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Accusation against Rafiqul Haq: HC rule on Central, AB banks

The High Court yesterday is-sued a rule on Bangladesh Bank, AB Bank and Bangladesh Bar Council to show cause why the memo of the central bank asking AB Bank to accuse Barrister Rafiqul Haq of profes-sional misconduct in the Bar Council shall not be declared illegal, malafide and without

lawful authority, reports UNB.

A Division Bench of the HC comprising Justice Fazlul Karim and Justice Ali Asgar issued the rule after hearing the petitioner, Barrister Rafigul

Haq submitted that he had resigned as Adviser of AB Bank, and challenged the action of the central bank in asking AB Bank to accuse him in the Bar Council. He said the action was taken on the basis of false and malicious report in a section of the press.

Sad SL exit

SOUTHAMPTON, England, May 30: Sri Lanka's miserable World Cup ended with an unconvincing 45-run run over group A minnows Kenya here on Sunday, AFP.

The demoralised reigning champions, who failed to reach the second round with just two wins out of five games, saw the Africans hit out to reach 230 for six in reply to their 275 for eight.

Kader Siddiqui

brickbats shouting slogans against him, witnesses said. Police lobbed several rounds of tear gas shells to disperse the activists of the rival groups.

Two of the injured - Anwar Hossain, 27, and Riazat Member, 40, were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital in critical condition. Four others were admitted to the thana health complex at

Nakla. They were identified as Abdul Wadud Member, 40, Sohel, 10, Abdul Malek, 24, and Kota Sheikh, 45. The clash disrupted traffic on the Sherpur-Dhaka-My-

mensingh highway for about three hours. Kader Siddiqui is scheduled to address another rally tomorrow in Nalitabari thana Sadar

where his rivals are reportedly preparing to hold a meeting at the same time at the same

Aussies rout

From Page 1 that clipped the top of the off stump.

not have its usual practice ses-sion. Rain also forced yester-That made it 20 for three. The West Indies crawled back into the game but then collapsed as leg spinner Shane Warne

From 64 for three, five wick-

ets tumbled for seven runs to make it 71 for eight.

Warne produced a superb spell of three for 11 off 10 overs, removing Chanderpaul third

Opening batsman and wicket-keeper Ridley Jacobs carried his bat for 49 as the West Indies were dismissed with 3.2 overs to spare.

Australia: A. Gilchrist b Ambrose M. Waugh c Jacobs b Ambrose R. Ponting c Chanderpaul b King D. Lehmann c Adams b Ambrose S. Waugh not out M. Bevan not out Extras: (lb4, w7, nb8) Total (for 4 wickets, 40.4 overs) 111 Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-43, 3-53,

Did not bat: T. Moody, B. Julian, S. Warne, D. Fleming, G. McGrath.

Bowling: Ambrose 10-0-31-3, Walsh 10-3-25-0, Dillon 7.4-1-22-0, King 10-2-27-1, Simmons 3-2-2-0. Australia won by 6 wickets

Liaison body

From Page 1 The liaison committee said that in the face of Indian oppo-sition, the route starting from Birganj of Nepal through Singabad of India to Rohonpur of Bangladesh was not adopted.

Nevertheless, New Delhi raised the objection to the movement of railway wagons of other countries through India. Islamabad also conveyed to India that it would not allow any transit facilities to go to west-ern countries, if Pakistan is not allowed trade facilities through India to Bangladesh and other eastern countries.

The opposition alliance said now it is Crystal clear that India wants to get facilities but does not want to give facilities to other countries. India is alert about its national security and that's why it does not want to that's why it does not want to give any concession to land-locked Nepal.

"It is unfortunate that the present government of Bangladesh had approved the proposal of Trans-Asian Rail route in favour of India withou considering the country's security interest as well as multilat-

eral inter-state trade facilities." Quoting from the press brief-ing of Commerce Minister To-fail Ahmed after his visit to India, it said New Delhi has linked the transit and border trade with the zero-tariff on 25 Bangladeshi products.



A view from the Gully

From Page ground annually from the Wenly Trust. Essex first staged County Championship match here in 1926 against Somerset. Bangladesh played their first match of the World Cup '99 on this ground against New Zealand on 17 May. It was a personal triumph

for a frail Neil Clarkson Johnson, a Harare-born all-rounder who played several seasons with Natal in the South African Currie Cup hoping desperately to be in the elite force but finally settling for Zimbabwe and making ODI debut against New Zealand at Dhaka last season (1988-1999). His innings of 76 against a bowling that is regarded top class was the foundation for his team's reasonable total against the Proteas. And when it came to bowling he shattered the top order of the top favourites with his immaculate right-arm fast medium deliveries. The Proteas did not recover from the shock. Campbell knew the strength and weaknesses of his team and did not leave things to chance, instead he decided to make the first use of the hard batting strip. The Flower brothers and Murray Goodwin played responsible innings despite Donald and Co.

South Africa were in full force. They did take the match seriously as far as the composition suggested but when it came to real test they were miles behind their normal operating capabilities. The grit, determination and the clinical precision for which they are looked upon with awe by lesser mortals were all missing and against

From Page 1

"But, there could still be

tain his place in the eleven in

spite of his lacklustre perfor-

mance in the last four matches.

major changes," confided one

selector. Under fire are Aminul

Islam, Akram Khan, Faruque

vice-captain Khaled Mah-

Hasibul Hossain may have

uncapped Shafiuddin

to rest tomorrow to find a place

Ahmed. Neeyamur Rashid is

also likely to get the nod in his

Rain forced Bangladesh in-

doors today and the team did

day's England-India to this

morning. A similar fate could

await Bangladesh and Pak-

istan. In case of wet weather the

match will move on to Tuesday,

failing which the teams will

There was no fitness prob-lem in the Bangladesh team.

Contrary to press reports, Min-hazul Abedin was not 'sick'. He

was running a very light fever on the day of the match against

Australia. He was cleared fit

with an unbeaten fifty.

and performed commendably

against Pakistan if given the

choice. Bangladesh played

against Northampton in an of-

ficial warm-match in mid-May

Bangladesh will bat first

earn a point each.

Ahmed and

for as-yet

imaginative bowling and brilliant fielding, both on ground and in the air, the Proteas appeared to have lost in the wilderness. They never seemed to have tried to overtake their opponents. By the time Klusener stepped up, it was too

Perhaps this was not their day and they crashed to their first-ever defeat against their worthy neighbours.

But the Indians in their do or die match against England have disappointed millions of fans and well-wishers by inept batting at Edgbaston after a reasonably good start. But credit is due to the England bowlers who bowled a superb length and line till the last overs arrived and Jadeja launched himself. Had not the weather intervened the match could go anyway.

Pakistani umpire Javed Akhtar, hit the nail in England's head when play resumed Sunday afternoon by adjudging Graham Thorpe lbw to Srinath bowling round the wicket to the left-hander. TV replays showed, a number of times, that the decision was atrocious. Even the experts including Sunil Gavaskar criticised the decision. This was the turning point of the match and when Flintoff left the rest was left to Ganguly and Kumble. England by that time had lost the contest and the calculators came into play.

If the law of averages has come into play against South Africa would it be too much to expect it today against Pakistan, the only unbeaten team so far? Let us keep our fingers

on the very ground they will

meet Pakistan tomorrow. The

teams had then scored five

hundred runs, which would sug-

tated cricket fans today

(Sunday) staged demonstration

in Dhaka demanding removal

of national coach Gordon

buffs roamed about the city

streets demanding immediate

replacement of the former

your service any more", the an-

Zobaida's detention

declared illegal

The High Court yesterday declared "illegal" the detention

of Zobaida Rashid, reports

ing Justice Md Fazlul Huq and

Justice Md Abdul Matin in its

verdict on a writ petition said

she (Zobaida) was being de-

tained in Dhaka Central Jail in

Zobaida Rashid, wife of Col

(retd) Abdur Rashid, a con-

demned fugitive in the Banga-

bandhu Murder Case, was rear-

rested on April 21. Her daugh-

ter, Mehnaj Shakeeb, filed a

writ petition challenging the

"unlawful manner."

arrest and detention.

A High Court bench compris-

"Quit, Gordon, we don't need

Caribbean test opener.

gry Youths yelled.

Slogan-chanting cricket

Greenidge.

UNB.

APB adds: A group of agi-

gest this was a batting track.

Gordon Greenidge

Two students stabbed in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, May 30: Two stu-dents of the Shahajalal University of Science & Technology were stabbed this afternoon in Hawapara area.

The students were identified as Manjurul Alam and Himu. Alam was admitted to the Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital and Himu to a private clinic, sources said. Police arrested one person in connection with the incident.

Zimbabwe

From Page 1 ond phase from scratch. Zimbabwe's coup followed their shock win against South

Africa at Chelmsford on Saturday and against India - by three runs - at Leicester on May 19. South Africa's points came from their victory over India at

Super Six qualifiers play the three qualifiers from the rival group before the semi-final slots are decided on overall points totals. Alistair Campbell's side will

thus only need one more win to reach the semi-finals, while Mohammad Azharuddin's Indian side, despite their joy at overcoming England at Edgbaston on Sunday, face a massive task to reach the final four.

They will have to win all their games against the top three sides from group B - Pakistan and two sides out of Australia, the West Indies and New Zealand.

Laws to control. tobacco: HC rule on govt

By Staff Correspondent

The High Court yesterday is-sued a rule nisi asking the government to show cause why it would not be directed to enforce the existing laws to control marketing of tobacco products and to make new laws banning all kinds of advertisement of those products.

A Division Bench of the HC comprising Justice Mohammad Fazlul Karim and Justice Mohammad Ali Asgar Khan issued the rule responding to a writ pe-tition filed by National Professor Dr Nurul Islam, President of Adhunik, an organisation campaigning against smoking.

Appearing before the court for the petitioner, Barrister Omar Sadat said, "According to 3(Ka) of the Marketing of Tobacco Products(Control) Amendment Ordinance of 1990, any activity to publish, propagate or display of any advertisement of tobacco products is unlawful".

"But the ordinance was not placed before the Parliment and it did not get the status of a law accordingly" he said.

It was alleged in the petition that the tobacco companies are negligent in presenting the legally mandatory phrases "Smoking is Injurious to Health" on cigarette packets or in advertisements.

"This is a fraud on the statute," Barrister Sadat said The HC issued the rule a day before the World Tobacco Free Day today

Gold worth Tk 26 lakh seized at ZIA

By Staff Correspondent Customs surveillance team at the Zia International Airport seized gold bars worth about Tk 26 lakh from a passenger yes-

terday morning. Customs officials said that 30 gold bars weighing 10 grams each were recovered from inside a shoe of one Anwar Hossain, who arrived from Dubai by a Biman flight at 8-39 am.

They challenged Anwar while he was passing through Green Channel without giving any declaration.

On suspicion, the surveillance team searched him with metal detector and recovered 30 gold bars from inside his shoe. A departmental case was lodged in this connection.

Dental students of CMC enforce strike today

From CU Correspondent CHITTAGONG, May 30: Dental Students Action Committee will enforce a day-long strike at the Chittagong Medical College (CMC) tomorrow as part of its 19-day agitation programme.

The programme was announced at a rally on May 28 to press its five-point demand. The demands include appointment of required number

of teachers for dental unit of CMC, turning the unit into a full-fledged college and hospital and allocation of funds for the unit providing necessary equipment.

TAR benefits highlighted

From Page 1 the closing session.

The Finance Minister said the Bangabandhu Bridge was a crucial factor for the TAR. But with the completion of bridge a new dimension in establishing international communication network has been created, he said adding it will be possible to reach Istanbul from Dhaka through rail communication. Moreover, the transportation of goods will be faster and cost effective, he said.

Kibria said the TAR would also help expand trade and commerce with the North eastern states of India.

The establishment of international railway link is not a

new idea, he said. In the late 50's and early 60's the United Nations ESCAP proposed to set up Asian Railway. Kibria said adding the proposal was not implemented then because of political problems and conflicting situation in the Asian countries.

The cloud of conflict started to clear in the late 80's and at present Bangladesh is in a better position to implement the proposal of ESCAP, the minister said.

He said even the neighbouring Myanmar had rejected the proposal for setting up the TAR and but now they have agreed to

The Finance Minister urged the organisers of the seminar to highlight the implications and impact of TAR so that the people could easily understand its importance. Prof Sobhan said the policy

barriers, which constrain trade and political mindset imposing a variety of software impediments and make transport

movements a tortuous process,

remain to be removed. He said there is huge trade gap between Bangladesh and India. Bangladesh's import is higher than that of the export and so it (Bangladesh) would be cautious after setting up TAR network for reducing trade im-

balance, he said. Describing the outcome of the Expert Group Meeting (EGM) Dr Rahmatullah said the EGM adopted an action plan to follow up the various recommendations already put forward. It (EGM) also has agreed to establish a special "Working Group" involving the concerned countries to pursue the action plans,

The ESCAP executive said all countries expressed their willingness and interest to operationalise the routes wherever available.

The delegates on their return to respective places would pursue with their governments to obtain endorsement of the routes recommended and the action plan adopted in the EGM.

Patenga From Page 1

menace after the Norshingdi tragedy, the sources said. In a special operation in the

city few days ago, two fake homeopathic doctors were arrested and jailed for selling rectified, the officials added.

However, the sources claimed that those who are running open-air bars and other liquor shops, have 'secret arrangements', with a section of officials of the Anti-smuggling Task Force at Chittagong Custom House, police, Narcotics Department and other agencies.

Acid: So dangerous From Page "We do not sell acid to any

has the worst acid burn cases in the sub-continent. Such violence against women is increasing at an alarming rate." An investigation by The

Daily Star revealed that a glass of concentrated sulphuric acid. enough to destroy one life, would cost no more than Tk three only. The same quantity of hydrochloric acid would cost slightly more and imported nitric acid would cost around Tk

Two factories in the country produce acid. Of these, the state- owned one is at Chandraghona in Chittagong and the other in the private sector is at Volta in Rupganj. Both produce sulphuric and hydrochloric acid. Nitric acid is imported mainly from Korea and India

and at times from Germany.
One kg of concentrated Nitric acid costs Tk 29, sulphuric Tk nine and hydrochloric acid Tk eight. The prices fluctuate by around taka one to two.

Only those who possess valid licence, mainly approved agen-cies, can procure acid sold in big plastic containers from the factories. The minimum quantity sold is a truckload or about five

Aluminum factories are the biggest users of acid . Steel, rerolling, dyeing and printing mills and battery manufacturing factories are the second biggest consumers of acid, followed by garments factories, motor vehicle workshops and jewelry shops.

Acid is sold in bulk at Tanti Bazar, Rajardari, Malitola, Armanitola and Becharamdari in the city.

one unless he can show permit to buy acid," said Bakshibadan Dev of Faruk Chemicals Industries at Rajardari. Other dealers also made similar claims.

Ataur Rahman of Jharna Chemicals, said, "There are some known faces who come to collect acid from us. They work in aluminum, battery or steel mills. I don't think they come here to buy acid with the intention of misusing it, such as throwing it on women".

According to some lawyers, police officials and shop owners, acid used for attack on women is mostly purchased from jewelry shops and motor vehicle garages or workshops. A jewelry shop owner in Manikganj admitted that many of the shops in the area were engaged in selling concentrated acid but at least at three times

the prices. "Sometimes under pressure from local mastaans, we have to sell acid for the sake of our survival," said a shop owner in Gopalganj, not willing to be

A worker at a motor vehicle workshop in Savar admitted that he had sold acid to a number of persons in the area. "Last year I sold half a kilogram of sulphuric acid for 100 taka .They threatened to kill me if I did not".

Dr S L Sen, a senior plastic surgery consultant at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said, "We receive hundreds of patients who need urgent treatment but most of them go back without any treatment due to lack of facilities."

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