

Tigers win away

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on the fifth and final day at the Arnos Vale Sports Complex.

Shakib Al Hasan formalised Bangladesh's second Test victory ever, when he trapped Tino Best lbw plumb in front for nine with a dipping full toss, and ended with three wickets for 39 runs from 28.1 overs.

The result means that Bangladesh lead the two-Test series 1-0 with the final match set to start on Friday at Grenada's Queen's Park Stadium Complex.

Bangladesh's victory which came about 4-1/2 years after their solitary Test win against Zimbabwe on home soil in Chittagong was made more remarkable because their new captain and primary fast bowler Mashrafe Bin Mortaza spent the entire West Indies innings off the field nursing a knee injury he aggravated earlier in the match.

"I feel much better now following this victory," said Mashrafe. "Special thanks to Shakib for deputising for me, and the way he handled the side."

"It was probably a blessing in disguise when we got bowled out [on Monday morning] which gave us more time. We were looking to bat until lunch and get a lead of about 300 or more, but we lost our last five wickets quickly."

"But we have good spinners like Shakib and Mahmudullah and they bowled really well, so special thanks to them and the rest of the bowlers because we were operating one bowler short because of my injury -- and we still won."

Bangladesh had pressed their claims almost from the start of the West Indies innings, and had restricted the hosts to 66 for two at lunch.

They got the breakthrough quite fortuitously, when Rokibul Hasan ran Dale Richards out for 14 with a direct hit from gully, after umpire Asoka de Silva turned down an lbw appeal from Shahadat Hossain, and the batsman absently minded sauntered out of his crease.

There was further success for Bangladesh, when Shakib had left-hander Omar Phillips lbw for 14 to leave West Indies 33 for two, but the Tigers could make no further headway, as West Indies captain Floyd Reifer joined Travis Dowlin, and they batted out the remainder of the session.

By tea, Bangladesh had a strong scent of victory, after Mahmudullah and Shakib shared four wickets in the afternoon session to leave West Indies wobbling on 128 for six.

PM GREETS TEAM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina congratulated Bangladesh cricketers on their maiden test victory abroad, reports UNB.

In a felicitation message yesterday, the PM hailed the newly appointed captain, players, coach and the team management and officials of Bangladesh Cricket Board for the emphatic test win at Arnos Vale in Kingstown, St Vincent.

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HC outlines

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It ruled that the government and Rajdhani Unnayan Kartiripakha (Rajuk) would have the liberty to take legal actions against encroachers and illegal occupants by filing compensation suits against the perpetrators.

The court directed police and other law enforcement agencies to cooperate with Rajuk in completing this job.

The surveys will be done with the help of deputy commissioner of Dhaka and the director general of Department of Land Record, it said. The director general of the Department of Environment will ensure that environment laws are maintained during this job, the court said.

The court fixed February 22, 2010, for issuing possible further orders on the matter.

The HC directives came after Kazi M Mosharraf Hussain, executive secretary of Gulshan Society, a registered development organisation, filed a writ petition in this regard in May this year.

The bench in the order said the case would continue in the court until the directives are implemented. It said any parties concerned in this case could appear before the court any time for necessary court order to protect the lakes.

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members at the meeting raised the issue, army chief General Abdul Munib informed the meeting about the prime minister's instruction to look into the matter, committee sources said.

"But I thought all of the guys played well for a team that was assembled a night before the Test match. I thought we fought really well, and we are looking forward to the Test in Grenada."

The committee is comprised of senior officials of the army, navy and airforce.

"We will see what actions are taken. If adequate measures are taken, then it will be all right. Otherwise, we will make our recommendations to this effect," Idris Ali said.

Asked how many officials of the armed forces became victims of such irregularities, Idris Ali said the army chief did not give them any numbers.

Talking to The Daily Star after the meeting, Awami League lawmaker Monjur Kader Quraishi, a member of the parliamentary standing committee, said he has been receiving a number of letters from victims seeking remedies to "injustice". He said he placed the matter before the standing committee for discussion.

Contacted by The Daily Star, AL lawmaker MA Mannan, who joined the meeting as a representative of the defence minister, said all committee members want the victims to get justice.

However, a member of the committee wishing not to be named said it is unlikely that those who have lost jobs would get them back. The member said they would try to provide remedies for the "injustice".

Meanwhile, the armed forces division placed outlines of the draft defence policy at yesterday's meeting for discussion.

Idris Ali said on completion of the draft policy, it will be sent to the prime minister and as well as the chiefs of the three forces. The draft defence policy will also be placed before the committee for discussion.

"We will examine the draft to ensure that people's welfare and desires are ensured," the committee chief said.

The air force through a presentation yesterday informed the committee about its problems including shortage of budgetary allocation, inadequate equipment, manpower, and age-old aircraft.

Talking to The Daily Star a member of the parliamentary body said the air force wants the government to increase their budgetary allocation for replacing the old aircraft and address other problems it is facing.

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BDR rebels

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proposal of BDR authorities on the ways of holding trial of the mutineers and finally take the decision.

Besides, it may also finalise the names, uniform and other recommendations made by the BDR authorities for restructuring the border force, sources said.

The meeting will decide under which laws the trial of those involved in BDR mutiny and carnage will be held," Shafique Ahmed told The Daily Star yesterday.

Asked whether any decision has already been taken to try those who were directly involved in the February 25-26 BDR headquarters mutiny under the Army Act, he replied in the negative and said everything will be decided at the meeting.

"We will receive recommendations from the four organisations on how to free rivers from pollution and grabbers as they are working on environment," Saber Hossain Chowdhury, chief of the subcommittee, told The Daily Star after a meeting held at the parliament complex yesterday.

Asked about the meeting, BDR Director General Maj Gen Md Mainul Islam said they have already submitted a proposal with recommendations about holding of the trial.

Sources said BDR authorities in a letter sent to the home and law secretaries on June 23 proposed to hold trial of the mutineers at BDR headquarters and elsewhere in the country under the Army Act.

It stated that Rajuk failed to prevent criminals from encroaching upon the lakes, which was a blow to the preservation of city dwellers' interest.

Repeated violations of laws or non-implementation of laws by the authorities concerned undermine the rule of law and jeopardise people's fundamental rights to life guaranteed in the constitution, it added.

The petition sought from the HC directions for the authorities concerned for taking immediate steps to protect and preserve the lakes.

Barrister ABM Siddiquar Rahman Khan moved for the petitioner while Deputy Attorney General Mostafa Zaman Islam stood for the government.

OC removed after Mirpur shooting

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Following Monday's gun attack on a market, Mirpur Police Station's Officer-in-Charge Nazimuddin Ahmed has been suspended on charges of negligence of duty.

The market remained closed yesterday.

Police and local sources said feuds between groups led by Litu and Shahadat over extortion and control of Swadhin Bangla Super Market are the key reasons for the attack that left one person dead and eight others injured.

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Meanwhile, Mirpur police yesterday arrested Shamsher Ali, the man who used to control the slums on the land where the market was built.

Police said Litu and Shahadat, both former president of Mirpur than Chhatra League, are top listed criminals. They are involved in extortion from transport and garment sectors.

They extort money also from the owners of under-

construction buildings, and buyers and sellers of land.

Sources said Litu sought to establish control over extortion from transport, garment and other sectors soon after Awami League government came to power in January.

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Dulu, Nadim sued for abetting militants

UNB, Rajshahi

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al-Qaeda vows to hit China over crackdown on Uighurs

AFP, Hong Kong

targets near at hand, it said.

al-Qaeda centrally does "not want to open a new front with China," the analysis said.

"But equally their sense of Muslim solidarity compels them to help and/or to be seen as helping. This is also a factor in helping the organisation regain support and funding from their global constituency."

Chinese authorities have said that riots in the Xinjiang city of Urumqi by Muslim Uighurs on July 5 left 184 people dead -- most of whom were Han, China's dominant ethnic group -- and more than 1,600 injured.

National council

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and treatment, Cap (retd) ABM Tajul Islam discipline and Abdul Mannan Khan will head the office sub-committee.

Dhaka City AL will be in charge of the sub-committee on food.

Earlier on Monday, AL President Sheikh Hasina was made chairman of the council preparation committee.

Mannan Khan said over 5,000 councillors would participate in this year's council.

Of them, 1,562 will represent seriously," Stirling said, basing his information on people who it said had seen the AQIM instruction.

"There is an increasing amount of chatter ... among Jihadis who claim they want to see action against China.

"Some of these individuals have been actively seeking information on China's interests in the Muslim world, which they could use for targeting purposes."

Stirling said the extremist group could well target Chinese projects in Yemen in a bid to topple the Beijing-friendly government of President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

The intelligence firm also noted al-Qaeda's killing of 24 Algerian security officers who were meant to be protection for Chinese engineers three weeks ago.

"On that occasion they did not attack the Chinese engineers because the target was the project on which they were working.

"Now, future attacks of this kind are likely to target security forces and Chinese engineers alike," the report said.

The most likely scenario would be that al-Qaeda's central leadership would encourage their affiliates in North Africa and the Arabian peninsula to attack Chinese

BPC's costly oil

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of \$5.15 per barrel. The BPC also has a deal with the Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC) charging the same.

"The premium is a flexible issue which is periodically negotiated and re-fixed. For instance, the premium with the KPC was re-fixed and drastically lowered through a successful negotiation in late May. But for some unknown reason, the BPC is not doing the same with Petco which is charging very high," said a BPC official.

Premium covers freight forwarding, commission and other charges asked by the exporting company. A lower premium means lower cost for the BPC in importing over 3.5 million tonnes of petroleum each year. Unlike the premium, the price per tonne of petroleum cannot be exactly fixed beforehand through negotiations as it goes up or down on a daily basis.

The BPC has been paying high level of premium for petroleum purchase from various sources for the last two years, as exporters were hesitant with the company's financial losses in the context of \$100 oil prices.

The KPC has been charging \$4.85 till June 2006. From then on, the premium shot up to \$4.55 and finally to \$6.6 till December 2008.

But as the heat of high oil price cooled down to a great degree from early this year, the KPC agreed to lower its premium at a meeting on May 25-26 last.

But on