44) and Garnaut (2-27)

combined to put South Australia on the back foot when they batted again.
Meanwhile, New South Wales, at full strength with their Test contingent, remain without a point after two Shield games following their draw to Victoria.
Victorian captain Shane Warne ensured that NSW would not get maximum outright points when he made a tough declaration early on the final day.
Warne set the blues 382 runs off a minimum 73 overs, a rate of 5.23 runs an over, after the third closure of the match.
NSW finished at 225 for three when stumps were drawn with 10 overs left.
Former Test opener Michael Slater hit 85, Australian captain Mark Taylor 50 and Steve Waugh 60 not out but NSW at no stage looked interested in the chase.
"If they have no points from

two games with a full strength side that leaves it wide open," Warne said afterwards.
Warne ended with 2-78 from 25 overs to have match figures of 3-195 from 58 overs in his first proper match for the season.
The 28-year-old was forced to rest for six weeks after straining a groin muscle on the Ashes tour and a month ago he had an injection of salt water and cortisone to loosen his shoulder.
"I'm stiff and sore because I haven't been able to do any fitness work but I feel a lot better injury-wise than in the last 12 to 18 months," Warne said.
Earlier, Victoria's young Australia A all-rounder Ian Harvey hit his second first-class century (109), clubbing 11 fours and three sixes in a 153-run stand with Grant Gardner (56).

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Office of the Executive Engineer
LGED, Kushtia
Memo No: XEN/LGED/KUSH/97/2337
Dated: 13-10-97
Tender Notice
No-5/97-98
The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from Asian Development Bank (ADB) under ADB Loan No: 1059 BAN (SF) towards the cost of Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development Project (STIDP) for 10 Pourashavas namely Sylhet, Mymensingh, Rangpur, Bogra, Kushtia, Pabna, Bhola, Barguna, Feni and Cox's Bazar. The undersigned intends to take up under same loan is different types of works as shown below under the FY 1996-97 implementation programme. Sealed tenders for implementation of the works are hereby invited in Bangladesh form No.2911 from the contractors (specified class against the group below) pre-qualified for the Project and from the pre-qualified contractors of other projects under Local Government Engineering Department (LGED).
Interested contractors can obtain necessary tender documents during normal office hours on all working days up to 4-11-97 from the office of either (i) the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Khulna Division, Khulna, (ii) the Project Director, Secondary Town Infrastructure Development Project, LGED Bhaban (Floor-7), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, (iii) office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kushtia, (iv) Superintendent of Police, Kushtia, (v) Project Manager, PIU of Kushtia Pourashava and (vi) the office of the undersigned on payment in cash or in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order shown below (non-refundable) in favour of the undersigned. Tenders will be received by the abovementioned office up to 12:30 PM on 5-11-97. No tender will be accepted beyond this time and tenders will be opened at 1:00 PM on 5-11-97 in presence of the tenderers, if any.
Interested tenderers may gather necessary information regarding tender and work from the abovementioned offices during normal office hours on all working days. Tenders must be accompanied by all relevant papers and earnest money at 2.5% (two point five per cent) of the total quoted price in favour of the undersigned.
VAT registration certificates & prequalification documents must be enclosed along with the bid. Both income tax & VAT in respect of each payment will have to be paid by the contractor as per prevailing rules and regulations of the government of Bangladesh.
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6.	KSH-97002	Re-const. of Diversion Road of Kushtia Central Bus Terminal (2nd Culvert to Bismillah Bhaban) (Part-2)	26981.00	500.00	90 days	All pr-qualified Class-A & B contractors of all projects of LGED.
7.	KSH-97003	Re-cost. of Diversion Road of Kushtia Central Bus Terminal (Bismillah Bhaban to Jhenidah Road) (Part-3)	25500.00	500.00	90 days	-Do-

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CAESARS ATLANTIC CITY
LIVE AT PER-
An AP file photo shows Polish heavyweight boxer Andrew Golota poses for photographers after he weighed-in at Caesars' Atlantic City on Oct 2. He was fined for secretly using a painkiller before his bout against Lennox Lewis on Friday.