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meeting foiled,

The rally, under the banner of "Muktijoddha Janata", was foiled when police imposed Section 144 in and around the venue as Awami League's thana unit youth front, Jubo League, called a meeting at the same

'I am not being allowed to speak because I am upholding the cause of the freedom fighters," Kader Siddiqui told local newsmen in an instant reac-

Officials said the district administration clamped Section 144 on the meeting venue, Aleya Cinema Hall premises, and around the Nakla Bazaar area with a view to maintaining law and order.

diqui tried to hold the meting at Krishi Bank at Nakla Bazaar, rivals swooped on them with See Page 12 Col 1

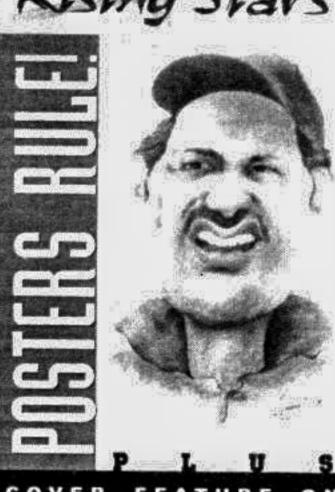
Chhatak blast Manik's bail prayer rejected

SYLHET, May 30: A magistrate's court in Chhatak today rejected the bail petition of Mowas arrested in connection with March 15 explosion in his residence that killed two people, re-

Counsel argued that Manik was not in his house at the time of the mishap nor his name mentioned in the case filed by Chhatak police after 11 days of the incident.

of sending Manik to Comilla Jail instead of keeping him in Sunamganj.

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TODAY'S MATCHES

Bangladesh vs Pakistan Venue: Northampton Live Coverage: BTV and Star Sports (3:45 pm)

New Zealand vs Scotland Venue: Edinburgh

Live Coverage: ESPN (3:45 pm) The first round ends with today's matches. The Super Six begins June 4.

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Kader Siddiqui's 20 hurt in clash

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SHERPUR, May 30: At least 30 people, including eight po-licemen, were injured in a clash when ruling party MP Bangabir Kader Siddiqui tried to address a public meeting in Nakla thana Sadar this afternoon, reports APB.

venue at the same time.

tomorrow in the last match of the group stage. the West Indian coach of Bangladesh, employed by BCB since October 1996 as Director of Coaching, it will be the end of a bumpy road.

As supporters of Kader Sidan alternative venue, in front of

hibur Rahman Manik MP, who ports UNB.

Pleading for his bail, the

They questioned the veracity

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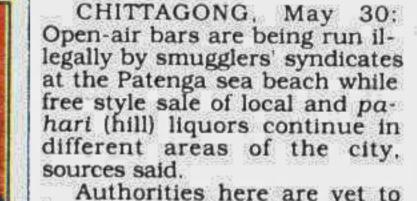
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Column: Perspectives

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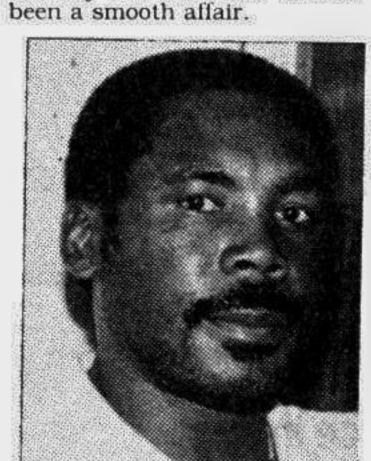
Authorities here are yet to launch any major crackdown on illegal liquor business. Smuggled foreign Whisky,

mazar of President Ziaur Rahman yesterday.

Beer and other contraband wine are sold at the bars operated along the beach, witnesses said.

Some locally blended liquor is also sold in bottles of foreign liquor with fake labels, cheating the customers, sources alleged. Such adulterated liquor is always risky that may cause tragedy like the recent one in Norshingdi in which 118 people

popular applause on his induc-LONDON, May 30: Gordon tion as the Bangladesh coach, Greenidge will be informed later this evening by an official his stay with the team has not letter, in all probability signed been a smooth affair. by manager Tanveer Muzhar Is-



ahead of today's tie

From Nizamuddin Ahmed

Whether this will mean the end of his tenure as the Director of Coaching, a contract that terminates next month, will be a decision that the BCB will

take after the World Cup. So adverse was the relationship between Greenidge and the board that there had been speculation even before he left for England with the World Cup squad that he may not return to Dhaka.

It was not immediately clear who would replace Gordon, if at all, for the match against Pakistan.

In addition to the Greenidge drama, there may be some fireworks when the team for tomorrow's match is announced later tonight. However, contrary to earlier reports, Aminul Islam in all likelihood will re-See Page 12 Col 2

Greenidge may be dropped India kick out hosts

EDGBASTON, England, May 30: Jubilant India reached the second round of the World Cup after sending host nation England tumbling out of the tournament here today, reports

But Mohammed Azharuddin's side will have to win all three of their Super Six matches to be sure of reaching the semi-finals.

their opening two games, beat Alec Stewart's side by 63 runs and qualified by virtue of a superior run rate.

Thousands of India fans invaded the pitch, racing across the outfield waving the orange, green and white tricolours.

Several of the Indian players, including man of the match Saurav Ganguly, were mobbed and chaired from the field as a massive crowd formed beneath the pavilion balcony to hail

Zimbabwe in the second round from group A, but with teams retaining points won against fellow qualifiers from their group, India will start the next stage from scratch after losing to both their closest rivals. But Azharuddin said he was

confident of further progress. "We have no points going through into the next stage but I believe we can beat anyone in the tournament," he said. "Zimbabwe showed by beating South Africa on Saturday that any-thing is possible."

The match, which threatened to boil over on Saturday, was hit by further controversy shortly after play resumed when England, 73 for three overnight, set off in pursuit of India's 232 for eight.

Play on Saturday had ended dramatically. First there was an ugly confrontation between seamer Debashish Mohanty and Graham Thorpe, then a furious Nasser Hussain was dismissed. The umpires had rejected his appeal against the light but then suspended play after his wicket.

The controversy returned after eight runs had been added. Thorpe, England's in-form batsman, was given out leg be-

fore by umpire Javed Akhtar of Pakistan to a ball from Javagal Srinath which looked certain See Page 11



For Long Lasting Fresh Breath and Sparkling White Teeth

5 villagers killed, alleges Pakistan

Indian forces shell Pak-held Kashmir

Acid: So dangerous, yet

so easily available

By Naimul Haq

ISLAMABAD, May 30: At least five people were killed. seven injured and scores of houses damaged today when Indian forces heavily shelled border villages in Pakistani-controlled Kashmir, officials said. reports AFP.

lam, that the West Indian has

been dropped from Bangla-desh's World Cup squad.

Chowdhury will reach

Northampton later today to fi-

nalise the matter, according to

sources close to the Bangladesh

team, now camped in

Northampton to face Pakistan

If such a letter is delivered to

Although the legendary

batsman was received with

BCB president Saber Hossain

They said the Indian troops resorted to "unprovoked heavy shelling" in the Bhimber sector of the Line of Control, which divides the Pakistani and Indian zones.

AP from New Delhi says, Indian jets and helicopter gunships pounded rebel positions in the jagged Himalayan mountains today. Residents in the remote area

said they saw air force jets

streaking across the morning

Acid is easily available at

very low prices although about

one lakh incidents of 'acid vio-

lence' on women take place in

to regulate sale of such a dan-

gerous product at retail level.

You cannot stop sale of acid un-

less you ask the users to keep

proper account of the quantity

of acid purchased and used," A

leading lawyer told this corre-

An activist of a women's or-

ganisation working against

acid violence on women said.

Acid is a very dangerous prod-

"There are no 'suitable laws'

the country every year.

spondent.

sky, but there was no official word on what targets had been

A military spokesman said Indian forces had managed to contain the infiltrators in the Kargil sector, and troops were bracing for hand-to-hand combat to dislodge Islamic guerillas occupying vantage mountain positions.

"All intrusions have been contained. Intruders had been pushed back in all sectors," said Maj Gen J J Singh at the daily briefing on the fighting. Singh has said it could take

Indian ground troops several weeks to regain control of the area from the heavily armed rebels.

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uct but so easily available.

Strict vigil by law enforcers on

those who are potential users of

acid can reduce incidents of

acid burn victims report to

various hospitals across the

country. But only a fraction of

them get the opportunity for

treatment due to lack of re-

quired facilities. One hundred

forty-five cases were treated at

Dhaka medical College Hospi-

Survivors Foundation Dr John

Morrison said, "Bangladesh

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia along with senior party leaders placing wreaths at the

Open-air bars at Patenga

From Nurul Alam

Even alcohol-free beer is al-

Hundreds of visitors and

legedly sold as alcohol-mixed

tourists throng Patenga sea

beach every day to relax and to

Visitors who do not take al-

cohol face an embarrassing sit-

uation being bothered by bar

boys. They approach saying,

"Do you need Beer or Whisky?

can serve you good quality

beach get foreign liquor from

cargo vessels engaged in smug-

gling and from duty-free shops

for foreigners at the port jetty

and the Export Processing

Zone, the sources said.

The open air bars at the sea

Please sit on the chair here.

beer at Patenga.

see the sunset.

drinks.

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Executive Director of Acid

On an average, around 5,000

acid violence."

tal last year.

Police-BCL clash at Rajshahi: 15 injured

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, May 30: At least 15 people were injured in a clash between police and the activists of ruling party backed Bangladesh Chhatra League at Rajshahi Govt College today.

The trouble erupted at noon when the BCL activists brought out a procession on the campus demanding 'party quota' for admission to the first year Honours classes. At one stage, the BCL ac-

tivists entered the office room

and damaged furniture and other documents. They also clashed with on duty policemen and hurled crackers at them. Police resorted to lathicharge and lobbed tear gas shells to disperse the BCL activists, leaving

15 injured. Babu, a BCL activist, was arrested from the spot.

Thousands pay tribute to Zia

By Staff Correspondent Thousands of people including leaders and activists of BNP and its front organisations thronged the mazar of Ziaur Rahman in the city yesterday morning to pay tributes to the assassinated President on the

18th anniversary of his death. They placed wreaths and offered fateha, praying for eternal peace of the departed soul as well as peace, progress and prosperity of the nation. This day in 1981, President

Ziaur Rahman was assassi nated at Chittagong Circuit House by a group of disgruntled armymen.

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-Star photo

Pahari liquors are brought

by buses and trucks from

Rangamati, Khagrachhari and

Banderbon hill districts, the

sources said. Pahari liquor

business is run in the city al-

legedly in collusion with police,

sold regularly in different city

areas though, according to the

Narcotics Department here,

only three shops have permis-

the Narcotics Department said

they hardly can raid the open-

shops due to shortage of man-

power and necessary logistics.

air bars and other illegal liquor

But they were alerted by

higher authorities to check the

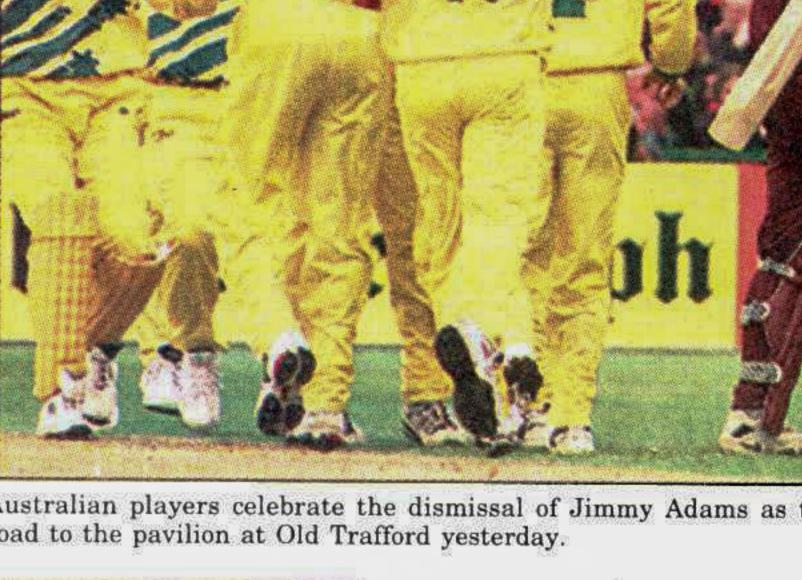
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When contacted, officials of

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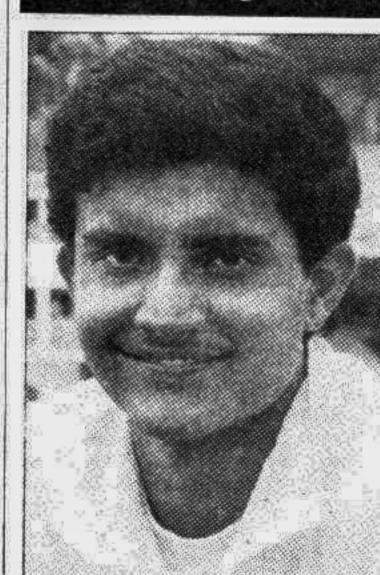
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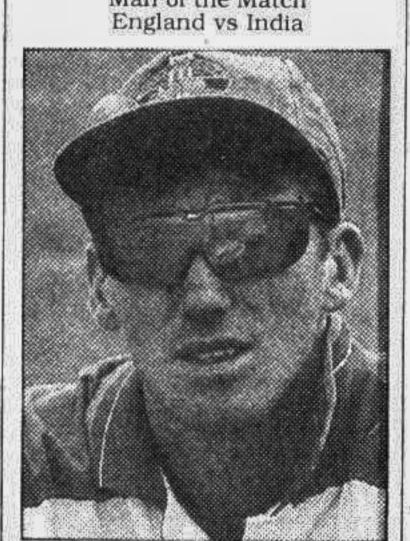
Australian players celebrate the dismissal of Jimmy Adams as the West Indian takes the road to the pavilion at Old Trafford yesterday. - AFP photo

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SAURAV GANGULY (India) Man of the Match



GLENN McGRATH (Australia) Man of the Match Australia vs West Indies

Zimbabwe are the real winners LONDON, May 30: Surprise

World Cup package Zimbabwe were the major winners on Sunday following England's exit from the tournament, says With teams retaining points won against fellow qualifiers in

the second round, Zimbabwe

found themselves going into the

Super Sixes with a maximum four, despite finishing in third place in group A. Ironically South Africa, who finished top with four wins out of five, only have two points while India must start the sec-

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Aussies rout Windies

MANCHESTER, England. May 30: Australia, inspired by strike bowler Glenn McGrath. reached the second round of the cricket World Cup here today after beating the West Indies by

six wickets, reports AFP. The West Indies will have to wait for the result of New Zealand's match against Scotland to see if they have gone through to the Super Six stage or been knocked out on run

But the game ended bizarrely. Australian batsmen Michael Bevan and Steve Waugh, chas-

ing 110, suddenly stopped going

for their shots and played out a string of maidens with little at tempt to score, sparking ironic cheers and chants of "boring. boring Aussies!

McGrath, who claimed a career-best five for 14, won the man-of-the-match award. Struggling for form in this tournament, he grabbed the

first three wickets in 13 balls

after Australia elected to field

in overcast conditions. He removed Sherwin Campbell and Jimmy Adams with successive deliveres, then took the key scalp of Brian Lara. bowled with a perfect leg cutter See Page 12 Col 1

Liaison body on TAR AL govt surrendered to Indian pressure

The liaison committee of the BNP-led four-party alliance yesterday said the Awami League government virtually gave in to Indian pressure and made a suicidal decision of giving transit to India in the name of Trans-Asian Railway, reports UNB.

"Analysis of various information indicates that the present Awami League government has surrendered to the Indian pressure," a resolution of the iaison committee meeting said last night.

The resolution said it appears that India is getting tran-

sit facility from Bangladesh

through the Trans-Asian Rail-

way route as finalised at the

four-day expert group meeting that concluded in Dhaka on Friday. The liaison committee said

the route finalised at the expertgroup meeting shows that the rail route will start from south Unan province of China and end up in Bulgaria through Myanmar-India-Bangladesh-India and Pakistan-Iran-Turkey.

Indeed, if the transit is introduced under the present system, India will get corridor through Bangladesh because there is no rail-link from Myanmar to India. On the other hand, this proposal did not in-clude Nepal, it added.

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Beyond the boundary

Importance of Being Earnest

By Shakil Kasem flavour of the month. Strange

Which was what England wasn't. England not only came into this World Cup with a lot of misconceived notions about its prowess and credibility, they were also the bookmakers

while others watch

mind works. After the South African debacle and the rain delay, Eng-See Page 11 we score ...

how the inscrutable occidental

Standard & Chartered

the Gully

A view from

By Tawfiq Aziz Khan

India finally got into the Super Six at the cost of England and to the great relief of millions of supporters at home and abroad. Zimbabwe brought up the rear with South Africa on

top of Group A. Did the law of averages interfered in the match between Zimbabwe and South Africa at Chelmsford on Saturday? Was it the brilliant performance of the Zimbabweans that pulled off the most dramatic victory so far in the tournament? Or did the Proteas give a lift to their

neighbours? Without going into the details of these questions we must give full marks to the fighting qualities of the Zimbabweans who are known for their 'giant

killing' ability. For once, at least, the South Africans proved that they were also mortals and susceptible to normal human errors

It took Essex 103 years to land their first championship and less than a decade to confirm their status arguably the best team. The County Ground, New Writtle Street has been the headquarters of Essex cricket since 1967. The ground had been used previously by Essex in 1926-39, 1946-48 and 1950-56 as Chelmsford CC rented the See Page 12 Col 2

Kibria highlights TAR benefits

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria yesterday called for making allout efforts for implementation of the grand project like Trans-Asian Railway

(TAR), says BSS. "Bangladesh has the opportunity of sitting at the centre of South Eastern Asia and East Asia. We should explore this opportunity," he said while inaugurating a national seminar on "The Trans-Asian Railway (TAR) Network Southern corri-

The Finance Minister said the TAR will not only establish international railway links between the countries, but, also help the land locked countries in Central Asia to expand trade

Presided over by Chairman of the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) Prof Rehman Sobhan, the function was also addressed by Director General of Bangladesh Railway AH Khan and Director, Transport, Communications, Tourism and Infrastructure of ESCAP Dr M

Rahmatullah. CPD and Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) jointly organised the seminar which split into three sessions- inaugural.

technical and closing. BUET Professor Dr Jamilur Reza Chowdhury chaired the technical session while Communications Minister Anwar Hossain was the chief guest at See Page 12 Col 7

One killed in blast while making bombs

By Staff Correspondent A young man was killed while allegedly making bombs at Manik Nagar under Shabujbagh thana in the city yester-

Osman, 23, son of Nur Mohammad, a resident of Manik Nagar area, police and hospital sources said Shabujbagh police suspected that the incident took place when Osman was making

The dead was identified as

bombs in a tin-shed abandoned house at Manik Nagar. The father of the victim in an FIR, filed with Shabujbagh thana, alleged that his son was killed by unidentified assai-

Nur Mohammad alleged that a child called his son out of his residence in the morning. And suddenly there was an explosion at the house at about

10:30 am and Osman was found

with critical injuries in his hands, chest and face. He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he succumbed to his injuries. The body was sent to DMCH morgue for autopsy.

Another accused in Aref Murder Case arrested

From Our Correspondent KUSHTIA, May 30: Daulatpur thana police arrested Giasuddin alias Gares Sardar, another chargesheeted accused in JSD leader Aref murder case on May 26 from Bilgathua border

With this, four out of 21

chargesheeted accused have so far been arrested. The three other arrested persons are Elach Mondol,

Farzulla Faro and Abdul Majid Police said Gares, son of one Jharu Mondol of Kalidaspur under Daulatpur thana was ar-

rested while fleeing to India.

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tournament which led to calls for Azharuddin's dismissal. India join South Africa and

India, written off after losing

their heroes. India's qualification com-pleted a remarkable turnaround in their fortunes after a disastrous start to the