

# Bangladesh win 'their final'

Green-and-red flutter as fans turn Edinburgh ground their home

From Nizamuddin Ahmed

EDINBURGH: May 24: The Grange Cricket Ground at Scotland's capital was transformed into a mini-Bangladesh as hundreds rejoiced amid fluttering green-and-white flags and Bengali songs to celebrate Bangladesh's first victory in the World Cup as they beat the home side by 22 runs.

Chasing Bangladesh's 185 for nine, England hopeful Gavin Hamilton led the Highlanders with a smashing knock of 63 to make it an exciting match.

With Scotland losing wickets quickly in the last 10 overs and the asking rate climbing from five to eight runs an over, Bangladesh saw a match returning to its grip from the brink of near disaster.

It was man of the match Minhazul Abedin, the late entrant into the side, whose unbeaten 68 in three good partnerships saw Bangladesh recover from 26 for five to a fighting total.



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BEGINNING OF THE END! Bangladesh's Hasibul Hossain celebrates after trapping Scotland opener Bruce Patterson leg before for a duck in Edinburgh yesterday. — AFP photo

## Windies blow away Kiwis

SOUTHAMPTON, England, May 24: Wicket-keeper Ridley Jacobs took five catches and scored a career-best 80 not out as the West Indies swept to a seven-wicket win over New Zealand here on Monday, reports AFP.

Skipper Brian Lara contributed 36 off 54 balls as West Indies cantered to victory with 5.4 overs to spare.

The victory, set up by the West Indian bowlers who shot out the Kiwis for their lowest

Birth centenary of Nazrul today

The nation will celebrate the birth centenary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam today in a befitting manner, reports BSS.

Born in 1899, Nazrul, popularly known as the rebel poet, inspired the people to fight against colonialism, exploitation and deprivation for establishing equality, justice and humanity.

Nazrul's writings worked as the key source of inspiration for achieving the national independence of the country in 1971.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages on the occasion.

Various socio-cultural and political organisations took elaborate programmes to celebrate the day.

Besides, the National Committee for the celebration of Nazrul's birth centenary has been observing different programmes over the last one year paying homage to the great poet.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the main programme of the day at Osmany Memorial Hall at 10 am today.

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Today's issue of The Daily Star contains a two-page special on birth centenary of Poet Nazrul Page 6, 7

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May 25

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

## Sonia withdraws resignation

From Pallab Bhattacharya



Sonia Gandhi

NEW DELHI, May 24: Sonia Gandhi tonight withdrew her resignation as President of India's main opposition party of Congress following mounting pressure from Congress activists ending a week-long crisis in the party.

Sonia, the Italian-born widow of former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, communicated her decision to the Congress Working Committee, highest policy-making forum of the party, a week after she had put in her papers in the wake of three senior party leaders questioning her credentials to become India's Prime Minister because of her foreign origin.

"Sonia Gandhi has decided to withdraw her resignation and continue as Congress President," a terse announcement from senior Congress leader Pranab Mukherjee said.

Three senior Congress leaders Sharad Pawar, PA Sangma and Tariq Anwar had last week questioned Sonia's credentials to become the Prime Minister. The trio had been expelled from

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## Beyond the boundary Questions Still Remain

By Shakil Kasem

Bangladesh began their one match campaign in this World Cup in the most disastrous fashion. It certainly did not appear that Bangladesh had prepared all that well over the last two and a half years, for this one solitary match they were supposed to win.

Against a team of rank amateurs who were only playing their third ODI, Bangladesh gave enough indication that they still have a mountain to climb if they are to have any impact at this level of the game. The contest was essentially between the two worst batting sides in this competition. Aside from scoring runs they are also meant to set an example for the rest of the batting. Typically, they did neither. Basic errors in judgement, lack of concentration.

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MINHAZUL ABEDIN  
(Bangladeshi)  
Man of the Match  
Bangladesh vs Scotland



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(West Indies)  
Man of the Match  
New Zealand vs West Indies



TODAY'S MATCH

England vs Zimbabwe  
Venue: Trent Bridge  
Live Coverage: BTV and Star Sports (3:45 pm)

TOMORROW'S MATCHES

India vs Sri Lanka  
Venue: Taunton  
Live Coverage: BTV and ESPN (3:45 pm)  
Kenya vs South Africa  
Venue: Amstelveen (Amsterdam)  
Live Coverage: Star Sports (3:45 pm)

## BNP MPs parade city streets

# Polls only means to oust govt: Khaleda

By Staff Correspondent

103 MPs participated in the procession.

The procession started from the party central office at Napalitan at 11:37 am and ended in front of the Press Club at about 12:15 pm after marching through Fakirpool, Dainik Bangla, Baitul Mukarram, Paltan and Topkhana areas.

After the street march, Begum Zia announced May 27 as Black Day to protest formal installation of Shantu Larma as chairman of the Regional Council of Chittagong Hill Tracts. On that day, she said, opposition parties will stage demonstrations and bring out processions across the country to protest the CHT accord that created instability instead of establishing peace.

She told newsmen, "We are in Parliament and we want to speak there on issues public interest and problems of the common man. But we will be compelled to launch movement both inside and outside the Sangsad if we are not allowed to speak."

Replies to a question on

parliament boycott, she said, "Time will say when and what step we will take."

Asked about hartal, she said her party and other components of the opposition alliance have been taking up programmes considering people's sentiment. "Our objective is to involve people of all walks of life in our programmes and we are trying for that."

She went on, "We are observing hartal and will also call hartal in future. We called hartal only when the government forced us to do so and in future we will call hartal when necessary."

Referring to her party's recent Dhaka-Panchagarh road march, the BNP chief said there are demands from different parts of the country including Jhendah, Sylhet, Mymensingh and Barisal for similar march to those areas.

"We are greatly inspired by Dhaka-Panchagarh march as people of all walks of life spontaneously joined us. We will take up such programmes soon because we believe in people's See Page 12 Col 4

## US experts on gasfields

### Invest more to increase recoverable reserves

By Staff Correspondent

Experts of US Geological Survey yesterday at a symposium said that adequate investment for development of gas fields could increase Bangladesh's existing recoverable reserves by 10 times.

On Dhaka streets, youngsters sang, danced, chanted slogans, exploded fire-crackers, beat drums, blew whistles in a midnight revelling after the 22-run victory, the first ever in their debut cricket World Cup.

An ecstatic Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina led the nationwide celebrations, congratulating

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Bhutto told the British paper that she had begun house-hunting in the capital from where she will coordinate opposition to the Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, who she accused of working towards a totalitarian Islamic state.

The former premier said she would be immediately thrown

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potential growth through Technology Advances organised by the Petroleum and Mineral Resources Engineering (PMRE) Department of BUET. He added that most gas fields were still immature and that the data available to make reserve estimates for these fields were limited.

Bangladesh is known to have a gas reserve of around 10 trillion cubic feet (tcf). But this

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## HC verdict on transfer plea by 3 cos June 8

By M Shamsur Rahman  
By the application of the notice when judges were transferred to the newly formed Metro Court the cases "which were being dealt with" by them were also transferred with them, lawyers of three companies accused in the 1996 share market scam told a High Court division bench yesterday.

The bench fixed June 8 for verdict as hearing ended on an application challenging Metro Court's judgement which rejected transfer prayer by three accused companies —

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