



(L-R) French football legend Zinedine Zidane in conversation with President and Chief Adviser of the Caretaker Government Professor Iajuddin Ahmed at the Bangabhaban yesterday. Zidane obliges his fans by signing autographs at Grameen Bank's head office while the three-time world footballer-of-the-year enjoys a cultural programme at Hotel Sonargaon.



Did U Know?

Douglas Jardine the captain of England in the (in) famous 'Bodyline Series' was born on October 23, 1900 in Bombay in a small place called Malabar Hill.



Sourav Ganguly
(Former India cricket captain)
'If God permits, I'll play the World Cup.'



World Cup far away: Yuvraj

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India's middle-order batsman Yuvraj Singh who suffered a knee injury during the recently concluded Champions Trophy, is not worried by news reports that he might miss next year's World Cup in the Caribbean.

"The World Cup is far away," Yuvraj told the media, "and it is too early to say anything about my inclusion either in the team for the Test series in South Africa or the World Cup." Yuvraj had to sit out of what was virtually a Champions Trophy quarterfinal clash against Australia in Mohali after he sustained a cruciate ligament injury while turning sharply during a game of kho-kho, a traditional Indian game, on the eve of the game.

Yuvraj was responding to reports quoting Andrew Leipus, former India physiotherapist, in which he said the injury could threaten Yuvraj's chances at the World Cup, considering the recovery time needed for rehabilitation. "Yuvraj's is a serious case," Leipus said. "He has a ruptured ligament and the nature of his injury is such that it will take around four to five months to heal."

Yuvraj is almost certain to miss India's forthcoming tour to South Africa, starting from November 19, and the focus remains on the World Cup, from March next year. It means that Yuvraj has approximately four months to regain peak

No TV deal for now

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board's concerted effort of finding a future TV sponsor came to a grinding halt on Tuesday following a government circular that ordered the board to suspend all the activities relating to selling television rights.

The surprise decision came from the interim caretaker government on a day when the board confirmed that two Indian marketing agents - Nimbus and ZeeSport -- submitted their bids on Wednesday morning to acquire BCB's Worldwide Marketing Agency Rights (television, internet, etc) for the period of November 1, 2006 to March 31, 2012.

"We have got a letter from the sports ministry where the authorities asked the board to stop all activities regarding the TV deal. I talked with my general secretary and told him to meet with the Advisor and explain the circumstances," BCB president Ali Asghar told the Daily Star Sport over tele-

phone while confirming the suspension order.

Asghar, a former BNP lawmaker, was supposed to evaluate the technical issues with the representatives of the bidding companies before announcing the winning bidder sometimes today.

Although a decision on this sensitive matter that involves a huge amount of money was not unexpected, but Asghar felt that the tender process should go on for the greater interest of cricket.

"I have already told my general secretary to convince the Advisor of the caretaker government that the bidding should continue otherwise we might miss the opportunity to strike a lucrative deal. I think someone gave him (the Advisor of the sports ministry) the wrong impression about the deal," he added.

He however admitted that board made a mistake by not informing the Advisor earlier.

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