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**Pakistan set to win**

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Night-watchman Chaminda Vaas had no idea how to deal with a good length delivery that split the off-stump in two. With the first ball of his next over, a shaky Mahela Jayawardene drove at an apparently innocuous away swinger into the safe hands of Wasti at the third slip to the ecstasy of Akram.

This is the second time Akram has achieved a hat-trick against the same side in a week following the one he claimed at Lahore. But more importantly Akram overtook legendary West Indian fast bowler Malcolm Marshall in the all-time wicket-takers' list. With 378 wickets in 88 Tests, Akram is now holding the fifth place behind India's Kapil Dev, New Zealand's Richard Hadlee, West Indies' Courtney Walsh and Ian Botham of England.

Sri Lanka, however, heaved a sigh of relief when the umpires decided to end the proceedings following Akram's accomplishment. But the whipping boys of Aravinda de Silva may have a sleepless night before going into the fourth day to save themselves from complete humiliation.

But, apart from Akram's three sensational deliveries, it was an otherwise dull and insipid six hours where the bat dominated the ball.

Jaz turned his overnight 118 to 211 and Inzamam converted his undefeated 77 into exactly 200. The pair took the Lankan bowlers to the sword to lay the foundations of what was to be a massive Pakistan total.

Together they amassed 352 runs before Inzamam left the field on 156 apparently to take a break from the energy-sapping session out on the pitch.

Jaz, whose previous best was 155 against Australia at Peshawar, went on to complete his first ever double hundred with the help of 23 fours and a huge sixer against Chandana over long-on. The dapper right-hander was out in the 153rd over while trying to loft Chandana over the fence.

Inzamam returned to the crease as skipper Wasim Akram fell for eight, leaving Pakistan at 534 for six.

The portly right-hander eclipsed his previous best, 177 against West Indies, with a mighty sixer against Chandana

in the 183rd over. He then got a small yet very significant support from the tail to reach his milestone.

Inzamam, on 189, whacked Chandana over mid-wicket for a six before sending the next ball through extra-cover for four. He pushed the next ball towards mid-on for a single to reach the 200-mark, laced with 22 boundaries and a couple of sixes.

Although Chandana became the main victim of Pak assault in the post-tea session, he returned most successful among the Lankan bowlers. Maintaining a teasing line and length all the time, the lithe leg-spinner finished the day with six delicious wickets.

**BL College JCD leader shot dead**

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Mar 14: Rafiqul Islam, 25, general secretary of Govt BL College Unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) was gunned down by some unidentified assailants last night.

He came under attack at about 10:45 pm on the college campus and received bullet injuries in his head and back. He was rushed to Khulna Medical College Hospital where the attending doctors declared him dead.

BNP and JCD have blamed armed cadres of the ruling party for the murder. But Awami League and BCL said that the murder was a sequel to intra-party rivalry.

Leaders of the Chhatra Shibir-dominated Students Union of the college are yet to make any comment about the killing.

His body was sent to his village home at Mukundapur under Kaliganj thana of Satkhira district.

**Ties with Dhaka**

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popular leader of not only Bahrain, but also of the entire Muslim ummah.

The Prime Minister said the Bangladesh parliament has passed an obituary reference on the death of the Emir.

Referring to the Bangladeshi community working in Bahrain, Sheikh Hasina said they have expressed their happiness.

She said Bangladesh could send more skilled people, including teachers to Bahrain.

Hasina invited the Emir to visit to Bangladesh, which he gladly accepted.

Earlier, on her arrival at the Manama International Airport the Prime Minister was received by Minister for Commerce Ali Salah al Saleh and Electricity and Water Minister Abdullah Mohammad Juma.



Voters waiting to vote in the Adamjee Jute Mills CBA elections. The picture was taken from the canteen of the No.1 mill, now being used as a polling centre. —Star photo

**RMC closed sine die after clash**

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Mar 14: Rajshahi Medical College was today declared closed sine die following a clash between two rival groups of students on the campus.

The decision to close RMC was taken at an emergency meeting of the academic council last night.

The authorities asked the students to vacate their dormitories by 2 pm tomorrow.

The college authorities also postponed all on-going MBBS and BDS examinations for an indefinite period.

The activists of two rival student groups—JCD and BCL—clashed on the campus yesterday over control of dormitories.

Earlier, the BCL activists had occupied a JCD-dominated hostel.

Both the groups chased each other and exploded crackers during the clash. Later, the JCD activists backed by Chhatra Shibir ransacked the office room of the principal. JCD also called for an indefinite strike at the college from today protesting 'terrorism unleashed by ruling party backed-BCL'.

They also demanded immediate rehabilitation of the ousted JCD men in their dormitory.

**JS quorum**

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about to finish his discussion on the President's inaugural speech. Deputy Leader of the House Zillur Rahman made his exit. Rahman was the last cabinet minister to step out of the House rendering the entire front row of the treasury bench empty. The second row boasted only one person.

A Jamaat MP was the second and last man to discuss on the President's speech last night, when one legislator from the opposition bench drew Chair's attention to the absence of quorum. No sooner had the Jamaat deputy finished, the Speaker called it a day.

The last configuration of the most-patient MPs were—Awami League-30, BNP-16, Jatiya Party-3 and Jamaat-2.

**JP-backed union wins AJM polls**

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Mar 14: Jatiya Party-backed Adamjee Jute Mills Sramik Union won the AJM Collective Bargaining Agent election with a huge margin, according to unofficial results.

The CBA election was held peacefully amid tight security today.

AJM Sramik Union bagged 12,039 votes, while its nearest rival ruling party supported Adamjee Patkal Sramik Karmachari Union got 5,195 votes. Another ruling party supported union AJM Sramik Sangha bagged 1,580 votes and opposition BNP-backed A JM Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal got 619 votes while left-leaning AJM United Employees Union got only 17 votes.

The voters stood in queues in front of the polling booths from 4:00 am. About 93 per cent votes out of 20,798 exercised their voting rights, according to polling officials.

Huge contingent of police and paramilitary BDF was deployed in and around mill compound to maintain law and order. Local MP A K M Shamim Osman was present during the voting.

Talking to The Daily Star leaders of all trade unions expressed their unanimous opinion that the election was fair. However, they stressed the need for adequate security measures to avoid post-poll violence.

Ruhul Amin Sardar, president of the AJM Sramik Union after the unofficial results told this correspondent "I am not going to establish hegemony in the mills. My mission is to make the mill a profitable industry in co-operation with all workers."

"I am going to seek an appointment with the Prime Minister soon to decide my next course of action," he added.

Meanwhile, a huge number of AJM workers and their family members have left the mills compound apprehending post-poll violence.

**4 murdered in city in 12 hrs**

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dence. However, when the car stopped at a filling station in Banani at about 5:30 pm, Javed told them that he was not feeling good and asked the m to drop him at his residence.

At this, Sohel Mursi led, who was driving the car, started for towards Javed's residence. When they reached near Khilkhet foot-over at about 7:30 pm, more than 10 young men in two cars told Tipu to stop the car.

As the car carrying Tipu and others stopped, the two other cars stopped very close to it. Getting down from the cars, the assailants shot Tipu point blank at least 10 times at his chest and drove off. Imr an was also shot at his chest.

Fatally injured, Tipu and Imran was rushed to Dhaka CMH. Doctors declared Tipu dead as soon as he was carried to the hospital. Imran succumbed to his injuries soon after admission, police added.

Police arrested Javed yesterday and produced him before the CMM's Court. The court granted a one-day remand for interrogating Javed. Badda police said last night.

Brother of Tipu, an army official, filed a murder case with Badda thana accusing five people, including Imran, an accused in the film star Sohel Chowdhury murder case, and five others.

It was learnt that Tipu a brother of Joseph, a notorious criminal.

In the other incident, about four people suddenly attacked Montee when he was crossing Lake Circus area at about 11:30 am yesterday.

Equipped with machetes and iron rods, the attackers beat and stabbed Montee indiscriminately. Montee died on the spot.

**5 SIs of Jessore Kotwali thana transferred**

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Mar 14: Five Sub-Inspectors (SIs) of Kotwali thana have been transferred to different districts.

They are SI Jahangir Kabir, SI Jahangir Alam, SI Aatur Rahman Molla, SI Mozharul Islam and SI Mojibor Rahman.

**Nasim**

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ism. Nasim said: "We'll have to go a long way to combat terrorism."

He urged the opposition to realise the practical situation and give him some time to curb terrorism.

"Please don't express frustration and don't show an attacking attitude towards me. Give me some time to fight back terrorism. If I commit any mistake, I invite every body to suggest remedial measures."

About terrorism in the capital, the Home Minister said he had already directed the police to identify and arrest the terrorists.

Earlier, a high-ranking delegation of police officials met with Mohammad Nasim at his office yesterday.

The minister asked them to be more active against the terrorist activities.

Sources close to the meeting said it discussed the overall law and order situation with particular reference to recent increase of crimes across the country and the police performance.

Members of the delegation led by IGP AYBI Sadiqui included additional IGS Abdur Rahim Khan, Mahmud Al Farid, Nurul Huda and Nurul Alam.

**PM: Reform**

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eign investment in private sector.

Hasina said her government has various reform programmes for the financial sector and at the same time opened up various sectors to private entrepreneurs, including power, telecommunications, and civil aviation. Import trade has been liberalised.

Reform is a long-drawn complicated process, it is not possible on the part of the government to carry out it alone, she said and urged all political parties, mass media, non-government development organisations, citizens' committees, writers and intellectuals to play a role in this regard.

thana in this regard. However, none was arrested till last night.

In Kawranbazar, truck driver Shipon, son of Abdul Hai, a resident of Nokhali, was beaten to death near the Kawran Bazar City Corporation Market Saturday night, police said.

Shipon was fatally injured while two others sustained minor injuries when transport workers and a group of local traders clashed over unloading goods from trucks, hospital sources said.

Shipon and two others -- identified as Jakir and Ruhul -- were admitted to Dhaka where doctors declared Shipon dead.

A tense situation was prevailing in Kawran Bazar area till filing of this report last night. Extra police force were deployed there.

A murder case was lodged with Tejgaon thana in this regard.

**West Indies 106 for 4**

Sports Reporter

West Indies were 106 for four at lunch on the second day of the second Test against Australia at Sabina Park in Kingston, Jamaica yesterday.

Skipper Brian Lara led the way with a patiently-made undefeated 44 off 122 balls. Jimmy Adams was on 11 not out. The Australians who tore through the hosts' batting could find no way to separate the pair that had added 45 valuable runs after night-watchman Pedro Collins had to retire hurt.

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**Hearing of share scam cases**

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the court till Tuesday. But before beginning of yesterday's hearing, defence lawyer Mosharraf Hossain Kajal objected by saying that the court should not hear the cases since an order was pending with a higher court. The defence on last Thursday filed an application with the Metropolitan Sessions Court for transfer of the cases to the court Mia Mohammad Sharif of Second Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge, who heard the cases in the court of First Additional Sessions Judge.

But the prosecution argued that the hearing could begin as the defence had not filed any written petition in this regard.

The hearing finally began as the judge overruled the defence objection.

Dr Zahir said the Appellate Division in its May 13 judgement was very critical of the Sessions Judge for "failing to maintain a balance."

"The Sessions Judge, in our opinion, would have been well-advised to reject the revision petitions upon the view that the objection as to the alleged lack of authority should be raised before the court taking cognisance," Dr Zahir said quoting the judgement of the Chief Justice.

"We are also satisfied that there is prima facie allegation of contravention of section 17 of the ordinance. When the SEC was making a complaint of fraudulent acts against certain companies and their directors on the basis of an enquiry undertaken by an expert committee, a court would be well-advised not to try to be more expert at the complaint stage because otherwise it will be an example of nipping the prosecution in the bud. We do not at all approve of the manner in which the revision petitions were disposed of by the learned Sessions Judge."

**3 women**

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and the office of the market authority. Three fire units from Mirpur fire station rushed to the spot and brought the flame under control in one hour.

**One-dayer**

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ever that may be." To another query, Chowdhury said he had contacted the International Cricket Council (ICC) for approval.

When one bemused pressman asked how he could be so certain that the match was going to be an official one-dayer, a remarkably confident BCB boss replied, "The ICC will give its go-ahead, don't worry."

The BCB supreme said the Bangladesh team against Pakistan will comprise players for the upcoming Merit International Cup three-nation tournament. The squad for the three-nation tourney involving Zimbabwe, Kenya and the hosts will be named today.

"We feel this game will help our preparations for the World Cup."

About the confusion that may arise from selling separate tickets for the final day of the Test and the ODI, Saber said that the BCB was yet to finalise the matter. Hopefully, we can chalk out something satisfactory.

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