

## World Cup seedings

MARSEILLE, France, Dec 2: The eight seeds for the 1998 World Cup are: Brazil, France, Germany, Italy, Argentina, Spain, Romania and Holland. It was announced by the organisers here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

The draw for the 32 teams in the finals will be made on Thursday.

## Windies to play 5 Tests in SA

JOHANNESBURG, Dec 2: The West Indies cricket team will play five Test matches in their 1998-99 tour of South Africa. United Cricket Board managing director Ali Bacher announced Monday, reports AFP.

Bacher said that while the itinerary is still being finalised, it had been agreed that the first Test will take place at The Wanderers in Johannesburg from November 26 to 30.

The next four will be at St George's Park in Port Elizabeth (December 10 to 14) Kingsmead, Durban (December 26-30), Newlands, Cape Town (January 2-6) and Centurion Park, near Pretoria (January 15-19).

Bacher also announced that the United Cricket Board had provisionally accepted an invitation from the Kenyan Cricket Board to play a triangular series also involving Australia there in September 1999.

"Our agreement to play is subject firstly to the support of the players in Australia and secondly our not being asked to send a team to play in Disney World in December, 1999," said Bacher.

## 'Super Eagles' eye Venables

LONDON, Dec 2: Former England manager Terry Venables may still get to coach at next year's World Cup finals, reports AFP.

Venables' Australian team failed to qualify after being held to a draw by Iran at the weekend. But he is now a target for finalists Nigeria.

The Olympic gold medalists are currently without a manager after Frenchman Philippe Troussier quit.

Nigerian Football Association chairman Colonel Abdulmumuni Aminu will attend Thursday's World Cup draw in Marseille before travelling to London on Friday where he hopes to meet Venables.

Aminu told the London daily Telegraph: "We will meet Terry as soon as possible if Terry says yes the job is his providing the salary he would want is reasonable."

## Aslam lifts N'gani Club tennis title

Mohammad Aslam emerged men's singles champion in the Narayanang Club tennis tournament yesterday.

He defeated Shafiqul Islam 6-4, 7-5 in the final.

The league-basis tournament began on November 22 with in all 13 players featuring.

## Some solace for Irish fans

MARSEILLE, Dec 2: World football body FIFA on Monday handed its Fair Play Award for 1997 to Ireland's fans for exemplary behaviour during their team's ultimately unsuccessful World Cup qualifying campaign, reports AFP.

FIFA singled out the Irish contingent in particular for their good conduct in the two playoff games against Belgium last month.

## Jordan richest of 'em all

NEW YORK, Dec 2 (AFP): For the fifth time in six years, Michael Jordan is the richest athlete in sport, taking home a record 78.3 million dollars in 1997.

Jordan unseated Mike Tyson, who last year snapped a four-year streak by Jordan in the Forbes magazine list of wealthiest sports competitors. The former heavyweight champion fell to fifth in the rankings.

Jordan, a star guard for the National Basketball Association's Chicago Bulls, takes home 31.3 million dollars in salary and 47 million dollars in endorsements.

Runner-up Evander Holyfield, the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation heavyweight champion, had 54.3 million dollars, all but 1.3 million of that coming from his two 1997 title fights.

Welterweight champion Oscar de la Hoya was third at 38 million dollars with Formula One driver Michael Schumacher fourth at 35 million dollars and Tyson fifth at 27 million dollars.

Tyson's total plunged by 48 million dollars after his career was put on hold following his biting of Holyfield's ears in their title fight. Tyson was banished from the sport for at least a year.

Masters champion Tiger Woods, the first black golfer to capture a major crown, was sixth at 26.1 million dollars, only two million of which came from prize money.

NBA star centre Shaquille O'Neal of the Los Angeles Lakers was seventh at 25.4 million.

For the second year in a row, no woman made the list. Steffi Graf had been there in 1995.

# Pakistan poised for victory



RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, Dec 2 (AFP/AP): Pakistan scored their highest total against West Indies in a home Test here today and then grabbed quick wickets to win.

Pakistan captain Wasim Akram took three wickets including the prized one of Brian Lara as the visitors struggled to 99 for six in their second innings at the close of the fourth day of the second Test.

West Indies needed another 69 runs to avoid a second successive innings defeat. Their hopes now rest with Carl Hooper who was 44 not out. Ian Bishop was the other not out batsman on one.

Pakistan, 1-0 up in the three match series, scored 471 runs in their first innings with Inzamam-ul-Haq taking his score to 177.

It was the hosts' highest score at home against West Indies, beating the 406 for eight made in Karachi in 1974-75.

Victory would lead to only Pakistan's second series win over the Caribbean in ten attempts — their first for 39 years. They last beat West Indies 2-1 in 1958-59.

Inzamam was the first to go after Pakistan resumed on 403 for three. He lasted 36 minutes when he offered a catch to Courtney Walsh, Inzamam hit 19 fours and two sixes in his 177 lasting 454 minutes and faced 320 balls.

Pakistan added 68 runs for the final seven wickets. Mohammad Wasim made a slow 26 before becoming one of five victims for Walsh, his 15th five-wicket haul taking his tally of wickets to 349 in 95 Tests. Franklin Rose took three for 92.

Akram with three wickets for 17, brought his tally of wickets to 326 in 76 Tests when he had Shivnarine Chanderpaul leg before and is now in eighth spot in the all-time wicket takers' list, beating England's Bob Willis' 325 wickets in 90 Tests.

"It's a great feeling but the thing that I more rejoice is that we are going to beat West Indies only for the second time," Akram said. "We promised a clean sweep and we will do it."

West Indies lost debutant opener Philo Wallace in the fourth over, adjudged lbw off Waqar Younis for eight. One run later Azhar Mahmood held a superb catch in the gully off Akram to send Stuart Williams back for one. But TV replays showed it was a no-ball with Akram clearly overstepping the line.

Brian Lara faced tremendous pressure after a run of poor runs and his team again needing a match-winning innings.

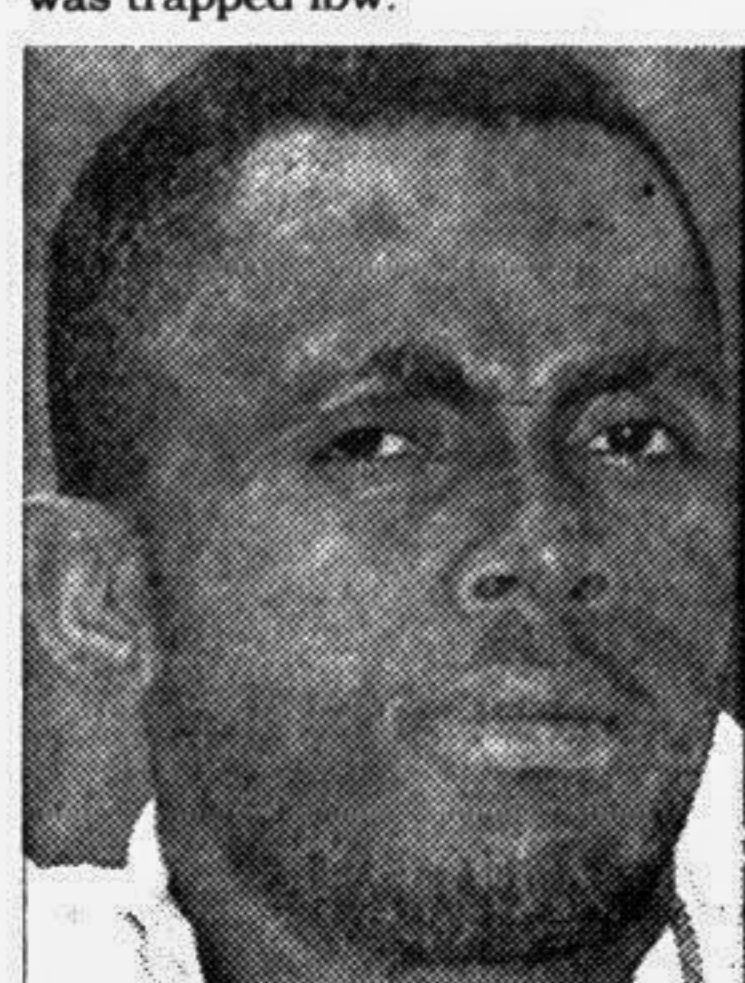
He survived 16 balls before Akram deceived him with a slower one and held an upish back drive.

Lara scored one. The holder

of world records for the highest Test and first-class innings, has made just 56 runs off 86 balls in four Test innings here. Lara also dropped Inzamam in the Peshawar Test and Aamir Sohail in this Test.

At tea West Indies were struggling on 53 for three. Sherwin Campbell (34) and Chanderpaul (7) went soon after the break.

Campbell's 118-minute stay ended when he was bowled off his legs by leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed. Chanderpaul missed a straight ball from Akram and was trapped lbw.

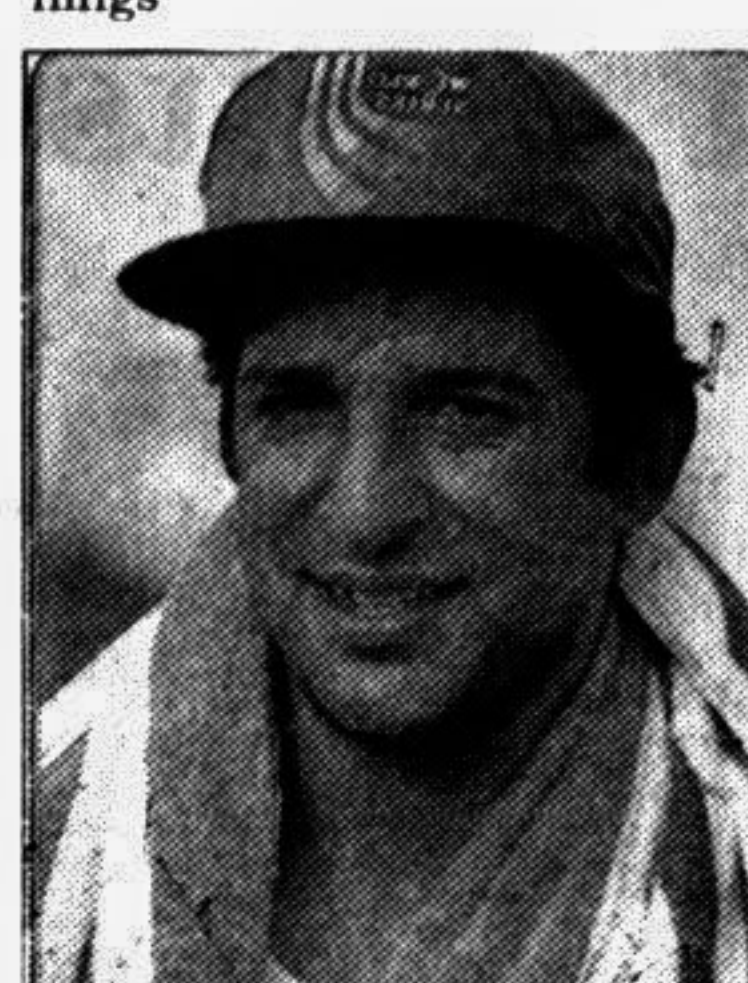


WALSH... 5 wkts

Akram b Bishop 11  
Waqar lbw b Walsh 2  
Akhtar c Hooper b Walsh 1  
Mushtaq not out 0  
Extras (b-13, lb-9, nb-25, w-6) 53  
Total: 471  
Fall of wickets: 1-41; 2-64; 3-387; 4-414; 5-415; 6-437; 7-459; 8-469; 9-469

**Bowling:**  
Walsh 43.1 6 143 5  
Ambrose 19 2 63 1  
Bishop 24 3 80 1  
Rose 33 7 92 3  
Hooper 17 1 71 0

**WEST INDIES:** Second innings



AKRAM... 326 wkts

## TOP TEN BOWLERS

This chart shows the top ten bowlers of all-time in Test cricket.

No	Name	Country	M	W	BB
1.	Kapil Dev	IND	131	434	9-83
2.	R Hadlee	NZ	86	431	9-52
3.	I Botham	ENG	102	383	8-34
4.	M Marshall	WI	81	376	7-22
5.	Imran Khan	PAK	88	362	8-58
6.	D Lillee	AUS	70	355	7-83
7.	C Walsh	WI	95*	349	7-37
8.	W Akram	PAK	76*	326	7-119
9.	B Willis	ENG	90	325	8-43
10.	L Gibbs	WI	79	309	8-38

Note: M-Matches; W-Wickets; BB-Best Bowling;  
\* Match still being played

Hooper fought a lone battle and hit three sixes off one Mushtaq over. His 55-ball stay had three sixes and four fours.

It will be a tough task for him to save the match, barring any help from the weather.

Wicketkeeper David Williams was run out without scoring as West Indies lost two wickets with the score on 98.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the second Test between Pakistan and West Indies on Tuesday:

**WEST INDIES:** First Innings 303 (S Campbell) 78, S Chanderpaul 95)  
**PAKISTAN:** First Innings (overnight 403-3)  
Anwar c Williams b Ambrose 16  
Sohail c sub (Simmons) b Walsh 160  
Ijaz c Wallace b Rose 10  
Inzamam c Campbell b Walsh 177  
M Wasim c Hooper b Walsh 26  
Moin c Williams b Rose 1  
Mahmood c Williams b Rose 14

Campbell b Mushtaq 34  
Wallace lbw b Waqar 8  
S Williams c Mahmood b Akram 1

Lara c and b Akram 1  
Hooper not out 44  
Chanderpaul lbw b Akram 7  
D Williams run out 0  
Bishop not out 1  
Extras (nb-3) 3  
Total: (for 6 wkts in 31 overs) 99

Fall of wickets: 1-9; 2-10; 3-26; 4-67; 5-98; 6-98.  
To bat: Curtly Ambrose, Franklin Rose, Courtney Walsh.

**Bowling:**  
O M R W  
Akram 9 5 17 3  
Waqar 7 0 29 1  
Akhtar 7 2 21 0  
Mahmood 2 1 4 0  
Mushtaq 6 3 28 1

Umpires: Javed Akhtar (Pakistan), David Shepherd (England)  
TV replays: Mian Aslam.  
Match referee: Raman Subba Row (England).

## Polling in 192 UPs today

Polling in 192 union parishads will be held today on the third day of the month-long UP elections, reports BSS.

Elections to 53 unions were held yesterday on the second day of the Union Parishad elections.

According to Election Commission sources polling were held peacefully and smoothly with record turn-out of voters in all places.

Polling centres were, however, postponed due to disturbances between the supporters of rival candidates. The centres were Kanainagar Government Primary School and Malyda Nagar Government Primary School centres of Baktabali Union under Narayanjan district.

## Mixed reaction

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that the treaty would endanger the sovereignty of the country.

Another report from Barisal adds: Barisal district unit of Bangladesh Awami League and Chhatra League brought out a peace procession here this evening and paraded main roads welcoming the Chittagong Hill Tract peace accord.

Later, the leaders and workers of the party met at a meeting at the Shaheed Chatteraj Sadar Road.

BSS reports from Khulna: Awami League brought out a procession in the city hailing the Chittagong Hill Tracts peace agreement.

Processions were also brought out in Daulatpur and Khailshpur areas of the city.

## Larma

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in signing the accord.

Asked what may happen in opposition parties do not support the accord, Larma replied, "I cannot answer that question."

NCCHT convenor and chief Whip of Jatiya Sangsad Abul Hasnat Abdullah, in comments to newsmen said, "I am a happy man today having been associated with the peace process."

"I sincerely hope that the long-drawn confrontation has come to an end with the signing of the accord. Let there be no misgiving now."

Abdullah was the main signatory to the accord from the government side.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad speaking to newsmen said the accord marked the end to all conflicts and contradictions to restore peace in the hills.

Chief of Army Staff Lt General Mahbubur Rahman said, every body wanted peace in the hill tracts. He said he was happy to see that the problem, which existed for long 25 years, was solved through a political process.

## BNP, allies

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stalwarts made the statements while addressing a rally at Paltan Maidan in the afternoon.

City AL organised the rally to protest the Saturday's killings of four AL and BCL leaders and workers in armed attacks by BNP activists in Chittagong while attending Sheikh Hasina's meeting in the port city.

Presided over by Dhaka City Mayor Mohammad Hanif, the meeting was addressed, among others, by LGD Minister Zillur Rahman, Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak, Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim and party leaders Azizur Rahman, Mozaffar Hossain Paltu, Abdol Mannan, Dr Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Abdul Mannan Khan, Adv Sahara Khatun and Mukul Bose.

The AL leaders said through the signing of the two historic agreements it has again been proved that the past governments had played with the lives and property of lakhs of people, keeping the crisis alive for long.

## 'Accord an exception'

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ment kept the treaty secret until yesterday, the BNP secretary general regretted. "Even after its signing in the morning, we came to know the contents much later."

The government ought to have placed the draft of the accord in parliament for discussion and consulted political parties before it was signed, he said.

Asked if his party rejected the accord, Mannan Bhuiyan walked away saying, "We've already said the accord is opposed to national interests."

Replying to another question, the BNP leader said, "We're not going to announce any agitation programme today (Tuesday)."

With Begum Zia in the chair, the BNP Standing Committee meeting began at about 7 pm and was in progress till filing of this report at 9.35 last night.

While the BNP stalwarts were in the meeting top leaders of six other opposition parties were waiting in another room of the house. The smaller parties were being kept informed of the developments in the BNP meeting, party sources said. All the seven opposition parties are expected to come up with a uniform stance on the CHT treaty, the sources said.

Earlier in the afternoon, several hundred BNP workers brought out a procession protesting the CHT accord and paraded some city thoroughfares. No untoward incident occurred during their march.

UNB adds: Opposition BNP has formed an 11-member committee comprising party's senior leaders to examine the

# Candidates for SI posts clash with police: 30 hurt

By Staff Correspondent

At least 30 people were injured when a section of youths vying for the job of police Sub-Inspector (SI) clashed with police at two places in the city yesterday.

Twenty-two people were arrested.

The youths damaged at least 25 vehicles, furniture and set fire to a pandal erected for their written test at Uttara's Range Reserve Force (RRF) ground.

The injured were taken to different clinics at Uttara and Tongi.

The trouble began when the candidates including women started demonstrating during the test to protest alleged mismanagement at the centre at about 10 am, witnesses said.

Police used batons and lobbed tear gas shells to disperse the demonstrators at the test centre and later in front of the Jatiya Press Club.

Witnesses and police said the agitated youths put up barricade on the Airport Road near Uttara, creating a heavy traffic jam on the busy road for about half an hour before noon.

About 4,500 candidates sat for the test on Bengali and English on the first day of three-day test that began at about 9:30 am yesterday. Police sources said the youths were competing for 69 posts of SI for Dhaka range.

Some candidates, talking to The Daily Star said that they had requested the authorities to supply printed question papers

## City BNP meets today

An emergency meeting of Dhaka City BNP will be held at the party central office at 11 am today, reports UNB.

All members of the convening committee, thana unit presidents and general secretaries, presidents and general secretaries of different front organisations of the city unit and BNP-backed DCC commissioners have been requested to attend the meeting.

Dhaka City BNP convenor Sadek Hossain Khoka MP will preside over the meeting, said a press release.

## Leghari

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Karamat shuttled between the President and Prime Minister trying to broker a solution.

It ended with the President's resignation and a decision to appoint an acting chief justice.

The crisis which began several months ago between the prime minister and chief justice soon engulfed the president, who came out on the side of the chief justice.

The turmoil created a serious rift in the Supreme Court bench. It ended with 10 of the 17 justices lined up against the chief justice.

When Shah ruled to restore the president's constitutional power to dismiss Parliament, rival justices overruled him.

Earlier, Leghari had accused Sharif's government of staging an attack on the Supreme Court and of resorting to the "law of the jungle."

But almost immediately after Shah's ruling, 10 other justices sitting in a nearby courtroom overturned it.

After the conflicting judgments came out of the Supreme Court, Army Chief Karamat met both the president and prime minister as well as the chief justice.

There are no reports of what occurred in those meetings, but analysts said would appear that Karamat had pushed for Pakistan's Parliament to continue.

The origins of the clash was the appointment of five new judges to the Supreme Court, which expanded the bench from 12 to 17. Shah and Sharif differed over the appointments.

legal aspects of the just-concluded CHT peace agreement between the government and the PCJSS.

The committee was formed after four hours of discussion on the accord at the BNP's Standing Committee meeting held last night with party Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleida Zia in the chair.

The committee has been asked to submit its report by this afternoon after examining various legal aspects of the accord.

Led by BNP senior Vice President Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, the committee members include Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder, Ol Ahmed, Khandaker Delwar Hossain, Advocate Khandaker Mahbub Uddin, Barrister Nazmul Huda, Mr Shawkat Ali, Advocate Mahbubur Rahman, Barrister Jamir Uddin Sircar, Barrister Aminul Huq and Barrister Ziaur Rahman.

Meanwhile, Kazi Zafar Ahmed, co-chairperson of Jatiya Party (Z-M), yesterday said that the Awami League government has 'betrayed' the national interest by signing the 'so-called peace accord' with the PCJSS.

UNB adds: Jamaat-e-Islami yesterday expressed concern over the signing of accord between the government and the PCJSS to restore peace in Chittagong Hill Tracts.

Party central executive committee at a meeting this evening, termed the agreement "contrary to the national interest as well as national sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity".

## BNP chief was invited to attend signing ceremony

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleida Zia was invited to attend the signing ceremony of the agreement between the Natonal Committee on Chittagong Hill Tracts and the PCJSS, but she did not respond, reports BSS.

Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr S A Samad telephoned the BNP Chairperson at 8 am first and again at 9:15 am to convey the invitation of the Prime Minister to be present at the signing ceremony but did not get any response.

Samad also telephoned Deputy Leader of the Opposition Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury and requested him to be present on the occasion. "Let us see" said Chowdhury who also finally did not attend the ceremony held at the International Conference Centre.

The Jatiya Party was represented by its Secretary General Anwar Hossain. President of the United JSD A S M Abdur Rob represented his party in the signing ceremony.

## Male meet for expediting direct air links among SAARC countries

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad has said the just concluded SAARC council of ministers meeting in Male underscored the need to expedite direct air links among the member countries, reports BSS.

"Early implementation of the recommendations of the civil aviation authorities which held its last meeting in Dhaka for expediting direct air links among the SAARC capitals" included in the report, adopted by consensus at the concluding session of the council meeting on November 30, Azad said.

The foreign minister who led the Bangladesh delegation at the 19th session of the SAARC council of ministers returned to Dhaka on Monday.

The council decided to hold its next meeting in Colombo prior to the 10th SAARC summit which has been scheduled to take place in the first week of August 1998.

## Gen Subed Ali retired

Major General Muhammad Subid Ali Bhuiyan has been retired from the service of the Bangladesh Army, an ISPR release said last night, reports BSS.

According to a notification issued by the Ministry of Defence in Dhaka yesterday, the order takes immediate effect.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer  
Barisal Public Works Division, Barisal

## Tender Notice

No 48/1997-98

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 under sealed cover are hereby invited from Public Works Directorate enlisted special first class/1st class, Public Works Zone, Khulna enlisted 2nd class & Public Works Circle, Barisal enlisted 3rd class building contractors/contractors firms for the undermentioned work. Tenders can be submitted to all offices shown at Serial No 5 up to 12.00 Noon of 11.12.97. Tenders will be opened on the date of submitting tender at 12.15 PM in presence of interested tenderers and name of work, name & address of contractor/contractor firm and the address to whom the tender is to be submitted should be mentioned on the envelope.

- Name of work : Transforming the running Govt Shishu Sadans into Shishu Parivar (2nd phase) one at Barisal. Sub-head: Repair & reconstruction of boundary wall.
- Estimated cost : Tk 6,12,617/-
- Earnest money : Tk 12,255/-
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- Contractor/contractor firm shall have to apply for purchasing tender schedule at least 3 (three) days prior to the last date of selling tender from the Public Works Divisions mentioned at Serial No 5 except Barisal Public Works Division. No applications will be received after that time.
- Attested copy of VAT registration certificate of the special first class/1st class/2nd class/3rd class contractor/contractor firm concerned should be attached with the tender.
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## India count on Wankhede pitch

# Bombay Test begins today



BOMBAY, Dec 2: India and Sri Lanka go into their third and final cricket Test here tomorrow seeking to break the deadlock with officials vowing the pitch will produce a result, reports AFP.

After the first two Tests ended in draws groundsman Subash Bandiwadekar said the Wankhede Stadium wicket would 'definitely give a result.'

"This is a good, true pitch that will favour both batsmen and bowlers," he said. "There is sufficient grass to assist the quicks early on, later it is sure to aid the spinners."

Sri Lankan skipper Arjuna Ranatunga was less optimistic. "The pitch has some grass in it today, but it remains to be seen