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Newly-appointed Bangladesh Cricket Board president Ali Asghar (2nd from R), speaks to the media after assuming office from outgoing BCB chief Akmal Hossain (R), at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Thursday.

## BCB in a mess



### SPORTS REPORTER

Ali Asghar made a chaotic debut as president of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) on Thursday.

The new Board president came to attend a meeting, which was not held. He also attended a press briefing that ended in fiasco. And to make matters more controversial, he left bewildered journalists with an interesting remark regarding the last minute removal of Ahmed Sajjadul Alam as Bangladesh manager for New Zealand tour.

"Let us forget it (Sajjad issue) and instead concentrate on the challenge of taking cricket to even greater heights," said Asghar at the briefing held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Although the order of the day was meant to witness a smooth transition of power from Akmal Hossain to Asghar, an executive committee member of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), but it was the legality of the meeting itself and the 'unfair' way Sajjad was barred that dominated the discussions.

However fingers should be pointed at Energy Secretary Akmal for being the main culprit behind the confusions.

Though his interim tenure was officially over on November 26, on the day a government order was issued naming the Asghar as new president of the Board, yet the following day a letter signed by Akmal was sent to all the directors of BCB to be present in Thursday's meeting.

"The Board meeting was not held. But still I believe that I have legal authority to call the meeting," said an irritated Akmal refuting the claim that Thursday's meeting convened by him was thought to be illegal.

The Board directors were also confused about the state of the meeting, where Asghar assumed the presidency of the BCB with simple handshakes with his predecessor Akmal. It was followed by brief speeches by them.

"I have signed the attendance book. But I do not know whether it was real meeting or not," said a director preferring anonymity.

Another director said that he did not sign the register because he was of the opinion that no meeting took place.

"The procedure of any meeting starts with a review of the minutes of the previous meeting. And since it did not happen so I opted not to sign."

Insiders believe the reason for the meeting not being held was fear of a possible backlash arising from the government interference over the Sajjad issue.

The government on Tuesday denied Sajjad permission to travel to New Zealand as manager of the Bangladesh team. Assistant manager Mahmud Jamal was also not cleared to go.

Instead the Ministry of Youth and Sports said that Afzalur Rahman Sinha and Tanjib Ahsan would travel in their place as manager and assistant manager respectively.

"I had nothing to do with the government order. Neither did I suggest any alternative names," Akmal defended.

The action of the government is unheard of in the history of Bangladesh cricket.

"It is like martial law. You can quote me on that," said a leading BCB director Mobasser Hossain giving his instant reaction to the series of events affecting the Board over the last couple of days.

## Bosses busy for a way out



### AFP, Calcutta

Cricket chiefs around the world were working the phones Thursday to diffuse the crisis over India's refusal to bow to the wishes of the sport's governing body, sources said.

Malcolm Speed, the London-based chief executive of the International Cricket Council (ICC), was in constant touch with Indian cricket chief Jagmohan Dalmiya and ICC president Malcolm Gray, the sources added.

"Speed and Dalmiya have been on the phone all day," a source in the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) said.

"Everyone is sure a way will be found to end the impasse before the Friday noon deadline."

The ICC has given the BCCI until 0630 GMT on Friday to confirm if banned cricketer Virender Sehwag will take the field in the first Test against England at Mohali on Monday.

India's selectors picked Sehwag in a 14-man squad, despite an ICC directive not to play him, fuelling a crisis that could lead to the series being cancelled.

"We went entirely by merit, and on merit, you can't drop a batsman who scored a century on debut less than a fortnight ago," chairman of selectors Chandu Borde said. The ICC ruled Sehwag ineligible

to play the Mohali Test due to the one-match suspension slapped on him by match referee Mike Denness after the second Test against South Africa at Port Elizabeth.

India has maintained the ban was served during the ongoing third Test at Centurion Park, but the ICC

three days in advance we might invite an investigation from the ICC's Anti-Corruption Unit."

India's premier portal -- www.sify.com -- quoted an unnamed BCCI official as saying that negotiations were on to find an "honourable solution" to the crisis.



JAGMOHAN DALMIYA

have declared the game unofficial after Denness was removed as referee by both teams.

If Sehwag is picked in the playing 11 for the Mohali Test, the ICC is certain to declare the match illegal which could force England to pull out of the series.

A defiant Dalmiya told reporters on Wednesday that India could not be pushed to name its team by the deadline set by the ICC.

"We will not be dictated to," Dalmiya said. "If we name our team



MALCOLM SPEED

The official told the website that Dalmiya had proposed to Speed that "Sehwag will not be played at Mohali and the ICC, in turn, will soften its stand on Sachin Tendulkar and address some of the concerns of the BCCI".

Tendulkar, a national icon, was penalised by Denness for tampering with the ball, a charge the match referee himself retracted on Wednesday, saying the player was only trying to clean the ball.

## Tour of Bangladesh Pakistan call up 25 for camp

### REUTERS, Karachi

Pakistan have selected 25 players to attend a December training camp ahead of the country's first official Test tour of Bangladesh early next year.

The training camp starts on December 1 before Pakistan travel to Bangladesh on January 5 for two Tests and three one-day internationals.

It will be Pakistan's first tour of Bangladesh since the Asian nation earned Test status from the International Cricket Council (ICC) last year.

Pakistan and Bangladesh have played one Test match to date, an Asian Championship match in Multan in August when Pakistan won inside three days.

All of Pakistan's top players have been named for the training camp, including the 14-man squad which won the Champions' Trophy in Sharjah earlier this month.

The selectors have also invited three rookie fast bowlers -- Abdur Rauf, Waqar Ahmed and Faisal Irfan -- who have taken 126 wickets between them in Pakistan's premier first-class competition, the Patrons' Trophy.

"After we complete the tour to Bangladesh, the West Indies are confirmed to come to Pakistan on January 25 to play three Tests and an equal number of one-dayers," PCB director Brigadier Munawwar Rana told this news agency on Thursday.

### SELECTED PLAYERS

Saeed Anwar, Taufiq Umar, Imran Farhat, Shadab Kabir, Shahid Afridi, Inzamamul Haq, Yousof Youhana, Naveed Latif, Younis Khan, Faisal Iqbal, Rashid Latif, Kamran Akmal, Abdur Razaq, Azhar Mehmood, Waqar Younis, Wasim Akram, Shoaib Akhtar, Abdur Rauf, Muhammad Sami, Waqar Ahmed, Faisal Irfan, Danish Kaneria, Saqlain Mushtaq, Shoaib Malik and Mushtaq Ahmed.

## Biman flying higher

### SPORTS REPORTER

Table-toppers Bangladesh Biman continued their impressive form in the Mercantile Bank First Division Chess League with a marginal 2.5-1.5 win over Mahakhali Prodeep Sangha in the 13th round on Thursday.

The victory raised Biman's tally to 45.5 points.

Defending champions Titus Club occupy second position with 39.5 points. Third-placed Bangladesh Ansars have 37.5 points.

Titus crushed Narayanganj District Chess Players Association by 3.5-0.5 points while the Ansars beat Dhaka University Chess Club 3-1.

In the other matches of the day, Leonine Chess Club beat Kamalapur Samaj Kalyan and Krira Sangha 2.5-1.5 points, Sonali Bank Sports and Recreation Club beat Anu Memorial Club 2.5-1.5, Farashganj Sporting Club beat Dhaka Daba Ghar 3-1 and Bangshal Pragati Samaj Kalyan Sangha beat Crescent Club by 4-0 points.

The day's only draw was between Nakhlapara Jubo Kalyan Sangha and Anirban Chess School.

## Henderson in for Boje

### REUTERS, Johannesburg

Left-arm spinner Claude Henderson has been called up to replace the injured Nicky Boje for South Africa's tour of Australia starting next month.

Henderson was put on standby for the tour after fellow slow left-armer Boje suffered a recurrence of a knee injury.

Henderson played his first two Tests against Zimbabwe in September.

Boje, who recently returned to action following shoulder and knee surgery which cut short his tour to West Indies last summer, was diagnosed with an inflamed tendon by a Cape Town surgeon on Wednesday.

"It does not look as bad as it did but, on advice from the surgeon, we can't take the risk of Nicky going to Australia now," South African team physiotherapist Craig Smith was quoted as saying in a statement released by the United Cricket Board on Thursday.

"Nicky will have treatment and rehabilitation in South Africa and maybe some domestic cricket over the next few weeks."

Convener of selectors Rushdi Magie said Boje would have a fitness test in South Africa before being considered for the one-day internationals that follow the Test matches in Australia.

The 15-man South African Test squad leaves for Australia on Saturday.

## Cricketers to go NZ tonight

### SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh leaves for New Zealand tonight without a manager.

A last-minute change has delayed the visa of new manager Afzalur Rahman Sinha and his assistant Tanjib Ahsan Saad.

During the month-long tour, Bangladesh will play two Tests and as many first-class matches.

Khaled Mashud's new-look side will begin their down under with a three-day match against a District Association Eleven in Wanganui on December 7. Besides, they will play a four-day match against hosts Auckland starting on December 12.

The first Test in Hamilton commences on December 18 while the second and final Test takes place in Wellington on December 26.

Coach Trevor Chappell has given the responsibility of acting manager until the arrival of Afzalur Rahman and Tanjib Ahsan.

Both were appointed by the government in place of Board-

nominated Ahmed Sajjadul Alam and Mahmud Jamal.

Meanwhile, former national captain and BCB's assistant director of development Shafiqul Haq Hira left for New Delhi on Wednesday to obtain visas from the New Zealand High Commission.

Australian physio John Gloster and former national wicketkeeper Nasir Ahmed, who is the team's computer analyst, is also accompanying the team.

This is Bangladesh's second visit to New Zealand since 1997.

On that visit Bangladesh, who were still an associate member of the ICC, only played a few first-class matches against different districts of Kiwiland.

However, it will be the second away Test series for Bangladesh since being elevated to a Test-playing country in June last year.

The tourists without a win in seven Tests so far, can hope for little in terms of results rather will be keen to gain valuable experience.

"It's going to be an educational tour for the boys. They will get the opportunity of playing in conditions completely different from the sub-continent," said Trevor while talking to The Daily Star Sport on Thursday.

"Most of the guys are young. I hope it will be a good experience for them to play cricket in cooler climates."

"The seam bowlers will certainly relish the grassy wickets over there," said Trevor.

Captain Khaled Mashud however said that his side was different from the one that toured Zimbabwe last April.

"They are a young side which I feel is a positive sign for the future of Bangladesh cricket. I don't think Bangladesh will perform badly against the hosts," said Mashud.

He did not feel intimidated by the fact that New Zealand is one of the top performers in world cricket.

**SQUAD**  
Khaled Mashud (captain), Habibul

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## Lusty Lara



### AFP, Colombo

Brian Lara smashed an unbeaten 178 to put the West Indies in a strong position on the opening day of the third and final cricket Test against Sri Lanka here on Thursday.

The left-hander became the sixth West Indian to complete 7,000 Test runs during his 17th century as the tourists overcame a shaky start to reach 327-3 by stumps.

Captain Carl Hooper, who elected to take first strike on the easy-paced wicket at the Sinhalese sports club, kept Lara company with 52 not out.

The West Indies have only pride to play for after Sri Lanka wrapped up the first two Tests to take a deci-

sive lead in the series. Lara put on 194 for the third wicket with Ramnareesh Sarwan (69) and 116 for the unfinished fourth with Hooper after the West Indies were reduced to 17-2.

The 21-year-old Sarwan was run out in the last session, failing to beat a direct throw by Mahela Jayawardene from the covers.

Sarwan hit 10 boundaries in his eight Test half-century, while Lara has so far struck 20 fours and a six.

Lara, upset over his partner's dismissal, exploded with a flurry of shots as he stepped out twice to loft off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan for fours and then hoisted Thilan Samaraweera for a straight six.

Lara dominated the eight-man Sri Lanka attack as he drove, cut and pulled vigorously on the way to his second century against the hosts, following his 178 in the open-

ing Test at Galle. Sri Lanka, seeking their maiden clean sweep in Test cricket, struggled for success for more than a session after left-arm seamer Chaminda Vaas had struck twice in his opening four overs.

Match-winning spinner Muralitharan was economical, but lacked sharpness on a first-day pitch to unsettle Lara and Sarwan, who used their feet effectively to frustrate the home team.

The West Indian duo steadied the innings after openers Daren Ganga and Chris Gayle had failed to provide a solid start for the fifth successive time in the series.

Vaas took a wicket with the fourth ball of his opening over when he had Gayle caught by wicketkeeper Kumar Sangakkara, who dived to his left to bring off a low catch.

Ganga was trapped leg-before playing across the line in Vaas' fourth over.

The West Indies included fast bowler Marlon Black in place of Colin Stuart in the only change from the team that lost the second Test at Kandy on Sunday.

Sri Lanka retained the same side.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the opening day of the third and final cricket Test between the West Indies and Sri Lanka at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground here on Thursday:

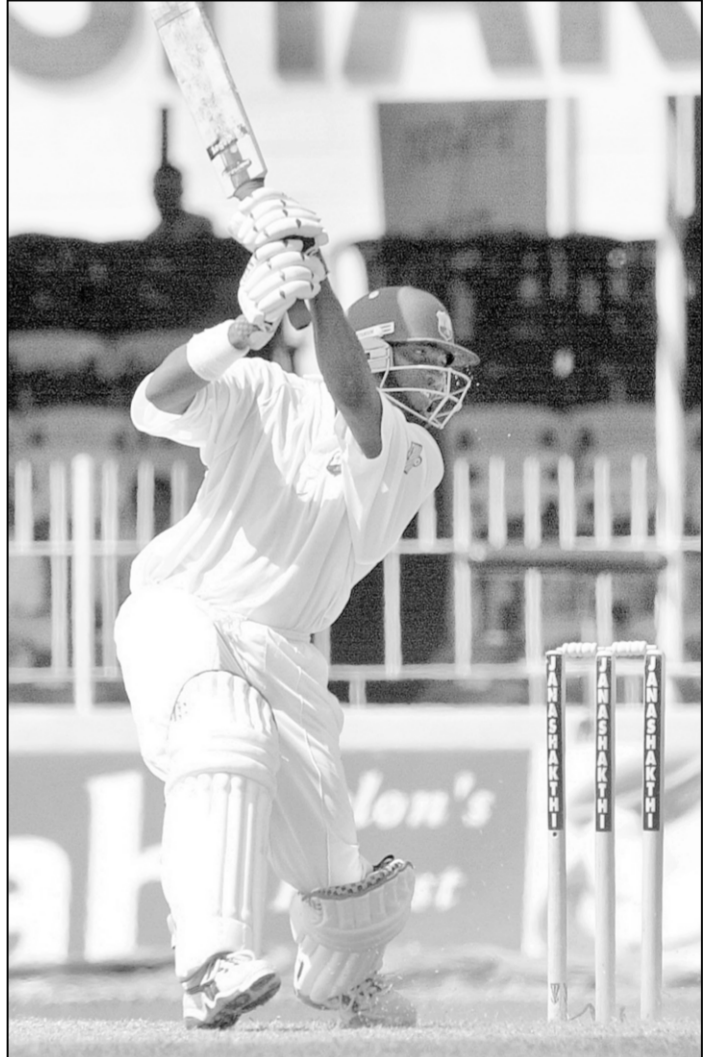
**WEST INDIES:** First innings  
Ganga lbw b Vaas 6  
Gayle c Sangakkara b Vaas 0  
Sarwan run out 69  
Lara not out 178  
Hooper not out 52  
Extras: (b-5, lb-7, nb-10) 22  
Total: (For 3 wkts in 90 overs) 327  
Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-17, 3-211

To bat: Marlon Samuels, Ridley Jacobs, Mervyn Dillon, Dinanath Ramnarine, Pedro Collins, Marlon Black

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Vaas	22	2	92	2
Zoysa	12	1	37	0
S'weera	8	0	31	0
B'tilleke	9	2	37	0
M'tharan	32	4	98	0
J'suriya	3	0	11	0
Arnold	3	0	8	0
Tratne	1	0	1	0

**SRI LANKA:** Marvan Atapattu, Sanath Jayasuriya, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardene, Russell Arnold, Hashan Tillakaratne, Thilan Samaraweera, Chaminda Vaas, Niroshan Bandara, Muttiah Muralitharan.

**Umpires:** Russel Tiffin (Zimbabwe) and Asoka de Silva (Sri Lanka).



West Indies superbat Brian Lara follows through on a typical Lara square-cut during the first day's play of the third and final Test against Sri Lanka in Colombo on Thursday.

## Flemo sniffs a chance



### REUTERS, Perth

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming has said the pressure was

cricket Test which starts in Perth on Friday.

"We're under pressure as well because we would love to win this series," Fleming said.

"Realistically, we still have less pressure on us than Australia."

"Steve Waugh will refute that in



STEVE WAUGH

on his Australia counterpart Steve Waugh in the series-deciding third



STEPHEN FLEMING

his interviews, as he does, but that's the bottom line."

Waugh said world champions Australia had outplayed New Zealand in the first two matches of the three-Test series, which have both ended in draws after rain interruptions.

"There's always pressure associated with being ranked the number one side in the world but that's why you want to be the number one side, so you have pressure on you and it keeps you sharp," the Australia captain said.

"If we've got pressure, that's good. New Zealand, I'm sure they've got pressure on them as well."

"We've got to go out and play well over the next five days."

Fleming said the bouncy Perth wicket was different to most Test grounds but in the end, it would be a mental hurdle for his team to overcome.

Waugh, 36, a veteran of 141 Tests and 27 Test hundreds, thrives on the physical battle and said there would be no escape for New Zealand's

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## Rajshahi cricket

### OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Dargapara Tarun Sangha and Al-Rasid Cricket Academy won their respective matches of the seventh Birshrestha Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir Smriti cricket tournament at local Railway play ground yesterday. Winning the toss, Dargapara collected 139 for four in allotted 23 overs.

In reply, Prottoy Sechachha Seba Jubo Sangha managed 90 in 18.1 overs.

In the other match of the day, Kazla Challenger Sangha batted first to collect 103 for eight in stipulated 22 overs.

In reply, Al-Rasid reached the target conceding two wicket in 15.3 overs.



GOODBYE: Zimbabweans (L-R) Dion Ebrahim, Trevor Gripper and Andrew Flower are inside the departure lounge of the Zia International Airport on Thursday. The Zimbabwe cricket team left for Colombo.