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## Tigers come of Test age ACC caught in rift

Crush Zimbabwe by 226 runs

AL MUSABBIR SADI, Ctg

Bangladesh cricket reached a new plain yesterday when the Tigers crushed Zimbabwe by 226 runs in the first Test at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong.

The second Test venue of the country erupted into ecstasy when Enamul Haque got rid of the last Zimbabwe batsman Christopher Mpofu and with that Bangladesh registered their maiden Test triumph in 35th appearance, ending a long wait of millions for glory.

The second grand celebration in 14 days began when Mohammad Ashraful plucked the red cherry in mid-air not only to seal an historic victory but also gave the young left-arm spinner his sixth wicket in the second innings.

The 18-year-old Enamul finished with 6-45, the best bowling figures by any Bangladeshi cricketer, as Zimbabwe, resuming the fifth and final day on 46-3, were all out for 154 just before tea.

The dismissal of Mpofu sparked off what is sure to be the most memorable party for the Tigers, who only recently won their first one-day match against India on home soil.

But winning a Test after more than four years since their inaugural match

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PHOTO: AFP

PARTYING IN STYLE...Bangladesh cricketers celebrate their historic Test victory over Zimbabwe at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

## Tk 31 lakh robbed in highway holdup

Industry staff killed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a daring holdup on the Dhaka-Chittagong Highway, robbers yesterday gunned down an accountant of a textile industry to loot around Tk 31 lakh from them.

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## Rab seizes grenade, ivory from carrier

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) seized a hand grenade and a piece of ivory from a man in the city suburb Amin Bazar on Sunday night.

Apart from the person who was allegedly carrying the grenade, members of the intelligence apparatus of

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## 'Look East' policy remains on paper

JS body observes

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The 'Look East' policy of the government has been on paper, not in reality, observed a parliamentary committee yesterday. It asked the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to initiate

steps to cement ties with the Far Eastern countries.

The parliamentary standing committee on foreign ministry at a meeting expressed dissatisfaction over the present status of relations

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## ACC caught in rift

Mian questions legitimacy of decisions

ZAYADUL AHSAN and JULFIKAR ALI MANIK

Internal discord between the members of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has taken a serious turn as one of its three members has questioned a few decisions of the commission.

Prof M. Maniruzzaman Mian yesterday in a confidential letter to ACC Chairman Justice Sultan Hossain Khan put up his suggestions about how the commission should run properly.

In the letter, he pointed out a number of decisions and steps the commission has taken since its

formation on November 21 last year, saying those decisions 'were not taken in a proper way'.

Sources said Mian sent the letter through his personal staff and left the office in the afternoon. The chairman after receiving the letter convened a commission meeting at 11:00am today to discuss the matter.

But Prof Mian, when contacted, declined to comment on the issue.

Meantime, the complexities over the status of the staff of now-defunct Bureau of Anti-Corruption (Bac) have multiplied with the law ministry's latest views on the ACC Act.

The ministry sent a letter to the commission through Cabinet

Division yesterday, saying the attorney general's legal interpretation on December 15 that the ACC Act allows Bac officers and employees to work with the ACC from the day Bac was dissolved was not correct.

Sources said Mian earlier cautioned against working in line with the attorney general's interpretation but the chairman and the other commissioner, Maniruddin Ahmed, did not pay heed to his suggestion.

In his letter, Mian, a former vice-chancellor of Dhaka University, said all the decisions and steps should be taken in consultation with all commission members at formal meetings.

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## TENGRATILA GAS FIELD Fire starts to spread

PINAKI ROY and IQBAL SIDDIQUI in Sylhet, SHARIER KHAN in Dhaka

The inferno at Tengratila gas field in Sunamganj started raging with a renewed fury yesterday spreading towards the villages beyond the boundary of the gas well that blew out early Saturday, belying hopes the flames are subsiding.

The air within one square-kilometre area has become stinky

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The Tengratila gas field fire starts to spread with fresh fury yesterday.

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