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AFP, Johannesburg

Andres Iniesta secured the World Cup for Spain for the first time in their history by scoring the only goal of an enthralling final against the Netherlands four minutes from the end of extra-time on Sunday.

Just as it seemed a third World Cup final was destined to be settled by a penalty shoot-out, the Barcelona midfielder found himself in space in the Dutch box and hammered an unstoppable shot past goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg.

It was a cruel blow for a Dutch side that had hoped to eradicate memories of the country's defeats in the 1974 and 1978 finals.

But the ultimate outcome of a contest both sides might easily have won inside 90 minutes will trigger few complaints from neutrals.

Over the two hours, the European champions enjoyed the better of the chances while the Dutch had defender John Heitinga sent off and seven other players booked, most of them for challenges that appeared cynically designed to disturb the rhythm of Spain's passing game.

"It's incredible," said Iniesta. "What a joy especially when you see how we won it."

"There aren't the words to describe what I am feeling. After

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CUP OF JOY SPAIN'S

Golden Ball Forlan's, Boot Mueller's

AGENCIES, Johannesburg

Uruguay striker Diego Forlan was awarded the Golden Ball as the best player of the 2010 World Cup while German forward Thomas Mueller picked up the Golden Boot for the tournament's top scorer and was also named Young Player of the World Cup.

Forlan won the Golden Ball as he became the best player of the tournament after a vote by international media.

Forlan polled 23.4 percent of the vote after finishing the

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MATCH UPDATE

NETHERLANDS 0-1 SPAIN

11 cops sent to jail for 'crossfire'

Judicial probe says victim killed in Natore police custody in 2008

A CORRESPONDENT, Natore

For the first time in the country's history, a court yesterday sent the officer-in-charge and 10 other policemen of Singra Police Station to jail on charge of killing a youth in "crossfire".

The Court of the District and Sessions Judge, Natore gave the order six days after a High Court bench slammed the law enforcers for custodial deaths.

The HC bench on July 5 observed that such incidents must not recur, saying law enforcers have no right to kill anyone in custody, not even someone accused of murder.

Rights activists and lawyers welcomed the Natore court order and considered it a "sincere move to stop extrajudicial killings".

District and Sessions Judge Abdul Majid passed the order after rejecting the bail prayers of the then OC Abu Bakar, two sub-inspectors, an assistant sub-inspector and seven constables.

Earlier on August 27 last year, Rajab Ali of Singra upazila filed a complaint with the Court of Additional Chief Magistrate, Natore accusing the police of picking up his son Ansar Ali

from his house and killing him in the name of crossfire.

After hearing, the court instituted a judicial enquiry under judicial magistrate Mahmudul Hasan. Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate of Natore Mohammad Akhteruzzaman on May 10 issued arrest warrants against the 12 policemen and seven others in this connection.

After the judiciary enquiry into the death of Ansar Ali, Mahmudul Hasan in his report said ASI Jasim Uddin filed a murder case on July 23, 2008. Jasim in that case stated that a band of robbers including Ansar Ali opened fire on a

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Another dies in custody

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

A man died in police custody in Nabinagar Police Station of Brahmanbaria yesterday morning, six days after the High Court asked the government to form a committee to investigate custodial deaths.

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QUESTION LEAK BB freezes bank accounts of six 2 more held, one suspended

STAR REPORT

Two more government employees were arrested in the capital yesterday in connection with the leak of questions for the now cancelled examinations for recruitment of assistant teachers at public high schools.

The arrestees are Khandaker Mohammad Ali, an assistant director of Bangladesh Government (BG) Press, and MA Rauf, administrative officer of the Public Service Commission (PSC).

They were arrested on the basis of information extracted from detained BG Press compositor ATM Mostafa, raising the number of arrested public servants to six.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Bank yesterday asked all commercial banks in the country to freeze for 30 days the accounts of four BG press employees and arrested PSC official Rauf and principal of Jaldhaka Women's College in Nilphamari Mahfuzur Rahman for alleged links with the question leak unearthed in Rangpur.

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Rice millers withdraw strike amid warning

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Millers have reversed their move to stop rice supply to public warehouses after the government warned them of cancelling their licences.

The decision came last night after the millers kept rice supply to government warehouses suspended for the whole day.

The millers, who signed deals with the government to supply rice to its warehouses at Tk 25 a kg, decided to stop the supply Saturday night demanding a retrospective effect to a government incentive of Tk3 a kg.

The government announced the incentive for new supplies from July 1. But

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PVT UNIVERSITY BILL PASSED No power for UGC to fix tuition fees

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Parliament yesterday passed the Private University Bill, snubbing the cabinet's move to empower the University Grant Commission (UGC) to fix tuition fees of private universities.

The cabinet's another proposal for empowering UGC to approve the salaries and service rules for teachers and other staff of private universities was also scrapped from the bill.

Instead, the House passed the bill incorporating recommendations of the parliamentary standing committee on education ministry which stood against boosting the UGC's supervisory power over private universities.

Due to the snubbing of the cabinet's recommendations, private universities will continue to fix their own tuition fees at will, without being accountable to any supervisory authority.

The government had moved to boost UGC's power over private universities in the wake of widespread controversy over exorbitant tuition fees. The move had been aimed at bringing the process of fixing the fees under a disciplined system.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid placed the cabinet approved bill in the

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