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Hong Kong bans flags, banners

INTERNET, undated
Flags, banners, leaflets or any material promoting political or commercial causes will be banned from venues holding the Olympic equestrian events in Hong Kong, a media report said Saturday. The ban follows similar restrictions imposed for the Olympic events being held in mainland China, although some concessions have been made, the South China Morning Post said. Small flags of participating nations or regions or hosts will be allowed, apart from flags of Tibet, which will be prohibited.

Confirming the ban, John Green, co-ordinator of security and

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NAT'L WEIGHTLIFTING Sabira breaks record

SPORTS REPORTER

The national club (men's and women's) weightlifting competition was held yesterday at the National Sports Council gymnasium.

A total of 65 weightlifters from 15 clubs took part in the competition.

The meet was marked with one new record in the men's section and three in the women's section.

Ainuddin made the record in the 56kg while Mollah Sabira Sultana in the 48kg, Fahima Akhter Moyna in the 53kg and Firoza Parveen in the 63kg.

GP-BCB team to hold training camp

SPORTS REPORTER

GP-BCB National Cricket Academy team will have a ten-day training camp in Bogra for next month's tour of South Africa.

The Academy team left Dhaka yesterday.

During three-week tour the GP-BCB National Cricket Academy team will play two four-day and three one-day matches.

The team is scheduled to leave for South Africa on August 4.

Pioneer football

SPORTS REPORTER

Golam Mostafa Lane Kishore Sangha managed a solitary goal victory over Dhaka XI in the opening match of the second phase Metropolitan Pioneer Football League at the Birshreshtha

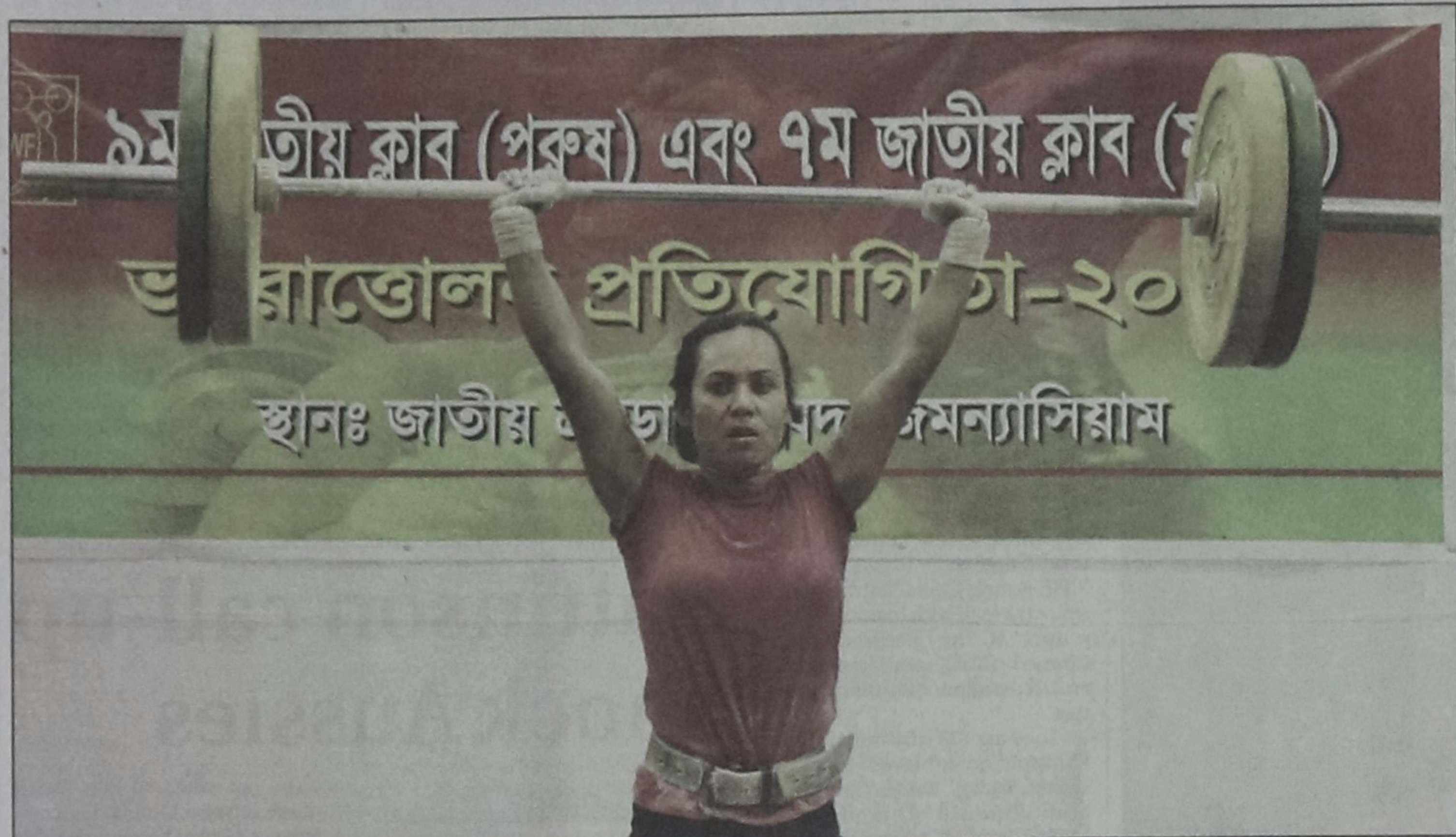
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Mollah Sabira Sultana lifts a national record in the 48kg category during the finals of the National Club Men's & Women's Weightlifting Competition at the National Sports Council gymnasium yesterday.

Sachin, Dinesh in runs

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Sachin Tendulkar and Dinesh Karthik were the only batsmen to get meaningful practice ahead of the first Test as the rest of the Indians fell cheaply on the second day of the three-day tour game against Sri Lanka Board XI on Saturday.

Tendulkar top-scored with 69, while Karthik sealed his spot for the first Test with a patient, unbeaten 58, but none of the others got among the runs as the Indians closed the day on 196 for 8, still 28 behind the Board XI total at the Nondescripts Cricket Club in Colombo.

Wet weather delayed the start in the morning, and no play was possible before lunch. When the game did get underway, the Indians suffered an early setback as Rahul Dravid was run out for five. Virender Sehwag got a start, but was trapped in front by Rangana Herath, the left-arm spinner, for 27.

It got worse for the Indians soon after when Dammika Prasad, the right-arm medium-pacer, dismissed Sourav Ganguly and VVS Laxman in the same over -- Laxman was hit-wicket for a second-ball duck -- to have them struggling at 80 for five. Former captain Ganguly also failed to get any batting practice, making 14.

Tendulkar and Karthik then repaired the damage partially with a 62-run sixth-wicket stand.

Tendulkar made a brisk 69, the feature of which was his crisp driving on both sides of the wicket. He struck eight fours and a six in the 76 deliveries he faced -- showing in the process that he is in prime form to score the 172 he needs to become Test cricket's highest run-getter -- before falling to Seekkuge Prasanna, a 23-year-old leg-spinner.

Karthik was far more circumspect, with just six fours in 105 balls, but in an innings in which all the other batsmen were keen to play their strokes, his knock was just what the team needed. With Harbhajan

Singh, he added 30 for the seventh wicket, but both Harbhajan and Zaheer Khan were dismissed shortly before close of play.

Prasad, who played three one-day internationals for Sri Lanka a couple of years back, was the most successful bowler, finishing with figures of 3 for 30.

Fast bowler Dilhara Fernando finished with 2-27 while also effecting the run out of former India skipper Dravid to underline a spirited effort by the hosts.

This is the only warm-up game between the sides ahead of the start of the three-Test series on July 23.

India have not won a series in this island nation in 15 years.

SCORES IN BRIEF
SRI LANKA BOARD XI: First innings 224 all out in 71.5 overs (Kandamby 84, C Silva 68, Mubarak 25, Kumble 3-30, Zaheer 2-35, Harbhajan 2-52)
INDIANS: First innings 196 for 8 in 49 overs (Tendulkar 69, Karthik 58, Sehwag 27, Prasad 3-30, Fernando 2-27)

BCB releases NZ tour schedule

SPORTS REPORTER

New Zealand will arrive in Dhaka on October 4 to play three one-day internationals and two Tests.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) released the official tour itinerary yesterday. The Kiwis will kick-off their 26-day trip with a one-day warm-up match and then play the first two one-day internationals at Mirpur before travelling to Chittagong where they play the third and final one-day and the first Test match.

The second Test will be held at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

ITINERARY

Oct 7: One-day warm-up.
Oct 9: First ODI at Mirpur.
Oct 11: Second ODI at Mirpur
Oct 14: Third ODI at Chittagong.
Oct 17-21: First Test at Chittagong.
Oct 25-29: Second Test at Mirpur.

Prince gives SA lead

Cricket

AFP, Leeds

Ashwell Prince's second hundred in as many matches against England helped guide South Africa into a first innings lead in the second Test at Headingley here Saturday.

The Proteas, at tea on the second day, were 262 for four in reply to England's 203, a lead of 59.

Prince was 100 not out, following his 101 in the first innings of the drawn first Test at Lord's, and AB de Villiers 44 not out.

Their unbroken stand for the fifth wicket was worth 119 after they'd come together at 143 for four.

England took the new ball soon after it became available but Prince's response was to drive fast bowler Andrew Flintoff, appearing in his first Test for 18 months because of injury, down the ground for four to go to 99.

A single off Flintoff's fellow Lancashire quick James Anderson then saw vice-captain Prince complete his ninth Test hundred and second against England off 194 balls with two sixes and 11 fours.

South Africa resumed after lunch on 158 for four, with Prince 34 not out and de Villiers seven not out on a placid pitch favouring batsmen.

After 58 overs of an all-seam attack, England captain Michael Vaughan eventually brought on left-arm spinner Monty Panesar, whose 60 overs in the second innings at Lord's failed to yield a wicket.

And his first few overs in Leeds were hardly more rewarding with Prince driving him for a straight six to complete his fifty.

Prince repeated the dose before de Villiers swept Panesar for four.

Left-hander Prince was equally assured against England's quicks, driving the tall Stuart Broad off the front-foot to the extra-cover boundary.

And when shock debutant Darren Pattinson bowled a long hop, Prince punished him with a pulled four.

Pattinson had earlier taken his first Test wicket, the only one to fall so far on Saturday, in the morning session after South Africa started

the day on 101 for three.

The Australia-raised pace bowler, in for injured Nottinghamshire colleague Ryan Sidebottom, had the dangerous Hashim Amla, who like Prince made a hundred at Lord's, lbw for 38.

Former roof tiler Pattinson, who turns 30 next month, was born in the English east coast fishing town of Grimsby but was brought up in Australia.

He only made his senior debut for Australia state side Victoria last year and came into this Test on the back of just 11 first-class matches.

Pattinson, who joined Nottinghamshire at the start of the season, caught the attention of the

selectors with 29 first-class wickets in six matches this term for the Midlands county at 20.86 apiece.

The fourth seamer deployed by Vaughan on Saturday, Pattinson struck when a full toss hit Amla on the front pad.

It was a tight call for Australian umpire Daryl Harper, with television replays suggesting the ball would have missed leg-stump but he eventually raised his finger to give Pattinson a moment to cherish.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the second day of the second Test between

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South Africa batsman Ashwell Prince pulls one during the second day of the second Test against England at Headingley on Friday.



A Chinese woman hugs a robotic version of the Olympic Games "Fuwa" mascot at the new International airport in Beijing on Friday.

Athletes shrug off pollution

AFP, Washington

US Olympians take a matter-of-fact approach about pollution fears at the Beijing Olympics, basically seeing any possible breathing problems as an equal headache for everyone involved.

"As long as all eight lanes have to breathe it, that's OK with me," said US sprinter Lauryn Williams. "One month in it is not going to kill us at all. Whoever gets to the finish line first will be the winner."

Air quality concerns have prompted some distance runners to avoid longer events and the International Olympic Committee has warned that some events might be moved if pollution issues dictate.

Organizers have countered by saying factories will shut down to ease the smog load in the air

around Beijing and that some of the auto traffic in the city will be curtailed for the duration of the Olympics.

"Two teams have the same air to breathe," said US women's soccer coach Pia Sundhage of Sweden. "It is a problem. It might be a hard thing for the second or third game. We have to deal with it."

Three-time BMX world champion Kyle Bennett has felt the impact of Beijing pollution during competition but has confidence in plans to combat air woes.

"It affected me a little bit. Toward the end of the week I could feel it. It was hurting me to take a deep breath," Bennett said. "But they say they will shut down the factories before the Olympics so it will be all right."

US women's soccer captain Kate Markgraf will make her seventh China trip for the Olympics and has so far not felt breathing troubles, although she has yet to experience Beijing.

"Never have I felt my perfor-

mance or our team's performance has been influenced by pollution," she said. "We're going to take care of the things we can control."

Some masks and oxygen might be used to bring some measure of control and asthma tests before the Games might uncover some problems before people arrive in Beijing.

"I'm going to breathe the same air everybody else is. We're all going to breathe the same," US modern pentathlete Eli Bremer said.

"People who go in with the attitude, 'Oh I've got to breathe pollution,' that is detrimental. I can find a lot of things wrong but I'm going to be the best at coping."

That's the plan for world 200-meter champion Allyson Felix and Muna Lee, who attempts to Beijing double in the 100 and 200.

"I'm not that concerned. I'm going to tough out anything that's out there and come through," Felix said.

"With our maturity and experience, that situation won't bother us. We will go into it very focused," Lee said.

US decathlete Brian Clay figures whatever Beijing has to throw at him will not be as bad as what he has trained through in California.

"There's always going to be concern about weather and conditions. I've had to deal with some of the worst conditions out there," Clay said.

"I live and train in Azusa, which has some of the worst air quality anywhere. You work and prepare for it but you don't dwell on it. If you dwell on it, it can have a detrimental affect on your preparation and training."

US softball pitcher Jennie Finch has played in Beijing in August with no ill effects.

"We were over there playing at the same time as the Olympics and we didn't have any problem with it," she said. "Coach says control the controllables. This isn't one of the controllables."

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BOA executive meeting today

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) will hold an executive committee meeting today at the Kurmitola Golf Club.

The meeting, with BOA president and Army Chief General Moeen U Ahmed in the chair, is expected to include two more disciplines in the upcoming South Asian (SA) Games to be held in Bangladesh.

"We're considering the games in which Bangladesh have bright prospect of winning gold... volleyball, golf, judo, kho kho, wrestling and ushu are among our consideration," informed BOA COO Col. (retd) M Wali Ullah.

The meeting is likely to approve an amendment to the BOA statutes and finalize the name of flag bearer of the Bangladesh contingent at the Beijing Olympics.

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