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Tendulkar turns the tide for India

By Al-Amin

A charismatic Sachin Tendulkar stood between the two teams with a terrific all-round performance as India stormed into the semi-finals of the Wills International Cup with an impressive 44-run win over Australia at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The full house crowd at the big bowl got their money's

worth when the little master hammered a magnificent 141 off 127 balls as the Indians recuperated from a shaky start to pile on a mammoth total of 307 for eight in their 50 overs.

And, as if that blitzkrieg was not enough, Tendulkar then went on to capture four wickets with his innocuous yet very effective mixed gems of spinners

to send the Australians packing for 263 in 48.1 overs.

India were reeling at eight for two in the third over after left-handed opener Saurav Ganguly (1) and skipper Mohammad Azharuddin, who was out for a duck, returned to the dressing room in the space of eight deliveries.

Ganguly was a little unfor-

was adjudged leg before by umpire Steve Bucknor.

But Tendulkar, who has a wonderful record against the Australians, changed the face of the day-night match when he raced on to score his second highest score in style. The highest centurion in one-day cricket, reached his 19th ton off only 95 balls.

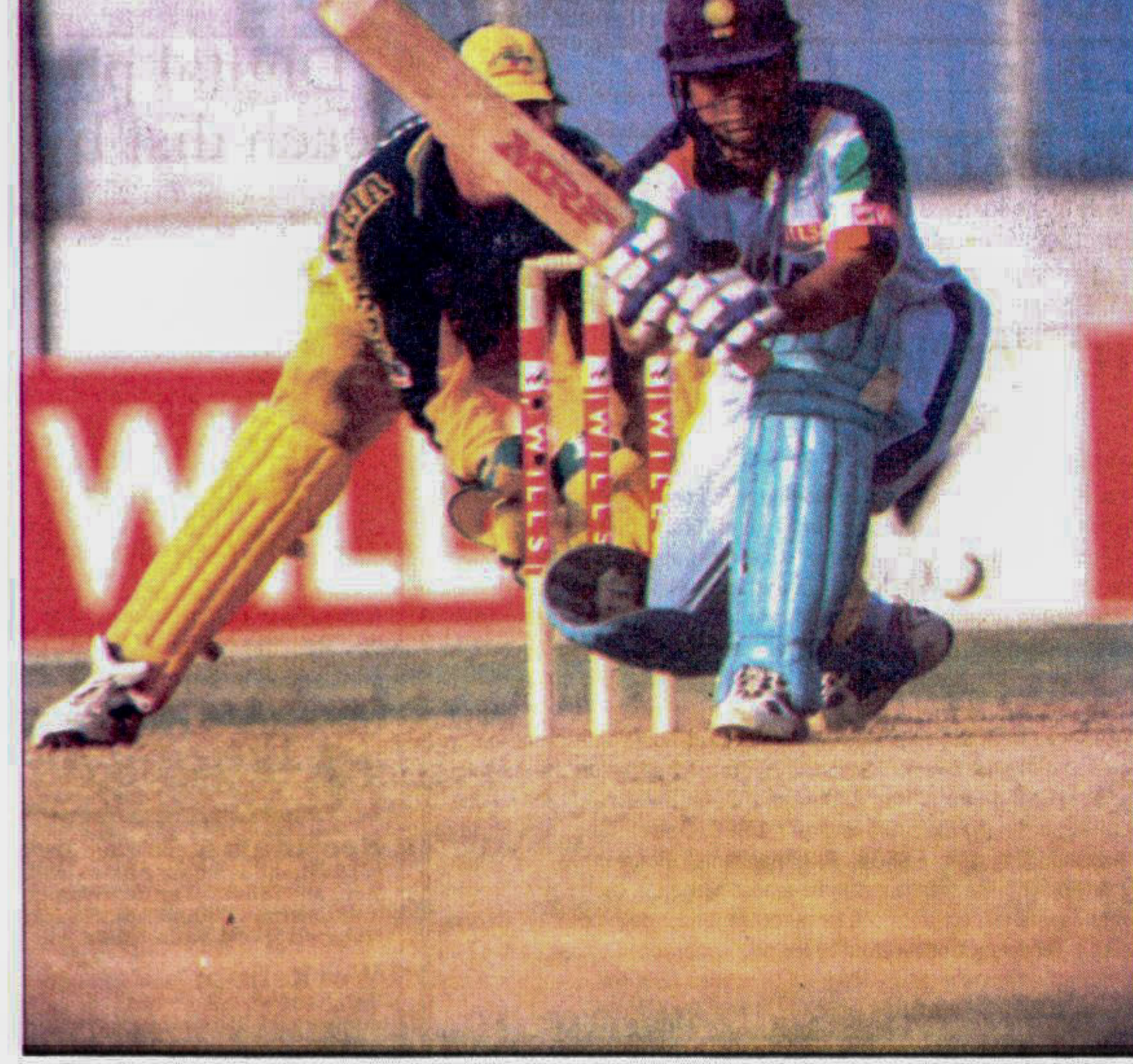
The talented right-hander, considered the best batsman in the world, hammered 13 sweetly-timed boundaries and three massive sixes in his 191-minute flawless cricket at the crease.

Tendulkar, who scored back-to-back centuries against the Aussies in their last two meetings, started the match from where he had left at Sharjah. He was particularly harsh against seamer Kasprovic and left-arm spinner Bradley Young, who conceded two consecutive sixes over long-on in one prodigal over from which he yielded 18 runs.

Tendulkar put on 140 runs for the third wicket with Rahul Dravid, who scored a polished 48 off 80 balls studded with three fours. Dravid missed a well-deserved half century when he sacrificed his wicket for his more illustrious partner, who was chasing a non-existent second run.

Tendulkar then went on to add 132 runs for the fourth wicket with vice-captain Ajay Jadeja before being run out in the 46th over. But by then India were strongly poised at 280 for four with 29 balls remaining.

Jadeja scored a fine 71 off 65 balls. He clubbed five fours and celebrated his 22nd one-day half-century with a huge six over long-off off off-spinner Darren Lehmann in the 47th over. But the Indian lower middle-order failed to keep up the tempo set by Tendulkar and Jadeja, and could manage only 27 runs from the slog overs with the loss of another four wickets. For Australia, Kasprovic returned the best figure of three



TAMING OF THE AUSSIE CREW: Sachin Tendulkar in full flow at the Bangabandhu Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

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fortunate when the Australian wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist clung on to an outstanding catch diving to his right. On any other day, it would have been a certain four.

Azhar, appearing in his record 300th one-day international, played only three deliveries before being deceived by a slower one from Fleming and

A VIEW FROM THE GULLY

Tawfiq Aziz Khan

Thank you Sachin for a classic innings.

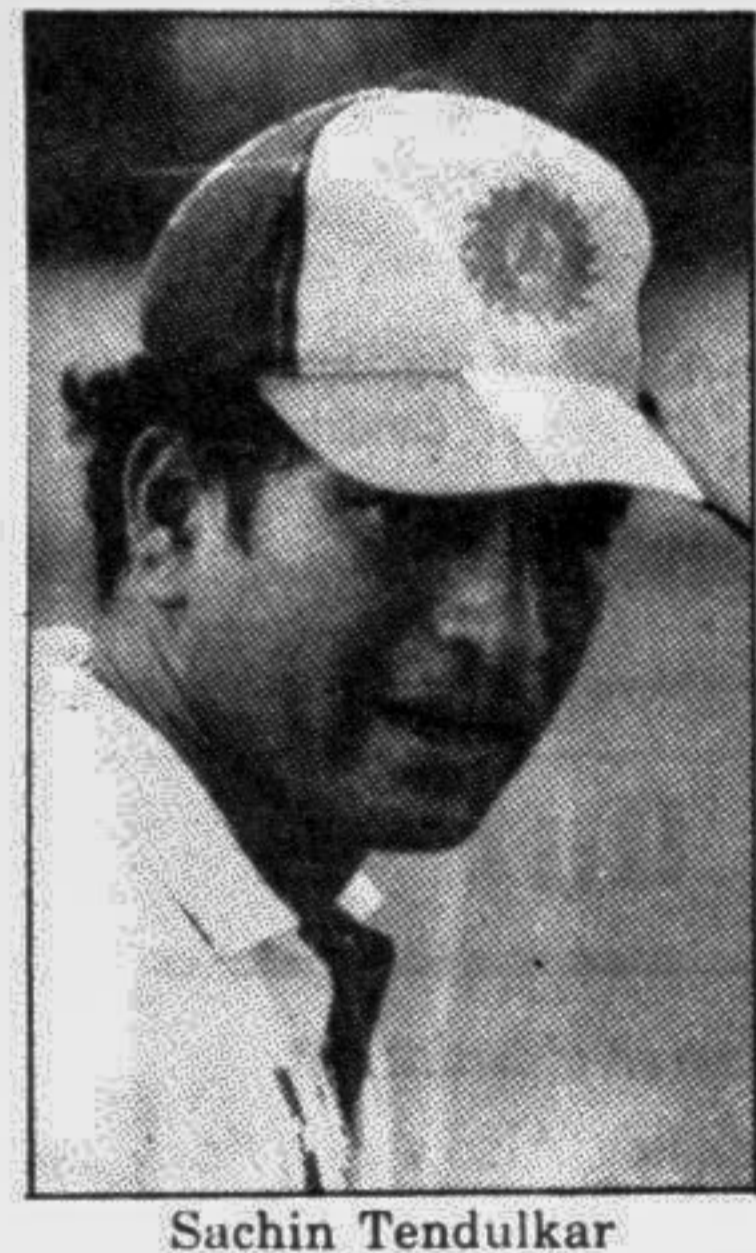
The diminutive batting genius must have enjoyed his cricket yesterday as he unfolded a tremendous all-round performance.

The 'crowd-friendly' wickets have proved beyond doubt that there was hardly anything for bowlers in the tracks. Save for one all the four matches have produced runs in the vicinity of 300. After all, people pay hard-earned money and sweat all day to enjoy fireworks from the batsman. Tall total and a healthy chase are all that matter in the one-day variety.

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Massive hunt for elusive tickets goes on

For frenzied cricket fans it was hard to accept the fact that all the tickets of the Wills International Cup were sold out, reports UNB.

Since early morning yesterday, thousands of them thronged the Bangabandhu National Stadium area hoping to have the elusive passes.

And the lady luck smiled on

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Political tension set to follow cricket fever

Star Report

The nation is bracing for a high political tension in a dramatic change of gear early next month as soon as the cricket fever ends.

As the crowds disappear from the big bowl and a much bigger number of people dislodge themselves from in front of their TV sets, the main opposition BNP and its allies are set to take to the streets with all their might.

Winter is predicted to descend on Bangladesh in the middle of the month, but the political weather could generate a real heat wave by then.

BNP gave a pause in its anti-government programmes after two hartals in four days (October 18 and 22) for the Wills International Cup. The party was agitating against "government-sponsored atrocities on political opponents, cases against and arrests of opposition leaders."

With the opposition parties returning to streets, there will be programmes galore in the first week of November, with

high political connotations, sponsored by both the camps.

BNP leaders said they would have gone ahead with their programmes after their hunger strike programme had been marred by government's denial to provide the venue -- Paltan Maidan. The bickering over venue had led to the two hartals during which four died.

The BNP-led Seven Party Alliance will break the cricket respite by staging demonstrations throughout the country on November 4.

But it all starts on November 3, the day the four national leaders were killed inside the Dhaka Central Jail 23 years ago, when the Awami League has planned a big rally at city's Paltan Maidan.

Prime Minister and AL chief Sheikh Hasina will address the rally. To make it a 'big show', the party summoned its leaders of Dhaka city unit and 10 adjoining districts for a meeting today to design a strategy.

A major event that will shape much of the proceedings

in the coming days is the November 8 verdict in the Bangabandhu Murder Case. The Awami League has already pulled up its sleeves to ward off likely "disturbances" by supporters of the August 15, 1975 events, asking its rank and file to "keep vigil against any destabilizing move by the beneficiaries of the political killings in the past".

On November 5, when the next session of the Jatiya Sangsad starts, both AL and BNP are to hold meetings of the respective parliamentary parties on the same day to discuss their options.

On November 6, activists of Islami Oikya Jete will be on the streets to repeat their demands for trial of feminist writer Taslima Nasrin.

The "nationalist forces" including BNP and its allies will observe November 7 as National Revolution and Solidarity Day. Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad and BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia will address a public meeting in the city on the day.

These events are expected to dictate the course of politics in the following days.

Dhaka requests Interpol to arrest killers of Bangabandhu

Bangladesh has requested Interpol (international criminal police organisation) for immediate arrest of the killers of the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, reports BSS.

Addressing the 67th General Assembly session of Interpol in Cairo Tuesday, Inspector General of Police A Y B Siddiqi informed the assembly that the process of extradition of one fugitive was at final stage and five others were still at large travelling from one country to another.

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Choosing consultants to monitor PSCs Petrobangla tricked by its own terms

By Sharier Khan

Petrobangla is facing difficulties in selecting foreign consultants to help it monitor Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) due to some tough selection criteria set by itself, sources said. Some 22 foreign companies responded to a Petrobangla tender two months ago, but none of them secured

the "pass mark" of 75 points out of 100 for the short listing. Now either Petrobangla will have to violate its own criteria to select consultants or go for a re-tender. Last week, Petrobangla, trying to shortlist six companies out of these 22, sought energy ministry's guidance in this regard, but none of them secured

perfect Catch. perfect hit.

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জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ভ্যাট নিবন্ধিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের অবশিষ্ট জন্ম জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ১৯৯৮-৯৯ অর্থ বছরের বাজেট মুসক-৬ পরিবর্তন করে নতুন তথ্য অন্তর্ভুক্ত করার ব্যবস্থা নেয়া হয়েছে। এ ছাড়াও, মুসক নিবন্ধন নম্বর ০৮ (আট) ডিজিটের পরিবর্তে ১০ (দশ) ডিজিট করার কার্যক্রম চলছে বিধায় নতুন মুসক-৮ এ ১০(দশ) ডিজিটের নম্বর সহ নতুন রেজিস্ট্রেশন জারীর জন্য তাঁদের সহযোগিতা একান্ত আবশ্যিক। তাই সকল মূল্য সংযোজন কর প্রদানকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানকে সর্বশেষ সার্কুল থেকে নতুন মুসক-৬ করম সঞ্জ্ঞহ করে তা পূরণ পূর্বক যথাশীঘ্র সম্ভব দাখিল করার জন্য অনুরোধ জানানো হলো। যথাযথভাবে পূরণকৃত নতুন মুসক-৬ পাওয়ার পর ১ (এক) সপ্তাহের মধ্যে রেজিঃ ডাকযোগে নতুন (মুসক-৮) এ মুসক নিবন্ধন সার্টিফিকেট পাঠানো হবে।

এ ব্যাপারে কোনরূপ ব্যাখ্যার প্রয়োজন হ'লে নিকটস্থ কাস্টমস, এন্ডাইজ ও ভ্যাট দপ্তরে অথবা নিম্নবর্ণিত ঠিকানায় যোগাযোগ করা যেতে পারে।

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BSF denies push-in attempts Border chiefs chart anti-crime agenda

By Special Correspondent

The border forces of Bangladesh and India have agreed to co-operate further in curbing smuggling and other crimes along the two countries' frontier, officials said after three days of talks in Dhaka yesterday.

"We have had fruitful discussions on all common issues, like smuggling, trafficking of women and children, arms, drugs and demarcation of border and access to enclaves," Major General Mohammad Azizur Rahman, the BDR director general, told reporters.

Gen Rahman, who led the

Bangladesh side at the annual border co-ordination conference between the BDR and the Border Security Force (BSF) of India said both sides had also agreed to complete the unfinished work on the 6.5 km of border demarcation by May, 1999.

The meeting discussed the demarcation issue, the enclaves and the Tinbigha corridor allowing Bangladeshis access to the mainland from Dahagram-Angorpota enclaves.

"We have pointed out the historic agreement in this regard by our great leader Banga-

bandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the late Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi in 1974 for implementation and solution of the enclave and demarcation issues."

The two countries have a common frontier of 4156 km which often runs through huge rivers, heavy forests and hills, making it difficult to watch, permitting smugglers and human traffickers a free run.

On the contentious issue of Indian attempts to force its citizens to Bangladesh, General Aziz said, "We have let them

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DCC limps as filth litters city

By Morshed Ali Khan

More than 30 per cent city households now avail privately initiated door-to-door garbage collection service but lack of proper disposal system at the DCC level poses the biggest problem in keeping the city clean, DCC officials said.

Most areas of the city still remain littered with filth because the DCC fails to remove garbage from the local dumping points to the three designated disposal grounds.

About half of DCC's 160 garbage removing trucks are out of order and most of the others are often secretly leased out to private drivers who hardly

know the job, sources in the DCC said.

The local dumping points are mostly equipped with 'demountable containers', dubbed by residents as Mayor Hanif's Tanks, which encroach upon the roads and litter the streets with rubbish. In other areas, small concrete structures serve as dumping spots but lack of regular collection by the DCC renders the spots stinky and filthy.

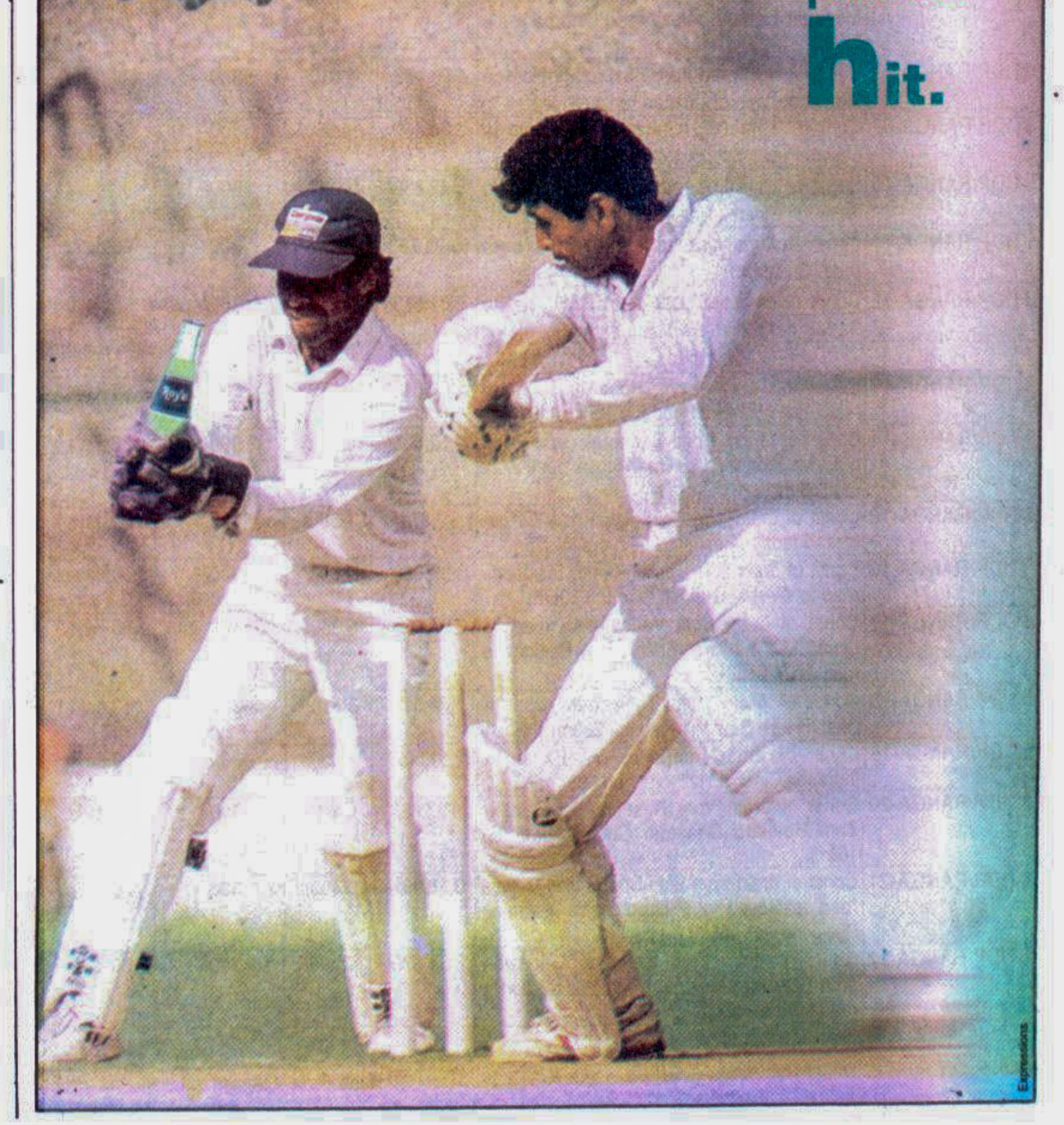
DCC's Chief Conservancy Officer, talking to The Daily Star, said that every day some 3,000 tonnes of rubbish are produced in the city but with the re-

sources available, they were able to remove only about 2,000 tonnes. He also blamed lack of awareness among the city dwellers for the garbage disposal problem. In many areas, residents throw rubbish haphazardly, he said.

But in many areas of the city, residents said DCC's garbage collection was 'irregular' and very 'unprofessional'. While filling the trucks with rubbish, they litter those on the streets more than the tokais (street urchins who recycle those) do.

Many residents said they are

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Killer trucks take two in city

By Staff Correspondent

Two persons were killed in two road accidents in the city yesterday.

George Miah, 50, was fatally injured when the rickshaw he was travelling in was hit by a truck at Lalkothi in Mirpur, police said. He was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead. George Miah's companion Roushan Arawho was also injured.

Mirpur police seized the truck but could not arrest the driver.

In the other accident, Rahima Khatun, 32, died on the spot when the rickshaw she was travelling in was run over by a truck near the Moghbazar crossing. The unidentified rickshawpuller was also critically injured.

Ramma police arrested the driver and seized the truck.

23 govt lawyers fired in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Oct 28: A total of 23 government pleaders and public prosecutors of Sylhet district have been relieved of their duties.

The Ministry of Law and Parliamentary Affairs through two separate official letters to the District Judge and Deputy Commissioner informed the ministry's decision and asked them for taking immediate steps.

Of them, five Government Pleaders (GP) are: Aslam Khan, Nilmoni Sinha, Abdur Rashid, Deena Yasmin and Bonani Das Eva.

The 18 APPs are: Mujibur Rahman, Abdul Quddus, Faizur Rahman, Tajammul Ali, A T M Fayed, Nijamuddin, Nishikanta Das, Pairin Chowdhury, Radhika Ranjan Chowdhury, Ruhul Anam Chowdhury, Abdul Hai Quaiyum, Kishore Kumar Kar, Khokan Kumar Dutta, Samiul Alam, Pradip Kumar Bhat-tacharya, Ratan Majumder and Mahmud Hossain.