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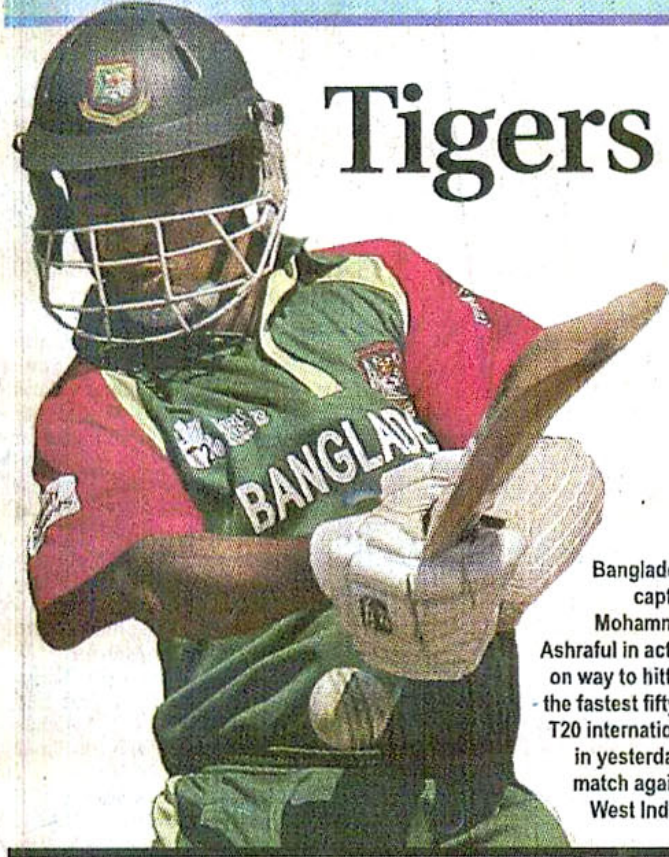
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Tigers whack WI out

MOHAMMAD ISAM

His bat doesn't talk often enough; at the Wanderers his bat talked for a change and as always happens, something special for Bangladesh came hand in hand.

Mohammad Ashraful sizzled in a blistering 61 and Bangladesh cruised to a six-wicket win over West Indies in Johannesburg yesterday.

The win, Bangladesh's first in any competitive match against West Indies, meant more than a mere two points -- a passage into the elite Super Eights of the ICC World Twenty20 Championship with a match in hand against hosts South Africa. The defeat on the other hand guaranteed that West Indies go home early as they already lost their first match against the hosts on the opening day.

Meanwhile, a persistent drizzle in Durban resulted in India's opening match against Scotland being abandoned without a ball being bowled. Both India and Scotland got a point apiece, and it left India in a situation where they had to avoid a heavy defeat against Pakistan on Friday to make it through to the Super Eights stage. Scotland finished their engagements with a point after the 51-run defeat to Pakistan in their opening game.

Scotland captain Ryan Watson won the toss and decided to send India in to bat at Kingsmead, but the rain came down again long before the players could take the field. For India, who have played just one Twenty20 game, it meant a day-long wait to give a largely new-look side a hit.

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29,100 bullets seized from Sherpur house

Hidden in underground water tank

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) yesterday recovered around 30,000 pistol bullets from a village under Jhenaidah upazila of Sherpur district.

Acting on secret information, a special squad of BDR led by 45 Battalion Sector Commander Colonel Anisuzzaman raided a house of an indigenous youth in Bakura village around 4:15am.

The BDR team recovered 29,100 bullets hidden in an underground

water tank in the kitchen of the house.

They arrested Russell Sangma, 25, son of Khokon Maraka. Locals said Russell is an unemployed youth.

Officer-in-Charge of Jhenaidah Police Station Md Shajahan Kabir told The Daily Star that the BDR handed over Russell and the bullets to them around 4:30pm.

A case was lodged under Arms Act while Russell was undergoing interrogation in their custody, he said.

Arrest warrant against two DU professors

DU authorities hold meet with army CGS

STAR REPORT

A Dhaka court yesterday issued arrest warrants against Dhaka University (DU) teachers Prof Sadrul Amin and Prof Neem Chandra Bhowmik.

Metropolitan Magistrate SM Ferdous Alam issued the arrest warrants after scrutinising the case diaries and other relevant documents following pleas submitted by the investigation officers of the cases, reports our court correspondent.

Amin is also the president of Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) and Bhowmik is the chairman of the Applied Physics Department.

Besides, arrest warrants were issued against two other professors.

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RAMADAN BEGINS TODAY

Further price hike on kitchen market

STAR REPORT

Prices of vegetables, fruits and essentials used to prepare iftar items shot up further at different kitchen markets in the capital on the eve of the month of Ramadan yesterday while the prices of other essentials remained stable.

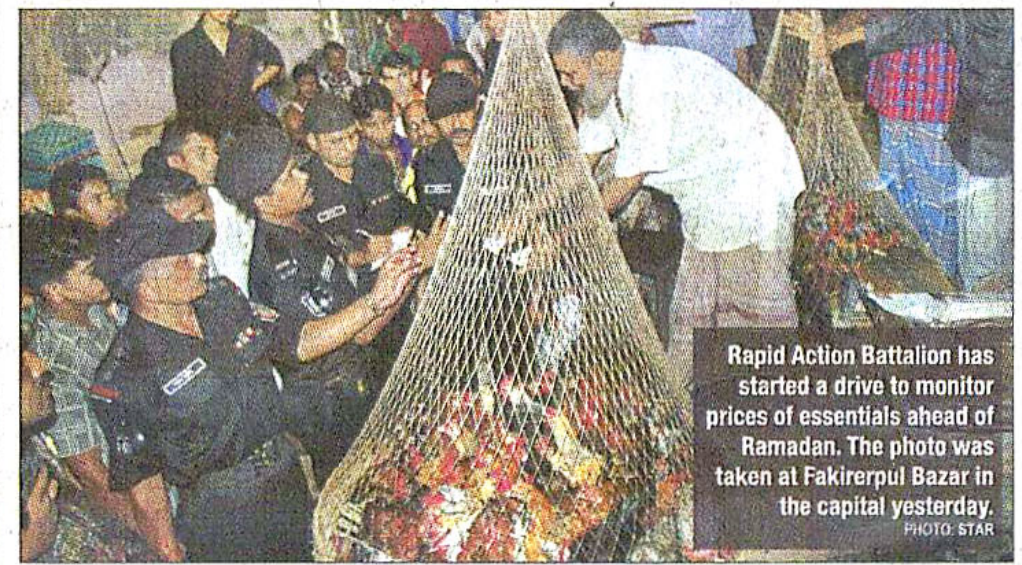
Most spices and vegetables used to prepare iftar items-- onion, aubergine, cucumber, green chilli, and potato--and fruits like ripe papaya, banana and apple saw a sharp price hike in the last two days.

However, a huge difference was noticed between the prices

charged at the city markets and those fixed by the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC).

People were seen thronging city kitchen markets just after getting the news of moon sighting, which confirmed the start of Ramadan, the month of fasting, today.

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Rapid Action Battalion has started a drive to monitor prices of essentials ahead of Ramadan. The photo was taken at Fakirpur Bazar in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

AL to probe, punish those who abused leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League (AL) will investigate and take organisational action if party men were involved in abuse of some party leaders outside its Dhanmondi office on Wednesday.

The leaders were abused in a bid to create division in the AL in a planned way, the party noted.

"We will start a probe to find out whether any party man was involved in the incident. If found

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Both BNP groups out to woo B Chy

RASHIDUL HASAN

Both factions of BNP are now seeking support from Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) chief AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, also the founding secretary general of BNP, and offered him to steer their faction to take the upperhand in the party.

Pro-reformist faction of BNP led by Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan and the Khandaker Delwar Hossain group, during the last couple of days contacted Badruddoza over

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