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## South Africa lift cup in style

By Al-Amin and Rabeed Imam

South Africa finally proved that they can deliver the killer punch by lifting their first major trophy since returning to international cricket when they defeated an improving West Indies by four wickets in the final of the Wills International Cup at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Kallis clinched the coveted Player of the Final trophy for a career best five for 30 in 7.3 overs, the best bowling feat by a South African against the Caribbeans. The Middlesex all-rounder also chipped in with a useful 37 off 51 balls.

But it was also Cronje who shone in his own way, keeping himself at the crease until the team was ready for a victory lap. His responsible innings



Philo Wallace whacks Derek Crookes to the mid-off boundary on way to his maiden hundred in one-day international yesterday. — Star photo

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for four with exactly three overs to spare.

Captain Hansie Cronje led his side from the front with an unbeaten 61 off 77 deliveries to ensure a triumph for coach Bob Woolmer's hard-core professionals who never allowed their opponents to take the initiative despite an eye-pleasing century from West Indies opener Philo Wallace.

After the match, the legendary South African Barry Richards perfectly portrayed the performance of the Proteas in the Mini World Cup, calling it a victory for a committed team that lifted the big title on a big day of a real big event... the biggest ever enacted in Bangladesh.

featured a quartet of fours.

For the South African captain, the big moment came minutes later when he was handed the "heavy" trophy, a wonderful creation of a Jaipur jeweller, by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Ably supported by Dale Benkenstein, who scored a fluent 27 in a 74-run stand for the sixth wicket, Cronje put on 37 runs for the unbroken seventh wicket with Derek Crookes, who hit the winning runs... a four over mid-wicket -- in a fitting way.

The West Indies bowling and fielding were no where near the disciplined showing they had produced in the previous

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hit with perfect RC COLA  
Player of the match



Jacques Kallis

## Shazneen murder Court to hear PWs Nov 22 as trial begins

By Court Correspondent  
The trial of Shazneen murder case began in the court of the sixth Additional Sessions Judge, Dhaka, yesterday. Seven persons have been indicted for the gruesome murder of the teenage girl.

Additional Sessions Judge AK Roy fixed November 22 for examination of the prosecution witnesses.

Charges framed against the accused include murder (section 302 of the Penal Code), criminal conspiracy (section 120 B of the Penal Code), common intention (section 34 of the Penal Code) and abetment (section 109 of the Penal Code).

Those indicted are: Syed Sajjad Mainuddin Hassan alias

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## Tk 5cr foreign cloth seized at Ctg

From Staff Correspondent  
CHITTAGONG, Nov 1: Chittagong Customs authorities have seized two lakh yards of foreign cloth worth about Tk five crore, which were imported in the name of a non-operating garment factory in Dhaka.

Customs sources said the cloths were seized on October 29 on orders from higher authorities after intelligence agencies found the garments factory non-operating.

Intelligence agencies suspected that the cloths were imported under a check to back LC to be sold in Islampur market in Dhaka, the sources said.

Strong lobbying has started for release of the seized cloths from Chittagong Customs house, they added.

Earlier also another consignment of over 50,000 yards of imported cloths were sold in Islampur market after taking delivery from Chittagong port in collusion with some officials of Chittagong Customs house, the sources said.

## Gunfight at IU Another student succumbs to injuries

Another student of Islamic University, injured during a gunfight between activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League and Islamic Chhatra Shibir on the campus on Saturday, died at a clinic in the city yesterday, reports APB.

The dead was identified as Al Mamun, a Shibir activist and second year honours student of the Islamic History and Culture Department of the University.

To protest the killings, Shibir has called for a day-long hartal in Kushtia and Jhenidah towns today.

Mamun, son of Abdul Aziz of village Pakshimul in Burichang thana of Comilla district, died at Ibne Sina Clinic at about 11:15 am.

Mamun's body was handed over to the relatives after autopsy at the DMCH.

## Procurement of Aman rice, paddy begins

The government will procure two lakh tonnes of rice and 55 thousand tonnes of paddy during the current Aman season in order to keep the market price of foodgrain stable and provide price support to the farmers across the country, a Food Directorate press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

It said, the current internal Aman procurement which began yesterday will continue till February next year. The procurement drive has started one month ahead than that of the last year to facilitate the farmers to sell their foodgrains to government food godowns.

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## Pir Shaheb of Paribagh dead

By Staff Correspondent  
The Pir Shaheb of Paribagh Hazrat Shah Syed Azizul Bari, who died late Saturday night, was buried yesterday afternoon. Popularly known as Pir Shaheb of Paribagh, Hazrat Azizul Bari was laid to rest beside the mazar of his late father, well known Boro Pir of Paribagh Shah Syed Abdur Rahim.

Hazrat Azizul Bari died of heart attack at around 11:20 pm on Saturday night. He was 77. He is survived by his wife, four sons and two daughters.

Hundreds of followers visited the residence of the Pir Shaheb hearing his death news.

## A VIEW FROM THE GULLY

Tawfiq Aziz Khan

Hansie Cronje once again led his side from the front to lift the Wills International Cup Sunday at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. In a tournament that gained popularity or notoriety as a sudden death format, the South Africans won all their three matches in style.

Brian Lara's brave men conquered the sub-continental powers with grit and determination and had a fair chance Sunday till the 27th over but then the game gradually slipped away from them. A very resolute and professional attitude of the Proteas saw them through. Both Daryll Cullinan and left-hander Mike Rindel went about their job with aplomb until

Keith Arthurton dislodged the stumps with a direct throw before Cullinan could reach home.

The experiment with Boycher was a flop but Jacques Kallis together with Rindel took the score to 118 until he decided to do a little catching practice with Phil Simmons. Cronje stepped in at an important moment of the innings and engaged himself in the repair job.

But a bad call saw Rindel, who was playing extremely well and only one short of a deserving half century, stranded almost half way to a direct hit by another left-hander, Arthurton. At the end of the match Cronje admitted that he almost made the task difficult by giving a bad call to Rindel. Cronje may not technically be a highly competent batsman, but he proved himself a very sensible human being. It takes tons of courage to admit one's own fault. Perhaps this was a good reason for him to be a great leader.

Dale Benkenstein played very sensibly to lend crucial support to his captain and when he departed at 211, the South Africans were under pressure again. But Derek Crookes, who had done the biggest damage to the West Indies earlier in the day by bowling Lara out, showed no signs of nerves and with Cronje he saw his side through to victory remaining unbeaten on a 77-ball 61.

It was a pleasant day and when the Caribbeans were put

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## Extortionists cut tendons, shoot young man

By Staff Correspondent  
A gang of extortionists cut the tendons of legs of a rickshaw garage owner, shot and stabbed him as he refused to pay toll at Beltola slum under Tejgaon thana in the city yesterday evening.

The victim, Abdul Karim, 28, was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital and later shifted to Orthopedic Hospital, hospital sources said. Karim was the son of one Abdul Gani, a dweller of the slum.

According to Karim's relatives, about seven extortion-

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## Curtain falls amid high ICC hopes

By Syed Ashfaqul Haque

Curtain fell on the nine-day cricketing extravaganza last night with South Africa winning the Wills International Cup, dubbed the mini World Cup.

Amidst cheers and applause from over 40,000 crowd, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina handed over the glittering cup to South African skipper Hansie Cronje following a brief musical and dance session after the match.

"It's a great relief for us that the tournament ends with great success, not only in terms of hosting the event, but also for the cricket-loving nation's participation in everything of the carnival," said Saber Hossain Chowdhury, the cricket supremo of the country, with a sigh of relief.

Bangladesh will be remembered for years in the history of the game of glorious uncertainty as the successful host of the first ever one-day championship outside the World Cup, featuring all the nine Test-playing nations.

And the stalwarts of the International Cricket Council (ICC), the organisers of the mega event, will leave Dhaka with a happy note and high hopes for the prospect of their ambitious plan to globalise the game.

The world cricket's ruling body took up the unique plan of hosting a 10-day spill-thriller, theme of which was "One World, One Game", in an emerging

cricketing nation to raise funds for the development of the game internationally.

The ICC has planned to spend all the earnings from the meet for the growth of cricket in the associate-member nations.

It was one of the tallest orders for Bangladesh to make a meet of this magnitude a success. Cynics of the world cricket became more sceptical about the future of the tourney as Bangladesh, infamous for its political instability, had to go through one of the biggest nature

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## 25 American Peace Corps volunteers arrive in city

Twenty-five American Peace Corps volunteers arrived in city yesterday to begin their two years of service in Bangladesh, reports UNB.

They will provide English language training for Bangladeshi primary school teachers at Primary Training Institutes across the country.

Before taking up their assignments, the volunteers will receive three months' training, including intensive Bangla, study of the country's culture and technical training about Bangladesh system at the National Academy for Primary Education in Mymensingh.

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## 10000 to return home from Malaysia

By Reaz Ahmad

As hundreds of illegal foreign workers in Malaysia are scrambling for exit permits, Bangladesh has sought waiver of fine on its workers who overstayed there after expiry of the 'amnesty period'.

The amnesty period for illegal workers ended Saturday. In the last couple of weeks, thousands of Bangladeshi workers in Malaysia queued in front of the country's mission in Kuala Lumpur prior to the expiry of the October 31 deadline set for illegal foreign workers to leave that country, now faced with an economic downturn.

Official sources in Dhaka told The Daily Star yesterday that some 10,000 Bangladeshi workers whose stay in Malaysia is no longer considered 'legal', have already been provided with exit permits from

Bangladesh High Commission in Kuala Lumpur. "They are waiting to avail the next available flights to return home", said an official of the Manpower and Employment Ministry.

DR SA Samad, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, who went to Malaysia last week to attend a conference, carried a letter from Sheikh Hasina for her Malaysian counterpart Mahathir Mohamad, seeking one-month extension of the amnesty period for Bangladeshi workers so that they need not pay fine for overstaying.

Manpower and Employment Ministry also sent an urgent message to Bangladesh High Commission in Malaysia to lobby with the authorities so that Malaysia defer realisation of fine Bangladeshi workers

till November 30 on humanitarian ground.

This correspondent could not contact Wajed Ali Khan Panni, Bangladesh High Commissioner in Kuala Lumpur over phone last night as he was on a tour of the US.

Non-extension of the deadline will have its toll on several thousand Bangladeshi workers, who inspite of having an honest intention of returning home, have become helpless due to a mad rush for air tickets. In a move to try to stop the violence, Sharif dismissed the southern Sindh provincial government, of which the MQM was a part, and imposed federal rule.

Demonstrations in Karachi today involved Haqiqi workers who accused the government of arresting 200 of its supporters.

## New deadline

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 1: The government has extended by 15 days the deadline for illegal immigrants to leave Malaysia, a news report said, according to AP.

A two-month amnesty period that started August 31 was to have ended Saturday night. The 15-day extension would be no more grace period, Deputy Home Minister Tajol Rosli Ghazali was quoted as saying Saturday by Bernama news agency.

After the new deadline, authorities would take action against those illegal immigrants still in Malaysia, Tajol Rosli said.

The government estimates

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## MQM protesters set shops ablaze, damage cars, fire gunshots

KARACHI, Nov 1: Giant plumes of black smoke engulfed a troubled eastern neighbourhood in this violent port city today as activists of a minority ethnic party and police clashed, said eyewitnesses and police reports AP.

There were no immediate reports of injuries. Scores of shops were set on fire and smoldering cars blocked roads as security troops fired tear gas shells to disperse demonstrators protesting the arrest of at least 200 of their ac-

tivists, along with five top leaders.

Supporters of the smaller Haqiqi faction of the former Mohajir Qami Movement hurled stones at police, burned tires, blocked roads and fired automatic weapons in the congested eastern Landhi neighbourhood to protest a police raid on a meeting at their party headquarters.

The Haqiqi group is a splinter group of the Muttahida Qami Movement (MQM), led by exiled leader Altaf Hussein.

Last week Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif accused activists of the MQM as well as its rival Haqiqi group of relentless violence that has terrorised the residents of southern Karachi.

In a move to try to stop the violence, Sharif dismissed the southern Sindh provincial government, of which the MQM was a part, and imposed federal rule.

Demonstrations in Karachi today involved Haqiqi workers who accused the government of arresting 200 of its supporters.

As well the government arrested senior Haqiqi leaders, including the party Vice-Chairman Badar Iqbal and party officials, Younus Khan and Kamran Rizvi, he said.

Both the Haqiqi group and the MQM say they speak for the political and economic rights of Urdu speaking people who migrated from India in 1947 when British colonial rule of the sub-continent ended. The main MQM faction, led by Hussein, was a coalition partner of Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League in

Sindh.

Reuters adds: The Governor of Sindh province suggested today that India was involved in terrorism in Karachi.

"Obviously they (India) are not our friends. They are taking advantage of the situation in Karachi," Moeenuddin Haider said when asked if Indian intelligence agencies were linked to violence which has killed 780 people in Karachi this year alone.

India has denied allegations by Pakistan that its RAW intel-

ligence agency is linked to violence and accuses Pakistan of arming militants to fight Indian rule of disputed Kashmir.

Haider said direct rule was imposed in Sindh province because the now-suspended provincial government was unable to reassert the rule of law and order.

He said the government had proof that the MQM was involved in the daylight murder of Hakim Saeed, a charge the party denies.

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