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## Oil tanker blast kills 16 in Sitakundu

50 hurt: Death toll may rise

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, May 31: At least 12 workers were killed and 50 others injured in the country's worst oil tanker explosion at Shitalpur ship-breaking ground in Sitakundu today.

Police said 10 of the victims died on the spot while two succumbed to their injuries at Chittagong Medical College

Hospital. They said the search for trapped workers inside the huge ship was still on and the casualty figure may rise. Thirty labourers with severe burn injuries were receiving

The death toll in the oil tanker blast at Shitalpur rose to 16, a UNB report said late last night

treatment at the hospital and the condition of two of them was 'critical'. The rest were taken to private clinics.

Police and shipyard sources said some 200 workers were involved in scrapping when the tanker, T.T. Dena that carried Iranian flag, went up in flames at 11 a.m.

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SAARC Secy-Gen tells The Daily Star

## Nothing can be done unless all agree to hold summit

By M Anwarul Haq

Despite delay in holding the SAARC Summit, the informal system of consultation among its members as a matter of routine and tradition shows that they now recognise its growing importance as an institution and apex regional body. SAARC Secretary General Nihal Rodriguez has said.

SAARC foreign ministers had informal consultations before the start of the United Nations General Assembly in the last two years. They also met on the sidelines and discussed many issues during the recent NAM meeting at Cartagena. Their foreign secretaries also met during the South

Summit in Havana.

He said initiatives by civil societies in different sectors are promoting people-to-people contact and creating conditions for greater cooperation among South Asian countries in different sectors.

"Several chamber bodies

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**Beefy:** A marauding Akram Khan cracks a Ganguly delivery over mid-wicket region for six on his way to a whirlwind 64 off 52 balls during yesterday's Pepsi Asia Cup match at the Bangabandhu Stadium.

—Star photo

## Bangladesh brace defeat with grace

By Al-Amin

A sublime century by Saurav Ganguly throttled India to a resounding eight-wicket win over hosts Bangladesh in the rain-interrupted second match of the Pepsi Asia Cup at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The 'Prince of Calcutta' hammered a magnificent unbeaten 135 off 114 balls as India overhauled an impressive Bangladesh total of 249 for six with more than nine overs to spare. The former champions rattled up 252 for two in 40.1 overs.

This was the home team's second successive defeat in as many encounters. The rank-outsiders in the four-nation meet will meet Pakistan in their last match tomorrow.

The southpaw hammered seven massive sixes and half a dozen fours for his 13th one-day century. It was also the highest individual score in the Asia Cup, eclipsing 131 by former Sri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga.

The superlative effort of the

Indian captain separated the two unequal opponents on a day replete with quality batting and toothless bowling.

The fabulous wicket at the big bowl offered a run-feast that ran for two days. There was fear also yesterday that the match might fall through with the sky weeping on a number of occasions.

Resuming on 98 for two in 25.1 overs, Bangladesh could not think of a better way to complete their share of 50 overs with Akram Khan playing an innings of his life.

The portly right-hander gave the more colourful Indian a real scare when he smashed a superb 64 off 52 balls. Akram's thunder after the splendid spade-work by two overnight batsmen — skipper Aminul and Habibul Bashar who put on 94 runs for the second wicket — also enabled Bangladesh to record their highest total in the Asia Cup. The previous best of 210 for nine was against Pakistan in Colombo in 1997.

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June	Sun Rises	Sun Sets
1	5-11 am	6-42pm
2	5-11 am	6-42pm

#### Prayer Timings

June 1		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-15	4-45
Zohr	12-30	1-30
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-43	6-45
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

### Man of the Match



Saurav Ganguly of India

### Every Run Counts



### Dhaka won't benefit from holding NAM summit: Saifur

By Staff Correspondent

BNP leader M Saifur Rahman MP has said Bangladesh will not benefit from holding the NAM Summit, rather this will impose a huge burden on the people.

"NAM has become a dead body and no country wants to carry this body. But the incompetent Awami League government agreed to host a summit of this unwanted organisation to impose a huge loan burden on the people," he said.

The government agreed to host the summit to allow Awami League men earn "illegal money from the expenditures", he said addressing a discussion meeting yesterday marking the 19th death anniversary of President Ziaur Rahman. BNP organised the meeting, held at the Engineers' Institute in their city.

He said no country expecting India, Indonesia and Egypt wants to keep the NAM alive because it has no impact in the current. So no country wants to host the summit.

The former foreign minister said at least Tk 600 crore will be spent for holding the Summit. "This is absolutely unnecessary and meaningless for a poor country like Bangladesh".

The BNP Standing Committee member, who became popular for his liberal approach inside and outside the party, suggested the government to abandon the plan to host the NAM Summit.

Speaking on Ziaur Rahman's statesmanship, government

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### View from the Gully

## Unimaginative leadership

Tawfiq Aziz Khan

If the Bangladesh captain thought that he had a match against a strong batting lineup of India with 250 as the target, and that too on a perfect batting wicket and an indiscipline, toothless attack at his disposal, he must have been living in a fool's paradise.

A team that has a couple of top spinners in their ranks can have the luxury of relishing the challenge while defending such a healthy total. But can a team like Bangladesh feel relaxed when they were up against one of the strongest batting lineup in the game today?

So confound the critics, Aminul Islam decided to entrust left arm spinner Mohammed Rafique with opening the attack against Ganguly and Tendulkar, two of the best opening batsmen in the world. Had he not seen the performance of Anil Kumble and Sunil Joshi on this doctile wicket during the last two days? Calling on Rafique to bowl with the new ball on this track calls for some extraordinary imagination by any standards. Had it not been a match between two incompatible teams, spectators and

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### Today's match

India vs Sri Lanka (2:30 pm)

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## Death of MP: Speaker orders inquiry

Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury yesterday gave directive for inquiry into alleged negligence in treatment of MP Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and punitive action against those responsible, reports UNB.

In a letter to Dr Kazi Abu Yusuf, chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health Ministry, the Speaker gave the directive for inquiry by the Committee itself or by forming a sub-committee.

The Speaker also noted with "deep concern" the press reports that Bhutto died due to negligence of duty by doctors at the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases and Hospital.

Meanwhile, the hospital authorities yesterday conducted a preliminary inquiry into the allegation, but were waiting for a written complaint for a detail investigation.

"I personally checked the papers relating to his treatment. We can't have a full-fledged inquiry without a written complaint," Prof Akhtaruzzaman, Director of the NICDH, told UNB.

But Bhutto's party colleagues declined to lodge any written complaint, saying that the authorities themselves should voluntarily institute inquiry as the deceased was an elected public

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### Beyond the Boundary

## Alas, Poor Yorick...

By Shakil Kasem

India finally put an end to the two-day ODI(?), with a thumping win over Bangladesh. In what was essentially not a battle of wills but of mediocre bowling, the Indians gratefully romped past the winning post because the Big Mean Batting Machine switched on the afterburners just when it mattered. Carrying on from where they had left off day before yesterday (damn right, day before yesterday), Bashar and Aminul continued to consolidate. It has been quite sometime that four batsmen in the Bangladesh middle order were actually in contention, to score fifties. In the end the skipper missed out by three runs, while Naimur who was the perfect foil in the later stages just could not quite get there. Bashar played one of the best knocks of his indifferent

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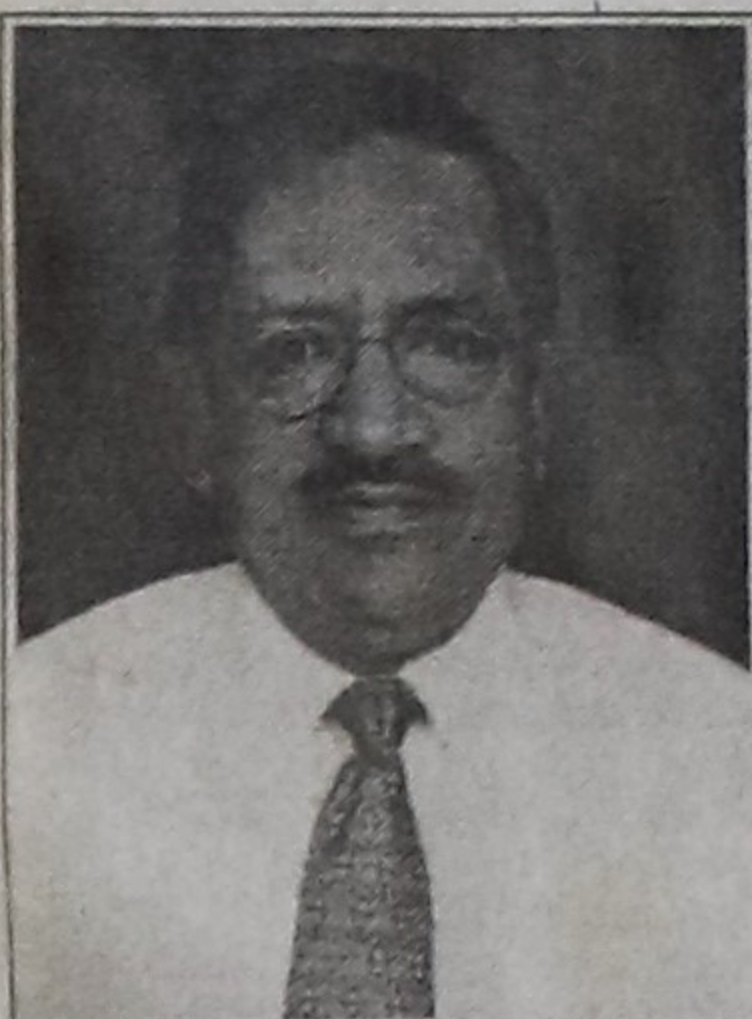
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Rajeeun). He was 58. We are deeply shocked at his sad demise. We pray to Almighty Allah to grant him eternal peace in Heaven and provide enough strength to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss-Ameen.

His mortal remains will be kept in front of Bank's Head Office, 5, Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka, from 11:30 AM on Friday June 02, 2000 to have the last glimpse. Thereafter, his Namaz-e-Janaza will be held after Jumma prayer at Baitul Mokarram National Mosque. He will be buried at Banani graveyard on the same day.

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