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# The best of times

Players record their moments of glory to Star reporter

By Hasan Masood

Bangladesh skipper Aminul Islam said defeating Pakistan in the World Cup at Northampton was the greatest moment of his life and he considers this a milestone in the history of Bangladesh cricket.

He was talking to The Daily Star in front of the VIP Lounge at Zia International Airport yesterday after the Bangladeshi team arrived here after a 13-hour long journey from London.

"I'm the happiest man today and the credit goes to the whole team. We didn't have a reputation before the World Cup, but now the world knows that we can play at the highest level of cricket too," said a visibly tired Aminul.

The Bangladeshis in England gave us tremendous support in all the matches with their presence at the ground. I will never forget that.

"We were the minnows out there (in the match against Pakistan), we tried our best and won against Pakistan. Nothing is sweet like this," added Aminul rushing towards an

Army truck that carried the team to National Parade Square.

Other members of the team that won two of their five first round matches also chimed in with their skipper.

Former national skipper and all-rounder Minhazul Abedin, the last-minute inclusion in the WC squad, said he played the best games of his career in the World Cup and enjoyed every bit of his stay in England.

"I thank the Almighty for giving me the chance to play in the World Cup. It was a dream I have cherished for long. I gave everything for my country in the World Cup, and thank God I'm ending my career after such a historic win against Pakistan," said Minhazul who spearheaded Bangladesh's maiden World Cup victory against Scotland at Edinburgh on May 24 with an unbeaten 68 and a wicket.

Wicketkeeper Khaled Mashud, who inflicted three run-outs on Pakistan, said that it was a good match to win and that he would remember the victory throughout his life.

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## Time to come closer

Foes turned apparent friends at the airport yesterday. The picture shows (from left) State Minister for Sports Obaidul Quader, BNP sports secretary Hafizuddin Ahmed MP, Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, BNP city leader and former state minister for sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka MP as when they posed for photo while waiting for the cricket heroes to arrive.

— Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Commissioner murder  
Nasim promises punishment to killers

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, June 4: A wave of protests continued in the port city against the killing of ward commissioner of Chittagong city corporation and local Awami League leader Liakat Ali Khan.

Liakat was gunned down by assailants in broad day light on Wednesday at Chaldaia under Panchlaish thana.

A protest rally organised by the City Corporation was held at Lalbagh Maidaan this afternoon.

Home Minister Mohammad Nasim and Minister for Civil Aviation Mosharraf Hossain attended the rally.

Presided over by mayor Mohiuddin Chowdhury, the rally was also addressed by local AL leaders.

The home minister assured that the killers of Liakhat will be arrested.

He urged the people to extend their support and cooperation to the law enforcing agency personnel to curb terrorism.

## Expats to help gain expertise

Technology transfer convention in July in US city

From Govinda Shil

NEW YORK: A group of expatriate Bangladeshi experts said here Saturday that it was not a big task for them to transfer technology to Bangladesh but urged entrepreneurs to respond, positively.

They said there is a huge technical gap between Bangladesh and the developed countries, which the country has to leap-frog for rapid economic development.

The expatriate experts and investors will hold a Tech-Transfer convection during July 31 to August 1 this year at the Saint Peter's College, New Jersey. Tech-Bangla, an Atlanta-based not-for-profit organisation will host the convention. Commerce and industries' minister Tofail Ahmed will be the chief guest.

"We are identifying prospective areas for technology transfer to Bangladesh, but everybody should come forward to materialise it," said Dr Shafiq Mian, a bio-chemist at the University of Georgia. Mian came here from Atlanta, Georgia to hold a press conference

with the expatriate Bangladeshi journalists.

The New York journalists were enthusiastic about the idea. They asked the organisers how they were planning to face the socio-political realities of Bangladesh, while building a technology base.

A New York based IT (Information Technology) expert Dr. Abdullah of IBM said expatriates should start, somewhere, amidst political risks rather than sitting back.

"Bangladesh garment industry has been able to establish its reputation for quality products in the international market in spite of frequent political conflict," Mian said. Tech-Bangla is now working to buildup a network of North American scientists and engineers. Entrepreneurs will get necessary information about specific projects, he said. Habibullah, a soil scientist said: Tech-Bangla was trying to match prospective entrepreneurs and experts and expect them to come up with viable manufacturing and industrial projects for Bangladesh.

### 50 Sudanese troops killed in plane crash

KHARTOUM, June 4: Fifty Sudanese troops, including six officers, were killed when a military plane crashed near Khartoum on Thursday evening, the army said today.

A military transport plane was flying from Kassala in eastern Sudan to Khartoum at 8.00 pm (1700 GMT) Thursday when it suffered technical problems, according to the statement from the Sudanese armed forces general command.

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## CJ points to dependence on executive

Freedom still remains a far cry, Justice Kamal tells SC Bar

Chief Justice Mostafa Kamal Thursday said independence of judiciary would remain a far cry if its financial and administrative independence was not ensured, reports UNB.

He made the observation at a reception accorded to him by the Supreme Court Bar Association on his assumption of the office of the Chief Justice.

He underscored the need for institutional communication between the Chief Justice and the Supreme Court Bar for better understanding and resolving various problems.

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