

## Relegation decision on Friday

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Decision on the relegation play-off of Premier Cricket League has been delayed till June 8 after Saturday's Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) meeting was adjourned.

Due to time constraint the decision, along with others, had to be deferred till Friday. Among the other agendas that could not be decided upon were the large number of unnecessary committees that are present in the board, a thought that was raised during the course of the meeting.

The meeting, held at a local hotel on Saturday, appointed a new captain, new vice-captain, an interim coach and decided on the new payroll details of the national, A-team and under-19 players.

## Re-laid track for Afro-Asia Cup opener

PTI, New Delhi

The Afro-Asia Cup might have lost its sheen due to the pull out of several stars and the accompanying negative publicity, but hosts Karnataka State Cricket Association are confident of a strong response for the tournament.

"The excitement is picking up slowly. We still have star players lined up. Sourav Ganguly, Sanath Jayasuriya, Mahela Jayawardene, they are all stars," KSCA Secretary Brijesh Patel told PTI from Bangalore.

The former India batsman believed that although the first of three one-dayers in the series, to be played under lights at the MA Chinnaswamy Stadium, was scheduled on a weekday (June 6), there would be a good crowd turnout.

"The ticket sales is picking up," he said.

The day-night tie would be played on a re-laid track.

The KSCA had few weeks ago initiated a comprehensive

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PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

New captain of Bangladesh Mohammad Ashraful receives a guard of honour from students of his old cricket school Pallima Sangsad in Khilgaon where he went to meet his mentor and former national player Wahidul Gani yesterday. Ashraful, who is one of the first students of Pallima Sangsad, became the youngest captain of Bangladesh.

## Dav in line for India

Cricket

PTI, Bangalore

The dice seems to be loaded in favour of Dav Whatmore to succeed fellow-Australian Greg Chappell as the new cricket coach of the Indian team ahead of their tour to England and Ireland later this month.

The Sri Lanka-born former batsman, who toured India with the team led by Kim Hughes in 1979, looks all set to get the nod from the seven-member Coach Selection Committee of the Cricket Board headed by BCCI Chief Sharad Pawar when it meets here on Monday night, according to BCCI sources.

"Whatmore can be said to be the front-runner to take up the job. But let's see what other names the members of the committee come up with," the sources told PTI on Sunday.

The sources were especially referring to former India skipper Sunil Gavaskar, among the three former captains forming the special committee, who is reportedly not in favour of the Australian to take up the mantle.

Gavaskar has been severe in his indirect criticism of the Australian in his syndicated column, referring to the way in which Bangladesh did not make an effort to chase the target set by India in the opening Test at Chittagong and for opting to field after winning the toss in the second

ODI series held earlier.

Whatmore, who quit as the coach of Bangladesh at the end of the tour to their eastern neighbours by the Rahul Dravid-led Indian team, however has good credentials as coach to support his claims.

Meanwhile, a strong advocate of having an Indian coach for the national team, former captain Kapil Dev has lambasted senior cricketers for reportedly lobbying for a foreigner.

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