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## Victory for Nizam

### Akmal contradicts himself

#### Cricket

##### SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board's (BCB) new president Akmal Hossain made a dramatic U-turn on Thursday to retain controversial director Sheikh Nizamuddin as manager of the Bangladesh A team for India tour next month.

Akmal on Tuesday went on record to say that he was seriously thinking to replace the BCB director with somebody else.

But after a two and a half-hour meeting at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, the Energy Secretary took everybody by surprise when he suddenly became a fan of the councillor from Satkhira.

Nizam, who was found guilty of manipulating the February 25 BCB polls by a three-member probe committee, was named manager by Akmal in his first Board meeting on September 17.

"Nizam will stay. I see nothing illegal in his appointment as tour manager," said the Board president after the meeting.

### Young chess players shine in Kolkata

#### BSS, DHAKA

Four Bangladeshi chess players received prizes in different age groups at the Telegraph School Chess Championship held on September 16-26 in Kolkata, a Bangladesh Chess Federation press release said yesterday.

National sub-junior champion Minhajuddin Ahmed clinched the top position in the under-12 group securing seven and a half points and Nazir Arefin got the top slot in the under-10 group also collecting seven and a half points.

Shamima Akter became second with six and a half points in the under-14 girls' group and Sharmin Sultan finished third in the under-12 girls' group.

A total of 220 players, including five from Bangladesh, took part in the meet.

His confusing remark contradicts what he had earlier said to the Daily Star Sport and leading Bangla daily Jugantor only two days ago. "I found out, as per the probe report, he (Nizam) along with another person should not be allowed to play any important role in cricket," he said Tuesday.

Akmal even denied that he went through the probe report of BKSP DG Brig Ahsan Habib. "I did not see the report," refuted Akmal Thursday.

But the bureaucrat, who replaced Saber Hossain Chowdhury last month, earlier said that he would look into the probe report and act accordingly.

But when he was reminded by a group reporters that Nizam and Professor Mamun-ur Rashid were named prime suspects by the committee, Akmal countered by saying he acted according to the written laws of the Board.

"What the Board came to know was that an investigation took place but the contents remained unknown to the directors. It was not disclosed by the former president Saber Hossain," Akmal put up a weak logic.

He however criticised his predecessor for not taking appropriate action against Nizam and Prof Mamun. "I think he wanted to deal with them personally. That's why there is no official record."

Saber told the press in May that Nizam and another person were found guilty in the probe report and for that reason the pair was not included in any of the standing committees.

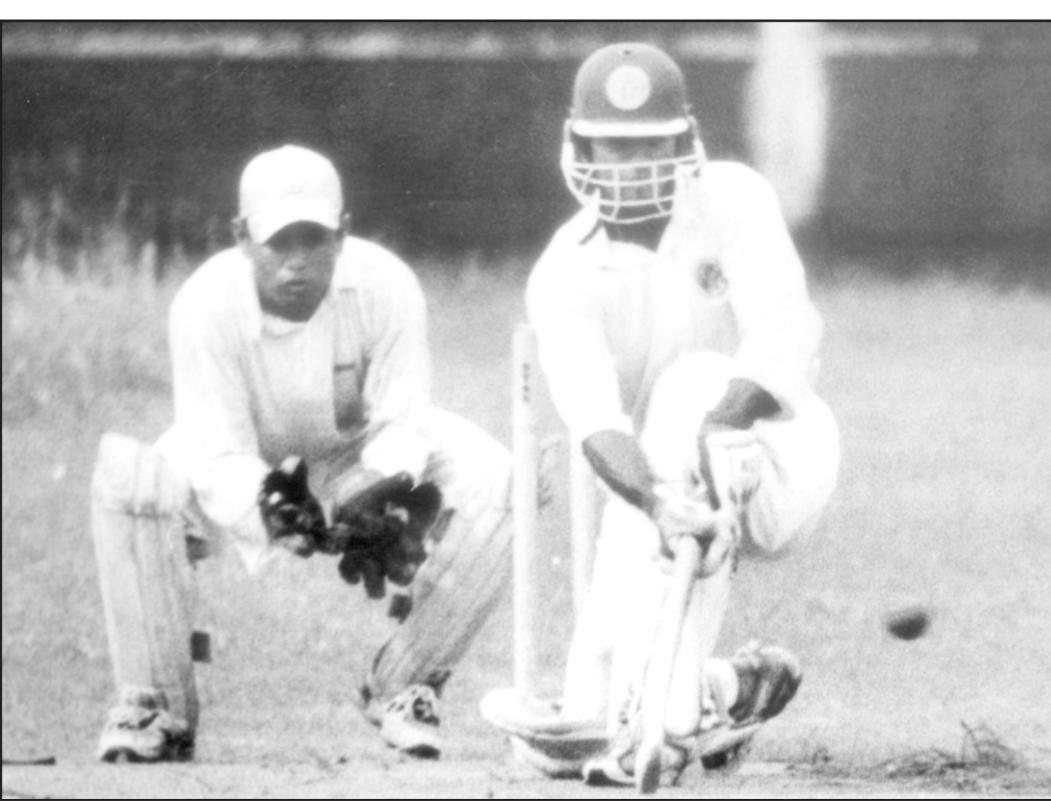
Meanwhile, the Board has chosen former national cricketer Dipu Rai Choudhury as coach of A team. Aslam Ali is the team's physio and Gavin Benjafield will combine as trainer and computer analyst.

It was also decided that Nafees Iqbal will captain the Bangladesh Under-19 team which will tour Australia from October 11.

Sri Lankan coach Carlton Barnerdus and Jalal Ahmed Chowdhury will accompany the team.

Besides, Akmal assured that Zimbabwe's tour of Bangladesh would proceed as scheduled from the first week of November.

The Board also agreed to upgrade the Cricket Garden in Rangpur to a permanent venue.



Bangladesh team's opener Hannan Sarkar attempts to sweep during the practice match against Bangladesh A at the BUET ground yesterday.

## Seniors in Rafique spin

#### Cricket

##### SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammed Rafique returned with a five-wicket haul as Bangladesh A turned the table on the national team in the second limited-overs practice match at the BUET ground on Thursday.

The experienced left-arm spinner, desperately looking forward to regaining his place in the Test fold, gave away only 27 runs to help Naimur's men skittle out for 152 runs in 40.2 overs after Khaled Mahmud's A team posted 239 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs.

The impressive 88-run victory for the A team yesterday, a day after their two-wicket defeat in the rain-interrupted match on Wednesday, was a perfect tonic before their tour of India next month.

Rafique had the national team in his spinning web after young opener Rafiqul and Hasanuzzaman scored impressive half-centuries.

Rafiqul, called up for the first time, responded with a disciplined 62 off 91 balls. The right-hander struck five boundaries.

Hasanuzzaman, a batsman of immense potential, scored a workmanlike 52 off 115 balls that included a couple of fours and a six.

Captain Khaled Mahmud also chipped in with a valuable 36 off 42 balls.

But Ashraful, the youngest debut Test centurion, and national opener Mehrab Hossain continued to disappoint. Ashraful scored a duck and Mehrab made 18.

The bowling of Naimur's men lacked discipline. New ball bowler Hasibul was yet again wayward, conceding 62 runs in his quota of ten overs although he took two wickets.

Skipper Naimur's off-spin yielded 57 runs. But the team's other off-spinner Sabir Khan was most impressive with figures of 10-2-26-3.

When it was the senior's turn to bat, only opener Hannan Sarkar offered any resistance with a gritty 81-ball 38. The rest of his recognised peers perished cheaply.

Javed Omar continued to struggle with the bat. The national opener made only 10. Bashar, with four Test

half-centuries under his belt, made 11.

Aminul Islam, country's first Test centurion, scored 18. Akram returned for a two-ball duck while Naimur lasted for five balls.

##### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the second limited-overs practice match between Bangladesh and the A team at the BUET ground on Thursday:

##### BANGLADESHA

Rafiqul st Anwar b Sabir	62
Mehrab c Akram b Monir	18
Tushar st Anwar b Sabir	21
Hasanuzzaman c Hannan b Naimur	52
Ashraful c Monir b Sabir	0
K Mahmud b Hasibul	36
Kowshik c Naimur b Naimur	0
Rafique c Al-Shahriar b Hasibul	8
Sajjad lbw b Sharif	7
Mushfiq not out	4
Bikash not out	8
Extras: (b-1, lb-7, nb-10, w-5)	23
Total: (For 9 wickets in 50 overs)	239

Fall of wickets: 1/47, 2/98, 3/122, 4/126, 5/197, 6/204, 7/218, 8/221, 9/227

##### Bowler

O	M	R	W
Hasibul	10	0	62
Sharif	9	0	30
Monir	4	0	25
Naimur	10	0	57
Akram	5	0	19
Sabir	10	2	26
Hannan	2	0	12

BANGLADESH

Javed c Sajjad b K Mahmud	10
Hannan c Mushfiq b Rafique	38
Al-Shahriar c Rafique b Alamgir	6
Bashar c Ashraful b Bikash	11
Aminul c Mahmud b Rafique	18
Akram c Bikash b Rafique	0
Naimur c Tushar b Rafique	2
Sabir c Kowshik b Rafique	11
Hasibul c Alamgir b Kowshik	11
Sharif c Rafique b Ashraful	13
Anwar not out	0
Extras: (lb-3, nb-12, w-11)	26
Total: (All out in 40.2 overs)	152

Fall of wickets: 1/29, 2/51, 3/69, 4/102, 5/102, 6/109, 7/116, 8/132, 9/147

##### Bowler

O	M	R	W
Alamgir	7	0	32
Kowshik	8	1	20
Cahid	3	1	10
Bikash	5	0	27
Mushfiq	5	0	20
Rafique	10	0	34
Ashraful	2.2	0	6

Result: Bangladesh A won by 88 runs

## Muktis face U-19 of India today

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Muktijuddha Sangsada Krira Chakra will be looking forward to finishing unbeaten from Group C when the all-reds take on the Indian Under-19 team in their final group league match of the 10th IFA Shield Football Tournament in Kolkata.

"Initially, the NSC leased swimming pool out to former Bangladesh Swimming Federation (BSF) general secretary Mosharraf Hossain for five years in 1996 and then extended the contract for another three years recently. It is clear violation of the NSC Act," claimed former BSF vice-president Shahabuddin Ahmed at a press briefing in the city yesterday.

Another former BSF vice-president and an ace swimmer in the sixties, M Solaiman was also present.

"There has been no age group swimming training for the last five years because of shortage of pools. With NSC pool belonging to Mosharraf, we are left with only one pool at the national swimming complex in Mirpur. But that remains in an improper state for most of the time because of no maintenance."

"For that reason, our national team is now training at the naval swimming pool. That's why we feel the government should immediately look into the matter and hand over the NSC swimming pool to the BSF so that it can use it for age-group training," Shahabuddin said.

He also added that the government should probe into the matter about how could the NSC lease out a swimming pool to a private party for a long term, violating its own act.

It may be mentioned that the High Court last month suspended all the activities of Mosharraf-led BSF till further order following a petition of his rival group.

## Rules bent for Mosharraf!

#### Swimming

##### SPORTS REPORTER

Two senior swimming organisers termed the allotment of National Sports Council (NSC) swimming pool adjacent to the Bangabandhu