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Stripping Victim files case against 7 policemen

By Staff Correspondent
Monti Begum, a BNP activist who was allegedly humiliated by police in the city during the hartal on May 11, lodged a case yesterday with the CMM's Court accusing seven police personnel.

A number of policemen allegedly attempted to strip off Mont Begum's saree during the hartal hours in Bijoy Nagar area.

The accused are, DC (riot police) Siddikur Rahman, ADC at Police Headquarters Shaiful Islam, OC of Motijheel thana Mohammad Hanif, naik Helal and three constables, Shahinur Begum, Fazlul Haq and Mizanur Rahman.

The petition case was lodged with the court of Metropolitan Magistrate Abdus Salam Mia where it was alleged that naik Helal and three constables, Shahinur Begum, Fazlul Haq and Mizanur Rahman, used verbally abused her and at one

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	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-15	4-20
Zohr	12-45	1-30
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Maghrib	6-40	6-43
Esha	7-55	8-10

Source: Islamic Foundation

Bank loan default Politicians refuse to take full responsibility

By Nurul Kabir and Reaz Ahmed

Politicians yesterday refused to take the sole responsibility for the problem of bank loan default in the country. They argued that an 'unholy alliance' between the lenders and the borrowers was rather mainly responsible for the entire problem.

Asked by The Daily Star, the politicians were reacting to a recent observation made by the

chief of the Centre for Policy Dialogue Prof. Rehman Sobhan. The professor reportedly accused the "political godfathers" of patronising the bank loan defaulters Tuesday. He made the accusation at a seminar on "Bank-loan Default Problem: A Dialogue Between Borrowers and Lenders", organised by Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management.

Amir Hossain Amu, a top ranking leader of ruling Awami League, said that it was undeniable that some politicians sometimes try to influence bank authorities to grant loans to certain people. "But how come the bank management disburses money to unviable projects, specially when there are rules under which the banks

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SEC, state lawyers tell court 'Transfer of share scam cases to raise questions'

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SEC and state lawyers yesterday argued that allowing transfer of the three share scam cases would raise questions in public mind because the petitioners were preferring a particular judge, not the court.

The arguments came as hearing in a High Court bench continued for the second day on petitions for revision on a Metro Court judgement which rejected transfer prayer by three accused companies - Beximco Pharmaceuticals, Doha Securities and Shinepukur Holdings.

Additional attorney general Mahabub-e-Alam said that the intentions of the petitioners were not bona fide as there was contradictory points in their prayers.

Lawyers for the petitioners argued that "withdrawal" of cases from the court of First Additional District Sessions Judge and transfer to the court of Third Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge was illegal as hearing on the cases began in the District court.

Alam pointed out that the accused companies calling the transfer of the cases from the First Additional Sessions Court of Dhaka "illegal" but at the same time they were pleading for transfer to the court of Mia Mohammad Sharif, now Third Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge.

Their intention is not bona fide because they are asking for



Father's death may put Tendulkar out of WC

BOMBAY, May 19: Star Indian batsman Sachin Tendulkar may be forced out of the cricket World Cup in Britain following the death of his father, cricket officials here said today, reports AFP.

Television reports quoted family sources as saying Tendulkar had already left England and would return to Bombay this evening with the funeral scheduled for tomorrow

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Dramatic 3-run defeat to Zimbabwe India's WC dream in tatters



Jonty Rhodes attempting a reverse sweep against Sri Lanka yesterday. — AFP photo

LEICESTER, England, May 19: India, already reeling from the absence of master batsman Sachin Tendulkar, saw their World Cup hopes dashed by Zimbabwe here on Wednesday as they crashed to a dramatic three-run defeat, reports AFP.

Mohammad Azharuddin's side, chasing Zimbabwe's 252 for nine, were dismissed for 249 with six balls to go.

It was their second consecutive defeat.

They must now win their last three games, against Kenya, Sri Lanka and England, to have any chance of reaching the second round of the tournament.

Wicket-keeper Nayan Mongia seemed to have saved his team with 28 off 24 balls but when he was bowled by Guy Whittall, to make the score 217 for seven, India suddenly caved in, their last three wickets falling for three runs.

Last man Venkatesh Prasad came to the wicket with four runs needed to win off seven balls but he went for a golden duck.

Zimbabwe pace bowler Henry Olonga, after a disastrous first spell, trapped him leg before as he took three wickets for five runs at the death to become the unlikely hero of the match. He ended with three for 22.

India immediately opened an inquest on both their batting and how their bowlers could bowl 21 wides and 16 no balls during the Zimbabwe innings, giving away 51 on extras in all—the second highest contribution to the African side's total.

Their slow over rate also meant that India's innings was cut by four overs, a factor which proved crucial.

The day began badly for India when the team were told that Tendulkar, the best batsman in the world and the cornerstone of the side, had flown home following the death of his father.

Team officials said they hoped he would return in time for the game against defending champions Sri Lanka on May 26.

But India's gloom soon deepened after a youthful display in the field.

Then their batsmen made a disastrous start—and a disastrous end.

Saurav Ganguly, Rahul Dravid and skipper Mohammad Azharuddin were back in the pavilion as they reached 58 for three after 10 overs.

Ganguly began the slide by

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Alleged professional misconduct Bar Council asks top lawyer to explain

By M Shamsur Rahman

The Bangladesh Bar Council has asked a senior Supreme Court lawyer to explain his position after receiving complaints of professional misconduct against him.

Managing Director of Arab Bangladesh Bank A Rahim Chowdhury and a shareholder of IFIC Bank, Shahidul Islam, complained to the Bar Council against Barrister Rafique-ul-Huq that the lawyer, despite being a retainer of both the banks, appeared against the banks in courts. Both the complainants affirmed affidavit from the Notary Public.

Following is an extensive extract of the MD's and the shareholder's complaint letters and the affirmed affidavits.

The managing director of AB Bank said that despite being the retained legal advisor of the bank, Huq acted in "an unethical breach of privilege" by

making confidential documents available to defaulting borrowers of the bank and appearing in court against the bank.

The MD said that a confidential Bangladesh Bank letter advising AB Bank to serve notices on ASF Rahman and Salman F Rahman (chairman and vice-chairman of IFIC Bank) and Iqbal Ahmed and MA Quasem (AB Bank directors as Beximco nominees) under Section 17 of the Bank Companies Act for overdue loans, was made available to the defaulting directors by the barrister.

The loans were secured by personal guarantee given by the four as directors of Beximco Investment Company Ltd.

After the AB Bank had issued notices, the four Beximco directors filed a writ petition in the High Court and obtained a stay order against the notice.

The writ petition, the MD pointed out, was filed against the bank by Barrister Huq while he was still the legal advisor of the bank. He also accused the barrister of making available the confidential letter of the central bank to AB Bank to the petitioners.

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A view from the Gully

By Tawfiq Aziz Khan

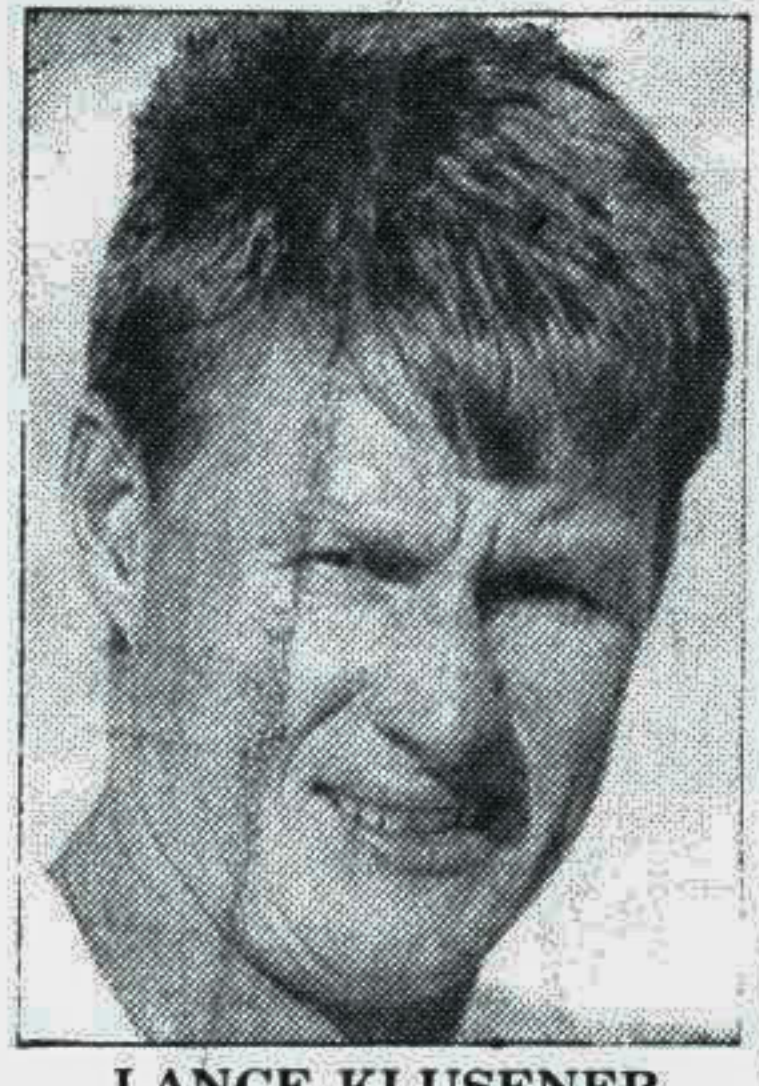
The English weather was in play on Tuesday at Canterbury. Not happy after inducing an initial delay of some 90 minutes before the scheduled start, rain started again after lunch and threatened to stop the proceedings at one stage. England with an easy job of overhauling a modest Kenya total was actually alarmed by the prospect of no play after they had batted for 20 overs. It would have been a disaster for them sharing points with Kenya in a match that was well within England's grasp. The Canterbury cricket ground, home for the county Kent, has a long tradition. The St. Lawrence Cricket Ground in old Dover Road was opened in 1847 and known at that time as Beverly cricket ground. The St. Lawrence Ground is the only cricket ground in Kent that is owned by a county club, according to the Wisden Guide to Cricket Grounds.

The pavilion was built in 1900 at a cost of £2,340, and refurbished and renamed the Stuarth Chiesman pavilion in 1970. The Iron Stand was constructed in 1897 and renamed the Leslie Ames Stand in 1973 after the great English wicketkeeper. A lime tree stands within the playing area on the Old Dover Road side of the ground and was once cleared by a hit from Sir Learie Constantine, the great West Indian cricketer, the only player to have accomplished this feat, so far.

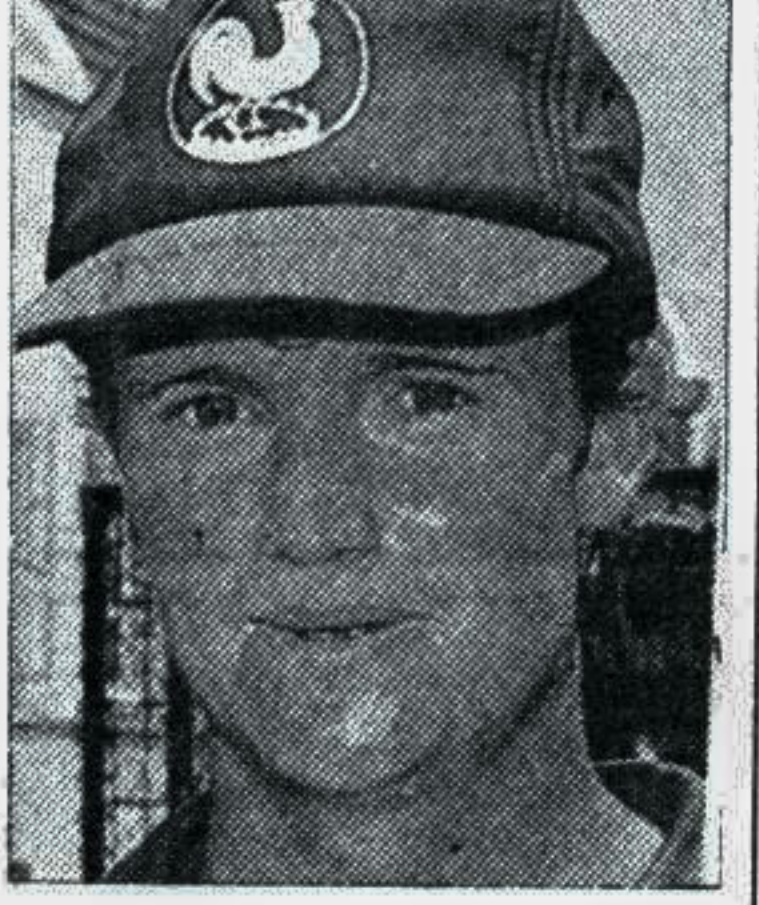
From Alfred Mynn, the first of cricket's heroes, Fuller Pilch

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LANCE KLUSENER
Man of the Match
South Africa vs Sri Lanka



GRANT FLOWER
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India vs Zimbabwe

South Africa closer to Super Six

NORTHAMPTON, England, May 19: Jacques Kallis wrecked Sri Lanka's World Cup hopes with a stunning opening spell to spearhead a tournament favourites South Africa to an 89-run victory here today, reports AFP.

Kallis took the first three wickets in seven balls as the South Africans, restricted to 199 for nine, skittled the reigning champions for just 110—the lowest score of the World Cup so far.

It was South Africa's second successive win in group A following their four-wicket defeat of India.

The emphatic victory was all the more remarkable as Hansie Cronje's side had been reduced

by Mark Boucher to leave the Sri Lankans reeling at 14 for three.

Shaun Pollock delivered a bigger blow before another run had been added when he trapped the out-of-form Aravinda De Silva leg-before for one.

Roshan Mahanama top-scored with 36, but Klusener polished off the tail with three wickets.

Sri Lanka's second defeat in as many matches leaves them facing an uphill task to qualify for the Super Six second round.

They must now win their three remaining matches against Zimbabwe, India and Kenya to stand any chance of defending their title.

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to 122 for eight at one stage amid controversial circumstances.

Left-hander Lance Klusener then led a late-order revival with an unbeaten 52 off 43 balls, taking 22 runs in the final over bowled by Chaminda Vaas, including sixes off the last two deliveries.

Then Kallis, who had scored just 12, took over.

He had Ramesh Kaluwitharana caught at first slip and bowled Sanath Jayasuriya in the space of four deliveries in his second over.

In his next over, Kallis had Marvan Atapattu caught behind

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CWC meets today Cong weighs ousting 3 dissidents

NEW DELHI, May 19: Risking a factional split, India's opposition Congress party today weighed the expulsion of three rebels who say Italian-born Sonia Gandhi should not qualify to be India's prime minister, reports AP.

Sonia quit Monday as Congress president after the dissident leaders suggested amending the constitution to allow only natural-born Indian citizens to become prime minister.

Today, one woman outside Sonia Gandhi's high-security home in New Delhi tried to emulate herself, as hundreds of slogan-shouting supporters beseeched Sonia to retract her resignation.

Manju Shrivastav, a local-party official, poured kerosene on her sari and lit the corner, but party activists doused the flame.

Party workers prevented another six women from setting themselves on fire outside the Congress party office in Hyderabad, the capital of the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, the Press Trust of India news agency said.

In a note to party leaders, Sonia urged party activists not to resort to such drastic pressure tactics, said Congress spokesman Ajit Jogi.

Members of the party's highest decision-making body postponed a meeting until tomorrow, giving Sonia another day to reconsider her resignation. Only the committee can decide on whether to expel the three

Beyond the boundary Of Matters Mindless

By Shakil Kasem

Sachin Tendulkar, who had of late been considered as being somewhat of an extraterrestrial, finally admitted his kinship to the mortals of this world, when he flew home for his father's funeral. In his absence Azhar and his men managed to prove conclusively that they are indeed only half the team in Tendulkar's absence. It was more than mere pangs of separation.

Winning the toss in this most crucial of matches, Azhar opted to put the Zimbabweans in on a fairly good batting track. The rest, as they say, was not history.

The Zimbabweans had always fancied their chances against India, winning four of their last ten matches to India's five. Their intentions were very clear-cut from the very beginning, but they would be the first to admit that they were helped

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