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West Indies 431 for 9

By Lenin Gani

West Indies were 431 for nine in their first innings, a lead of 175, at lunch on the third day of the second Test against Australia at Sabina Park in Kingston, Jamaica yesterday.

The home side added only one run to their overnight 377 for four when beleaguered skipper Brian Lara was caught by Ian Healy off Glenn McGrath for 213 thus ending a record 322-run fifth-wicket stand with Jimmy Adams.

Twenty runs later local hero Adams fell agonisingly six runs short of what would have been a well-deserved hundred. The left-hander was taken by Matthew Elliott in the gully off the bowling of McGrath. Wicket-keeper Ridley Jacobs, while on 25, went for an extravagant shot off leg-spinner Shane Warne only to be snapped up by a diving Jason Gillespie near the gully region. Seven runs later, Pedro Collins, who retired hurt after making 10 on Day Two, offered slip practice to Mark Waugh off Stuart MacGill. The last wicket to fall before the interval was Curly Ambrose (3), clean bowled also by MacGill.

Debutant Nehemiah Perry was at the other end while veteran Courtney Walsh was waiting to bat.

Asian Test

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board. The left-arnier then came up with a seven-ball burst in the second innings that earned him the fabulous feat of taking a hat-trick of wickets in successive Test matches.

The all-time great left-arm fast bowler, who took his first Test hat-trick against the same side at Lahore nine days ago, was later declared the man-of-the-championship by match adjudicator Cammie Smith of West Indies. His cash award amounted to 10,000 US dollars.

Pakistan received a lucrative winners' purse of 100,000 US dollars. Sri Lanka received 60,000 US dollars and third-placed India 20,000 US dollars.

Pakistan's experienced right-hand batsman Ijaz Ahmed, who scored a career-best 211, won the man-of-the-final award of 5,000 dollars ahead of compatriot Inzamamul Haq who hammered an unbeaten 200.

TUs at Ctg

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in port area on March 21 and 22.

The rally also called for resolving the issues of pay scale of semi-skilled employees, incentive bonus, joint seniority and time scale.

Presided by Mahfuzur Rahman Khan, president of port CBA, the rally was addressed, among others, by Nurulah Bahar, Abu Jafar Azad and Shamsul Huq Shafi.

Bus service

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cutta bus service. The Indian authorities are sending two specially built buses to Calcutta from Bangalore while the West Bengal State Government, the report said, has kept two buses ready for the trial run. The Indian buses will have wireless sets to give advance information about their arrival. The journey each way is likely to take seven to eight hours.

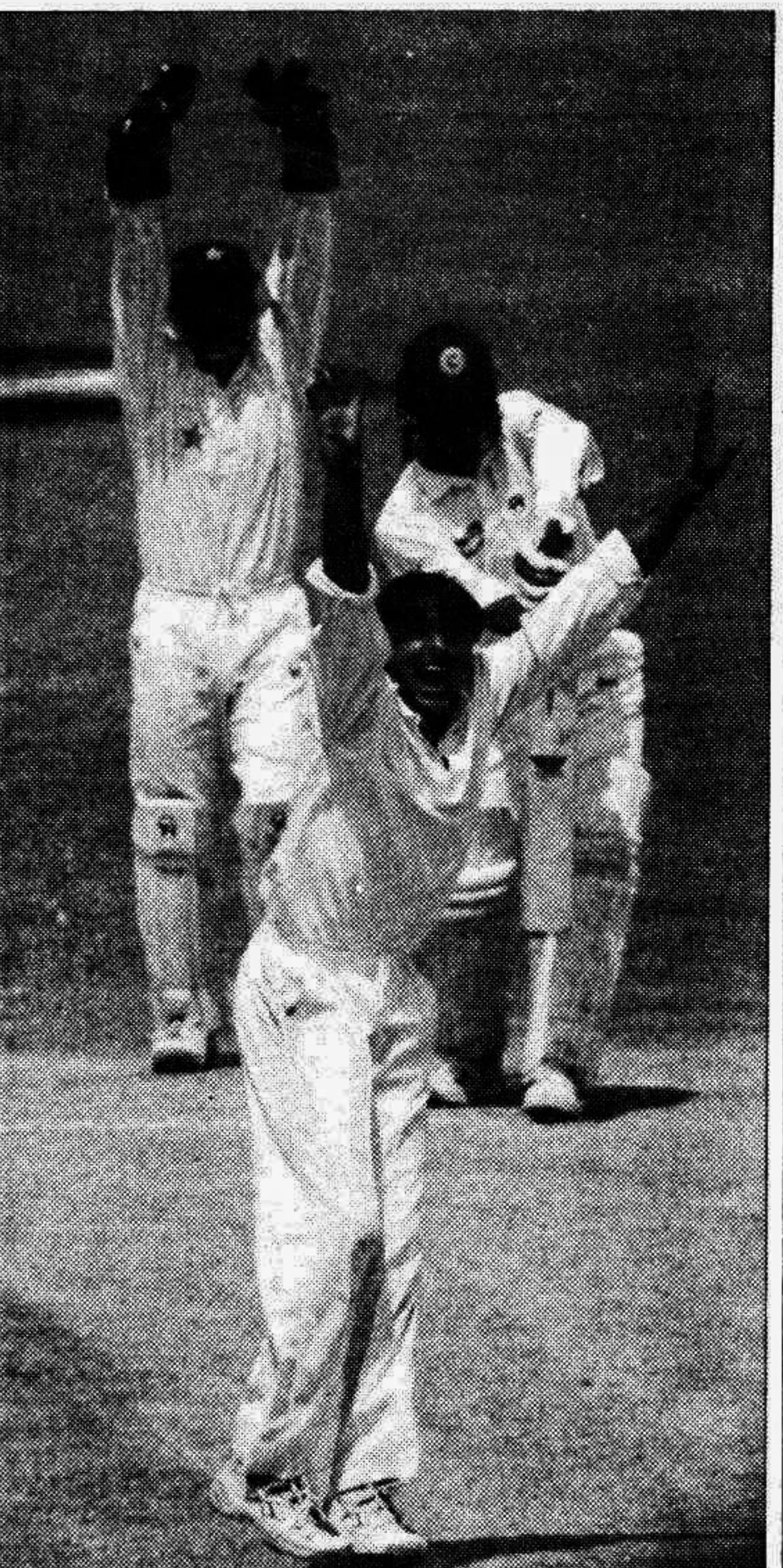
The waiting hall at Salt Lake will have immigration counters, communication centre and other facilities. Bangladeshi side is also going to press into service air-conditioned luxury coaches. Private operators have already lined up several 52-seater buses remodeled to accommodate only 36-passengers to make the journey comfortable.

Sources concerned said that the Dhaka-Calcutta one-way bus fare would be around Tk 400 per passenger. This would mean roughly one taka for every kilometre—the distance between the two cities being around 350 kilometres. Another Tk 50 per passenger would be added with the bus fare for the Aricha-Daulatdia ferry service. Only air-conditioned buses which are not more than four-year old would be available.

The Indian government is learnt to be taking steps to improve 80 km of road on the Indian side from Benapole to Calcutta. The 277 km road on the Bangladeshi side is in a better condition.

According to an estimate by the communications ministry, over five lakh people from Bangladesh including students, patients, pilgrims and tourists would visit India by bus every year. The flow of tourists into Bangladesh is likely to increase by about 200 per cent in the next two years.

Earlier, an eight-member official delegation led by Karan Mahmudul Hasan, Joint Secretary in the communications ministry, met his Indian counterpart K R Bhatti on February 16 and 17 to finalise the draft of the "Bangladesh-India Passenger Bus Movement Agreement."



Shahid Afridi exhilarates in dismissing tail-ender Upul Chandana.

— Star photo

Resist killers, call 11 parties

By Staff Correspondent

Eleven political parties in a joint statement yesterday expressed their firm determination to "resist killers hiding in the society and put an end to politics of killing through mass resistance."

Expressing grave concern and resentment at the killing of Kazi Aref Ahmed and his fellows and the Jessore killings, the parties in a statement said people who resort to killing merely because of political and ideological differences are not only killers but also the ones who destabilise the country's democracy.

The statement was issued by the parties after a tete-a-tete with the cultural activists in the city yesterday.

Leaders from Awami League, Bangladesh Workers' Party, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, Bangladesh Communist Party, Gano Forum, Sramik Krishak Samajbadi Dal, National Awami Party, Ganotantrik Party, Communist Kendra, Sammyniawadi Dal and Gano Azadi League signed the statement.

Verdict

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that The Daily Star report had nothing to do with the court "if it at all created any controversy."

"Why should the case be transferred based on controversy in which the court has no role. Besides, the Star report was published on March 4 whereas the Chief Justice had sent the case to court number six on March 7, and they were trying to have the case transferred from February 28."

This shows that the application was filed to delay the proceedings of this case and not from any fear. This kind of transfer application has become their usual practice. Even yesterday (Sunday) they made a similar move in connection with the share scam case in the Metropolitan Sessions Judge Court," Barrister Rokunuddin Mahmud said.

He concluded by saying that the application was not maintainable since the court transfer did not depend on "sweet will and fancy of the petitioners."

There is nothing to fear because it's a banch case. They are one of the 36 directors who have no fear. And the apprehensions of the petitioners are fictitious."

Earlier, Barrister Rafiqul Huq submitted supplementary affidavit annexing the defence petition which was submitted for transfer of the case from court number 23 to court number 6.

Huq also cited two decisions reported in the Dhaka Law Report (DLR) in support of his application for case transfer.

Hasina

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To drum up support for the strike, JCD leaders and activists brought out a procession on the campus yesterday morning and later held a rally at the main gate of Arts Building.

At the rally, the JCD leaders threatened to go for an indefinite strike on the campus if there was any attempt to foil or interrupt the strike. They said that they would do everything necessary to make their strike a success.

In another development, ruling Awami League-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) has urged its leaders and activists to assemble in front of TSC premises at 9 am today to welcome Sheikh Hasina, said a press release last night.

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BNP ignores Speaker's assurance, walks out

By Staff Correspondent

Opposition BNP members staged a stormy walkout in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday ignoring repeated assurances from the Chair that they would be given enough time to talk on tour city corporations bills.

Both Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury and Deputy Speaker Abdul Hamid sat in the Chair in quick succession to urge the BNP lawmakers to participate in discussion on the important bills before their passage yesterday.

Abdul Hamid had been presiding over the day's sitting but, amidst furor over BNP's walkout, Chowdhury stepped in for a few minutes and adjourned the House twice -- for two minutes every time -- and urged BNP men to come back and participate. But they did not.

"I want full participation, if it is possible", said the Speaker and repeated his deputy's assurance of giving each opposition MP two minutes to discuss amendments they suggested to the four bills.

Chowdhury even stopped Deputy Leader of the House Zillur Rahman, who moved the bills, while he was making statement and said he wanted the opposition's participation in the important business.

But, all efforts went in vain as BNP lawmakers, who had earlier walked out of the House at 7:55 pm on April 4 again. The Eid-ul-Azha and SAARC Speakers meeting in Dhaka were re-sessions behind the long recess.

Bodies of two women recovered

By Staff Correspondent

Bodies of two unidentified women were recovered in the city yesterday morning.

The body of an unidentified teenage girl was found in a sack at Sector No. 12 under Uttara thana. Police recovered the body from the spot at about 10 am yesterday.

Police said the face of the victim was burnt by acid and there were several marks of cigarette burns on her body.

None claimed the body. Police said she might have been killed two days ago. The body was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for autopsy.

A murder case has been lodged with Uttara thana.

Meanwhile, Shyampur police recovered the body of a woman, aged about 32, from near the Matuul Shishu Hospital in the city yesterday morning.

She was raped before murder. Police could not ascertain the reason behind her killing, police said. Another source said she might have been killed in road accident.

Advocate Abdul Rab Chowdhury, former BNP MP and a secretary of the government and Advocate Md Saidur Rahman are the official candidates of BNP.

Advocate HK Abdul Hye and Barrister Massod Raja Sobhan earlier sought nomination from BNP-Jamaat-Jatiya Party alliance, but after official declaration of BNP's candidates, they became independent candidates.

Rafiq sacked

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How would they exercise their responsibilities impartially if the Prime Minister issues direct orders."

She said: "When terrorists and smugglers are arrested, directives come from the top level of the government to free them."

She asked if Bangladeshi Army doesn't have the type of grenades, which were exploded in Jessore, from where these came.

She was critical of the "irresponsible statements" made by the Prime Minister and the LGRD and Cooperatives Minister about the Jessori incident.

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