Cup and wants to become the first

However, his career has been

He was called for throwing during

tours to Australia in 1995-96 and

1998-99 and his bowling action has

been likened to that of a javelin

thrower by former India left-arm

cleared his action following extensive

bio-mechanical research on both of

those instances, he was again

reported for a suspect action two

months ago after the conclusion of

A report on the legality of his

Following investigations into the

two earlier instances, scientists

concluded that a congenital disability

prevented his bowling arm from fully

extending, coupled with an abnor-

mally flexible wrist, created the

Rebels working

Their Robins Farm and

Entsokozweni Safari Camp have

been occupied by a large number of

local settlers since Mugabe began

his land reform programme in 2000.

ing Zimbabwe also makes the 500-

mile round trip extremely difficult for

remains is that of arbitration. The

ZCU refuses to countenance it, the

and mediation would be a means to

stone. We have not changed out

stance on this issue at all. Arbitration

is legal binding and that's the objec-

tive and that's what we really want."

Wins for Rising

In reply, Rafa were shot out for

Earlier on Sunday, Customs

Sporting Club recorded a massive

eight-wicket victory over Agrabad

Nowjowan Club in the First Division

Cricket League at the MA Aziz

Buchanan spurs

'I'm sure every player and all of us

think about the issues and have

come their own conclusions but in the end we're invited there as crick-

The 10 home-based members of

the Australian Test team leave on Thursday for Zimbabwe where they

will meet up with Warne. Lehmann

and Michael Kasprowicz, who will

travel from England where they are

Dalmiya also stated that the GCC's

claim would not stand in a court of

withdrawn. We felt that boous

claims have been raised against us

and we have brought all this to the

knowledge of the ICC. Of the 49-

million-dollar claim, around 2.25 to

3.35 million dollars was on account

of England not playing Zimbabwe,

and New Zealand not playing

and we have been able to show on

paper that these claims would not

FROM PAGE 13 years and it is looking to 2007 World

economy would also be given a lift.

Lloyd said he hoped its dwindling

"Physically, new avenues of

trade and tourism will develop to

boost the struggling Caribbean

economies besides helping the

West Indies Cricket Board to lift the

much needed world class cricket

infrastructure.

Cup 2007 to revive its fortunes.

"Our lawyers have been working

Kenya," Dalmiya explained

Lloyd looks

"The claims have not been

**BBCI** thinking

playing county cricket.

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before being all out in 49 overs.

200 in 32.3 overs.

that end." Gripper explained.

The chronic fuel shortage blight-

But the big obstacle which still

"We still want to go to arbitration,

"This decision of ours is not set in

optical illusion of throwing

future of his family farm.

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doosra' delivery is yet to be pub-

Australia's tour to Sri Lanka.

While the world's governing body

bowler to take 600 wickets.

spinner Bishen Bedi.

### Supercharged **Schumacher**

REUTERS, Barcelona

Michael Schumacher's seventh world championship is in the bag after the Ferrari driver's fifth win in a row at the Spanish Grand Prix.

While all bets are off in the Formula One title race after Schumacher's record-equalling start to the season, the question now is who will end the German's winning streak and when.

It may not be for a while but BAR boss David Richards thinks it could be Jenson Button in two weeks' time.

The Briton and BAR have vet to win a race but Richards believes his man can break the blank in Monte Carlo.

"Beating Michael to the title I think is going to be a big challenge for anyone," he said. "Michael is pretty invincible, pretty awesome.

"The really interesting question now is who is going to be the first driver to break Michael's record. I think it'll be Jenson Button."

The next race is always the one we're looking for him to win. I think there is a very good chance for him. He feels very positive about it.

# The flawed genius!

Cricket

REUTERS, Harare

Sri Lanka off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, who became Test cricket's highest wicket-taker after claiming his 521st victim on Saturday, is the world's most successful and controversial bowler.

Imparting prodigious turn through a unique combination of finger spin and wrist rotation. Muralitharan reached 521 wickets to surpass former West Indian fast bowler Courtney Walsh's mark of 519.

Muralitharan had gone into the match against Zimbabwe with 513 wickets, needing seven more to pass Walsh's record.

After grabbing six wickets for 45 in the host's first innings, the scalp of Mluleki Nkala in Zimbabwe's second innings handed him the record. He took one more wicket to finish with two for 27 from 8.1 overs.

On the way to claiming the landmark wicket, he overtook Australia's Shane Warne who has 517 victims

'Murali" has achieved the feat in only 89 Tests compared to 132 for Walsh, who retired in 2001.

At Test level. Muralitharan has a best innings return of nine for 51 and a match haul of 10 wickets or more on a world record 13 occasions

Still only 32, Muralitharan has vowed to play on until the 2007 World



**MUTTIAH MURALITHARAN** 

Moya Rome master

AFP, Rome

Sixth seed Carlos Moya won the Rome Masters on Sunday, beating troubled by suspicions over the fifth seed David Nalbandian in legality of his unconventional bowling

straight sets at the Foro Italico. Moya, the French Open winner in 1998, was in imperious form, powering to a 6-3, 6-3, 6-1 victory in one hour 43 minutes to become the sixth Spaniard to win the Italian clay court tournament.

### Zia takes

FROM PAGE 13 beat Gerpreet, Arghyadip beat Nasir, Sayantan beat Pollab, Lavlu beat Debaraj, Sankalp beat Chanchal, Parag beat Maleq, Reza beat Rani Hamid, Arman beat Elin and Zakia beat Javed, Amin drew with Krishna and Polash drew with Sahaj. In the fifth round, Zia drew with Rakib, Rajib beat Suvrajit Lodhi drew with Arghvadip. Saptarshi beat Sayantan, Roktim drew with Visweswaran, Dinesh beat Shakil, Parag drew with Gurpeet, Nasir beat Monir, Reza drew with Amin, Thapa drew with Pollab, Lavlu beat Sankalp, Arman drew with Zakia, Dabaraj beat Chanchal, Maleq beat Polash, Elin beat Sahaj and Rani Hamid drew with Javed.

### Possession of BNS

FROM PAGE 13 under-14 or the under-16 tournament," said Helal.

He also informed that the AFC would hand over the Vision Asia report on Bangladesh to the BFF in the first week of July.

Besides, Indian officials also showed their interest to introduce an inter-club competition between India and Bangladesh during the Congress. The meeting also approved Jilani and Nipu's appointments as coaches for the grassroots level in the country. The AFC will pay their salaries.

It was also decided that the appearance money for away matches in the AFC Cup would be increased to 20,000 dollars from

#### Muralitharan

FROM PAGE 13	
Shoaib	826
Harmison	802
Warne	777
McGrath	775
Kumble	751
Gillespie	746
Ntini	722
Tuffey	673
Batsman	Points
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Dravid	892
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# Semis calling GP French Open

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98, 5-131, 6-135, 7-150, 8-167. 0 M R 21 Manjurul 5 0 29 Anwar 0 15 Riyad Bangar 0 26 Enamul 10 23 10 0 31 Tamim 26

Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-89, 3-89, 4

10 0 **GRAMEENPHONE** Anisul c sub b Mehrab Jewel run out Nasirul c Pappa b Huda Bangar st Pappa b Mehrab

27 Riyad st Pappa Tushar not out Tamim not out Extras: (b-4, lb-2, w-5) Total: (For 5 wkts in 47 overs) 180 Fall of wickets: 1-49, 2-104, 3-118, 4-145, 5-169,

Bowler 6 17 29 Pratik 3 0 10 Mizanur 9 0 34 Rezwan 37 Mehrab 33 Huda 8 0 Hashu 0 21 0.0 0 3 Tarea

Result: GrameenPhone won by five wickets.

G L Zanacco, managing director of Bata Shoe Company (Bangladesh) Ltd, inaugurates the 14th Bata school handball tournament at the Dhanmondi Women Sports Complex yesterday.



Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra (R) shakes hands with Rick Parry, chief executive of Liverpool, prior to their talks at the government house in Bangkok yesterday. Thaksin confirmed that he was seeking to buy at least 30 per cent of the English Premiership side.

### Maradona enters new clinic

**REUTERS**, Buenos Aires

Diego Maradona has been discharged from the hospital where he has spent five days in intensive care and taken to another clinic where local media reports said he would undergo drugs rehabilita-

"Maradona has successfully overcome his emergency.... and for this reason has been discharged," said a statement issued by the Suizo-Argentina clinic in Buenos Aires where Maradona was readmitted last Wednesday, one

week after suddenly discharging himself.
"He has been transferred to an assistance center to receive special treatment.

The statement did not say what the treatment was for and where he had gone but Argentine media quickly tracked him down to a clinic on the outskirts Buenos Aires where they said he would stay for drug rehabilitation.

### Serie A

## Inter improve chances

Football

REUTERS. Milan

Inter Milan's hopes of Champions League football next season were given a major boost with a 1-0 win over Parma in Serie A's penultimate round of matches on Sunday.

Brazilian Adriano's 62nd-minute goal against his former club secured a vital win for Inter who are now in fourth place, a point ahead of Parma who had Emanuele Blasi sent off in the 78th minute.

Lazio's chances of earning the second Champions League qualifying round place now look slim after they suffered a 2-1 defeat at Former European-player-of-the-

year Roberto Baggio scored for Brescia in his final home game before retirement, leaving Lazio three points behind Inter in sixth Adriano smashed in a 20-metre

free kick just three minutes after coming on as a substitute. Inter's Serbian midfielder Dejan Stankovic hit the crossbar in the first half. Inter face struggling Empoli

away in the final game of the season, while Parma are at home to Udinese and Lazio host Modena.

Parma coach Cesare Prandelli remained hopeful that his team can

sneak fourth place. "The fascinating thing about football is that anything can happen in a game so we will keep fighting till

the end," he told Sky Sport. Newly crowned champions AC

Milan suffered only their second defeat of the season with a 2-1 reverse at lowly Reggina that secured Serie A survival for the Calabrians A spectacular goal in the eighth

minute from David Di Michele and a 30th-minute penalty by Francesco Cozza gave Reggina a 2-0 lead over a weakened Milan side. Andriy Shevchenko pulled one

back for Carlo Ancelotti's team with a header just after the break but the Ukrainian striker's 23rd goal of the season was not enough for Milan. Second-placed Roma also lost

relegation threatened Perugia beating them 3-1 at a neutral venue in Palermo Antonio Cassano put Roma

ahead with a cool finish after latching on to a classy flick from Francesco Totti

But two goals from Brazilian Ze Maria, the second a penalty, and Fabrizio Ravanelli's fourth in as many games kept Perugia's survival hopes alive.

Juventus, who have secured third position and a place in the Champions League qualifying round, beat Sampdoria 2-0 in coach Marcello Lippi's final game in charge at the Delle Alpi stadium.

An emotional Lippi gave the fans a lap of honour at the end of the game after goals from Nicola Legrottaglie and Stephen Appiah secured victory for the hosts.

### Aktel, CityCell

FROM PAGE 13 Aktel: 206-6 in 49.4 overs (Tushar

18, Anwar 69 not out, Nafeez 54, Pappu 2-33. Raihanuddin 2-35). Result: Aktel won by four wick-

CITYCELLVACME

Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

City Cell: 227-8 in 50 overs (Imran 63, Tanveer 20, Moniruzzaman 43, Rozel 21, Rezaul 36, Imran 2-40, Debashish 2-42).

Acme: 188 all out in 48.2 overs (Sakib 28, Ashiqur 23, Debashish 51, Mortuza 25; Rezaul 3-26, Sohel Result: City Cell won by 39 runs.

#### Bangar wants FROM PAGE 13

ple of games and I was out." Bangar scored a century in his

second Test against Zimbabwe and made three 50s. He scored a 470 runs at an average of 29.38

Selected for the 2002 World Cup squad in South Africa but did play a single match. Bangar also had to sit out when India toured Australia

### DU dump BKSP

Bangladesh Air Force in the Services Zone final at the Kamalapur Stadium while Yusuf scored two first-half goals in Chittagong's 2-0 victory over Feni at

the Cox's Bazar Stadium. Naogaon eliminated Sirajgani 3-2 in the tiebreaker after their Zonal final ended in a goalless draw at the

Joypurhat Stadium. Jhenaidah reached the Zonal final when they ousted Jessore 3-2 in a shootout at the Chuadanga Stadium after the game was locked

at 1-1 in regulation time.

## Venus doubtf

Tennis

Venus Williams is a doubtful starter at the French Open in two weeks time after she was forced to default the German Open final on Sunday.

The third-seeded American injured her left ankle during the final game of her semifinal win over Croatian teenager Karolina Sprem, which she won 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, and despite treatment Williams was reduced on Sunday to hobbling around on crutches.

The title was awarded to second

seed Amelie Mauresmo of France. She also won the title in 2001, after establishing herself by reaching the final as a qualifier in 1998 and then going on to reach the 1999 Australian Open final.

Williams will now return home as planned and try to prepare for Roland Garros, but she has no idea when she will be able to return to the

"I'll try for as soon as possible. basically," she said. "I've just got to keep the weight off my leg and see how it goes. There's a lot of swelling. and I'm waiting for the tests to see exactly what the issue is. I'm optimistic it's a strain and not anything

The injury is another setback for the former world number one, just as she was building up confidence after a 2003 season that was devastated by injury.

In the same period last year she suffered a stomach muscle injury during the Warsaw final - ironically against Mauresmo. Although she then struggled on until Wimbledon, where she fought though obvious pain before losing the final to sister Serena, she played no more events for the rest of the year.

## Witnesses avert cops

news agency BSS quoted Mahal as

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terming the incident an internal feud of the AL. But no-one of the seven he named yesterday belongs to the AL or its front organisations. AL leaders fear the government will

save the killers by framing workers of their party and its front organisations in Ahsanullah's relatives and Al

leaders yesterday alleged that instead of making any efforts to nab his killers, police were out to arrest workers of the AL and its front organisations on the plea of their involvement in the ransacking of BNP offices. "Although the incident shocked people across the country, it failed to

move police. Without arresting any

killer, police are arresting our activists and the people who want Ahsanullah's killers to be brought to book," said Azmatullah Khan, chairman of Tongi municipality, yesterday. "Police have arrested Sumon as he disclosed to plainclothesmen the names of some killers and forced him

to say the incident was an outcome of internal feud of the AL," said Azmatullah, who was beside Ahsanullah during the gory incident. Police picked up Sumon and his brother Madhu Friday night from their

house at Amtola in Tongi after Sumon disclosed the names of some killers, whom he identified. They later said the killers halted at Sumon's house while Ahsanullah's brother Motiur

Rahman Moti accused BNP's youth wing Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal leader

Nurul Islam Sarker of masterminding the killing and said he identified the killers. They are General Secretary of Jatiya Chhatra Samaj Nurul Islam Dipu, his brothers Shahidul Islma Shipu and Ohidul Islam Tipu, Kana Hafiz, Ratan Mia, Anwar Hossain Anu, Sohel, Shohagh, Jahangir, Al Amin, Faisal, Mahbub, Monir, Dulal, Bulu Mia and Syed Ahmed Majnu, he added.

"I could identify them since I was standing close to the podium that day," Motiur said, adding that all the 17 were supporters of Nurul Islam Sarker, brother of ruling BNP leader Hasanuddin Sarker. "They are identified drug peddlers

of the area and were involved in the killing of BCL ( AL's student front) leader Mehedi, Reazul Islam Titu and Monir," Moti told The Daily Star yester-

"My brother (Ahsanullah) campaigned successfully for AL candidate AKM Mozammel Haq in Gazipur municipality election (held on May 5), who defeated the four-party alliance candidate actively backed by Hasanuddin Sarker."

The slain lawmaker's son Zabid Ahsan Sohel said they are getting phone calls to withdraw the case and the killers are telling the family that nothing will happen to them as the administration will back them. "People willing to give testimony

don't dare to go to police as the killers are threatening locals who talked to newspapers and television channels," he said. Police are not allowing AL workers to come near their house and arrested two of their relatives after his

father's namaz-e-janaza and another while he was coming out of a mosque, he added.

The killers are telephoning

Azmatullah's house threatening to

kidnap his sons and daughter if he continues his links to the AL and lives in Ten cases have been filed against

about 100 people, mostly adherents of the AL and its front organisations.

Five cases were filed in Tongi for ransacking and setting fire to two BNP offices, torching buses, damaging a BTV camera and assaulting police. One case was filed with the GRP police station alleging Tk 8 crore damage in attacks and setting fire to

Four cases were filed with Joydevpur Police Station on charges of ransacking BNP office at Rajbari Road, ransacking and setting fire to the house of Giasuddin Al Mamun in Gazipur and the Jamaat-e-Islami office at Shibbari intersection and vandalising of 25 buses of Dohar Paribahan.

District Awami League President and Gazipur municipal Chairman AKM Mozammel Hag and some other leaders met Deputy Commissioner Fazle Rabbi yesterday and expressed serious concern over what he said was the indiscriminate arrest and police harassment of innocent people. He asked the administration to stop this and demanded release of the

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GOVDGB Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I STARTED DENTAL SCHOOL, THEN I SOON DROPPED OUT. I COULDN'T HANDLE THE TOOTH.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals R The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.