

BCL off the leash at JU

Extortion, bid to control halls led to 30 factional clashes in 18 months

Illegal toll collection, attempts to dominate other factions, establishment of control over dormitories led to violent factional clashes among Bangladesh Chhatra League activists in Jahangirnagar University over the last year and a half.

The university authorities' inability to punish culprits and central Chhatra League's powerlessness to control its JU unit have also helped the situation to deteriorate.

Members of the JU Chhatra League unit engaged in at least 30 violent intra-party clashes including two gunfights on university campus since the ruling Awami League assumed power in January 2009, the highest number of factional clashes in any educational institution in a span of 18 months.

A minister's advice indeed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Textiles and Jute Minister Abdul Latif Siddique yesterday advised the Bangladesh Chhatra League leaders to refrain from internal clashes and take on the opposition parties instead.

"Why are you fighting

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HEAR HIM ROAR: Young Bangladesh paceman Shafiul Islam jumps for joy after dismissing last England batsman Jonathan Trott (not in picture) in the last over of the second one-day international at Nevil Road in Bristol yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Tigers fell final frontier

SPORTS REPORTER

With the whole world pensively waiting for a grand World Cup football final, Bangladesh silently yet boldly created a small piece of history on a cricket field on Saturday by defeating England by five runs at Bristol.

The Bangladesh camp erupted into unbridled joy when young paceman Shafiul Islam, blowing the last over of a high-voltage match, deceived Jonathan Trott with a well-disguised slower delivery that the batsman could only nick behind the wicket to Jahurul Islam. The stumper, who stood behind the wicket in place of injured Mushfiqur Rahim, gloved the ball diving to his right and then ran in a way as if he has just taken the catch of his life.

The momentous win, first-ever against England, completed a full circle of victories for Bangladesh against all the other nine Test playing nations.

It was Bangladesh's third win on English soil with their famous triumph against Pakistan in the 1999 World Cup in Northampton and against World champions Australia at Cardiff's Sofia Garden in 2005.

The win also ended a dismal run for the Tigers this year in which they failed to win a single match.

Bangladesh were tantalisingly close to winning against England at Mirpur's Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in March this year, only to be denied by a resolute Eoin Morgan.

This time around Trott stood in the way till the third ball of the

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Millers stop rice supply to govt from today

RAFIQUE SARKER, Rangpur

Millers have decided to stop supplying rice to government warehouses from today after a meeting between two sides failed to resolve a cash incentive issue.

The millers, who are already under contract to supply rice to the government, demand the same incentive as for new suppliers.

In a bid to speed up its procurement drive, the government on July 4 announced Tk 3 a kg in incentive for new suppliers. It has also signed an agreement with the new suppliers to buy 2.37 lakh tonnes of rice.

The millers who had sup

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Eyes on new champs

REUTERS, Pretoria

World Cup finalists Spain and the Netherlands have produced some of the greatest moments, classiest club sides and top players in soccer's history but somehow the biggest prize in the sport has always eluded them.

One country, though, will celebrate their first World Cup triumph at Soccer City in Johannesburg on Sunday bringing an end to generations of frustration.

The disappointment has been most acute for the Netherlands, who unlike Spain, have twice been agonisingly close to the top trophy.

The 1970s Dutch team are, arguably along with the 1954 Hungarian runners-up, the greatest team not to win a World Cup.

In 1974 the Dutch reached the final for the first time with a team coached by Rinus

Michels and featuring magnificent talents such as Johan Neeskens, Johnny Rep and three-times European footballer-of-the-year Johan Cruyff.

With a revolutionary approach to the game, dubbed 'Total Football', the Dutch sparked as they beat Argentina 4-0 and Brazil 2-0 in their second round group.

But despite taking the lead with a second-minute penalty, the Dutch were defeated 2-1 by hosts West Germany in Munich in the final.

Four years later, with several players, including Cruyff, refusing to take part, it was again the hosts that stood between the Netherlands and glory -- this time in Argentina.

After Mario Kempes had put Argentina in front in the 38th minute, the Dutch took the

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Khedira seals third place

AFP, Port Elizabeth

Sami Khedira's 82nd-minute header earned Germany a 3-2 victory in a rousing and rain-soaked World Cup third-place play-off match here on Saturday.

The Stuttgart midfielder rose to nod the ball beyond Fernando Muslera after Uruguay failed to clear a late corner, while Diego Forlan came inches away from a dramatic equaliser with an injury-time free-kick that struck the crossbar.

Forlan rounded off an impressive individual showing at the tournament with a brilliantly taken volley to give Uruguay a 2-1 lead early in the second period, only for Marcell Jansen to restore parity moments later.

Thomas Mueller had put

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BDR CARNAGE

Charge sheet ready for submission

BNP's Pintu, AL's Torab Ali to be among accused

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) is set to submit in a day or two charge sheet in the BDR carnage case accusing 824 border guards of murder, loot, arson and hiding bodies in mass graves.

Of the accused Bangladesh Rifles personnel, 55-60 will be charged with murder, said a CID official.

Former BNP lawmaker Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu and city ward Awami League leader Torab Ali will be among the accused in the case.

Contacted yesterday, CID Special Superintendent Abdul Kahar Akand, who is investigation officer (IO) of the case, said, "I have already completed all formalities, and I

can submit the charge sheet tomorrow (Sunday) or the day after tomorrow."

Earlier at a media briefing on February 24, the IO said Pintu and Torab got involved in the conspiracy for mutiny as individuals, but no political party was found involved in it.

He also said the mutiny was the outburst of BDR soldiers' pent-up frustration over different demands. "...The mutiny was staged to taint the image of the government."

It took CID a little over 16 months to complete investigation into the bloodbath on February 25-26 last year that left 74 people including 57 army officers killed at the BDR headquarters at Palkhama in the capital.

Meanwhile, BDR is also conducting trial of

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'MISSING' CHY ALAM BNP threatens tougher agitation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Senior leaders of the main opposition BNP yesterday threatened a movement to oust the government if it does not immediately disclose the whereabouts of DCC Ward Councillor Chowdhury Alam.

They described the arrest of the councillor as an act of national terrorism and demanded his immediate release or he be produced before a court.

The government, Home Minister Sahara Khatun and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina would be held responsible if anything happens to Alam, a central BNP leader, they added.

The leaders raised their demands at a demonstration

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Germany midfielder Sami Khedira (R) celebrates his winning goal with teammate Per Mertesacker during their World Cup third place play-off against Uruguay at the Nelson Mandela Bay stadium in Port Elizabeth last night.

PHOTO: AFP

WB to double assistance

\$6b in 4 years including \$1.2b for Padma bridge project

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Bank will double its lending to Bangladesh to \$6.1 billion over the next four years to help it tackle poverty and adapt to climate change.

The bank will ramp up investments in infrastructure, including power and gas, it said in a statement yesterday.

The assistance includes \$1.2 billion for the construction of the Padma Multipurpose Bridge, a top priority of the government to tap the economic potential of the country's southwest region.

The new country assistance strategy builds on World Bank's current portfolio of 25 active projects, with a net commitment of \$3.2 billion.

"This new country assistance strategy proposes a doubling of financial support for Bangladesh relative to the (fiscal 2006-09) strategy," said Ellen Goldstein, World Bank country director for Bangladesh.

"To deliver this higher volume of support most effectively, we will work with government to shift to larger, more strategic

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MOJAHID, SAYEED Cops grilling them about car torching

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police have started quizzing detained Jamaat Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammed Mojahid and its Nayab-e-Ameer Delwar Hossain Sayeede in a case filed in connection with torching a car on the day before June 27 hartal.

The case eventually turned to be a murder case, as one of the passengers of the torched car Faruque Hossain died from burn injuries. Jamaat's Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami is also an accused in the case.

Mojahid and Sayeede were produced before a court yesterday on completion of their nine days' remand in

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TEACHERS' RECRUITMENT More BG Press staff linked to question leak

RAFIQUE SARKER, Rangpur

The two government employees on remand yesterday disclosed names of some more BG Press staff with links to the question leak in Rangpur, said a police official.

On the second day of his remand, BG Press compositor ATM Mostafa said Shahidul, another compositor, with the help of some other BG Press staff had leaked questions of the now cancelled examination for recruitment of assistant teachers at public high schools.

Mostafa also said he and Hamidul Islam, a binder at the Government Printing Press, had carried the question papers to Rangpur.

Like him, Hamidul is on a three-day remand. The two were suspended on Friday.

Saleh Mohammad Tanvir, superintendent of Rangpur police,

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BIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (BITAA) SUMMER REUNION 2010

A grand reunion dinner, DJ party and raffle draw will be held for all BIT Alumni on 13.07.2010. Furthermore, at this reunion BITAA announces its 3rd Executive Committee (EC) Members, as the second bids us farewell.

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