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Newly-appointed coach of Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club Zoran Kraljevic (2nd from R) and his assistant Davor Berber (R) meet Bangladesh Football Federation president Kazi Salahuddin at the latter's office yesterday. The Serbians were earlier assistant to former Bangladesh national coach Zoran Djordjevic.

Serbian duo
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"We are happy to be here again and it is totally a different time and situation," said Berber and the club officials and the Serbian came to meet BFF president Kazi Salahuddin yesterday.

CSK too hot to handle

AFP, Centurion



Mahendra Singh Dhoni's Chennai Super Kings (CSK) set themselves up as the team to beat in the Champions League Twenty20 tournament with a second successive crushing win on Wednesday.
After winning their opening Group A match against the Central Stags by 57 runs, Chennai outplayed Sri Lanka's Wayamba Elevens, winning by 97 runs in the second game of a double-header at SuperSport Park.
In the earlier match, Australia's Victoria Bushrangers beat the Stags by seven wickets with two balls to spare to turn Group A into a three-team contest for two semi-final places.
Chennai and South African champions the Warriors have both won two out of two, while it was the first win for Victoria, who lost their opening match against the Warriors.
Suresh Raina and Murali Vijay set up Wednesday's win for Chennai, putting on 137 in 12 overs for the second wicket to make a mockery of Wayamba's decision to field first.
Chennai piled up a tournament-best 200 for three and Wayamba could only manage 103 all out in reply.
Opening bowler Albie Morkel took three for 22 and off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin claimed four for 18.
Particularly encouraging for Chennai was that the players who starred on Wednesday were different from those who shone in the first game last Saturday.
The only concern for the Super Kings was the form of opening batsman Matthew Hayden, who followed a duck on Saturday with 10 on Wednesday.
But Chennai have not yet called on fellow Australian Mike Hussey, who sat on the bench during the first two games.

Dhoni praised Raina and Vijay for the way they set up the win against Wayamba.
He said Australian fast bowler Doug Bollinger, who claimed the key wicket of Mahela Jayawardene, was a key bowler.
"It's important to have a quick bowler in our side," he said. "But equally important was Albie Morkel, who has the knack of taking wickets."
Dhoni said his team wanted to win every match they played but added: "We always talk about not thinking too much about the result but about the process and preparing well."
Victoria's win was less easily earned.
The Stags made a challenging 165 for five, with captain Jamie How hitting an impressive 77 not out.
The Bushrangers needed 48 to win off the last four overs but opening batsman Aaron Finch saw them home, hitting a six off Doug Bracewell to seal victory. Finch finished with 93 not out, the highest score of the tournament so far.
Victoria captain David Hussey was happy to secure the win but said his bowlers needed to work on their bowling in the closing overs after conceding 117 in the final 10 overs of the Stags innings.
"We had massive problems at the end," he admitted.
It was a second successive defeat for New Zealand's Stags.
How said: "It was an improvement on our first game but it was a patchy performance."
The Stags travel to Port Elizabeth to play the Warriors on their home ground on Saturday, needing an exceptional effort to stay in contention.
Chennai meet Victoria in Saturday's late game.

SCORES IN BRIEF
CHENNAI SUPER KINGS: 200-3 in 20 overs (Vijay 68, Raina 87; Welegedara 2-47)
WAYAMBA ELEVENS: 103 in 17.1 overs (Karunanayake 25; Morkel 3-22, Ashwin 4-18)
Result: Chennai won by 97 runs.

England need

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England's enhanced one-day status has been reflected in their rise to No. 2 in the world rankings, and while the workings of the International Cricket Council's system are notoriously hard to fathom, English spinner Graeme Swann believed his team was worthy of reaching such heights. "On paper, I'd say we're pretty strong," he said. "I think we deserve to be patting ourselves on the back a little bit, for how much we've improved. But by no means are we the finished article, as last week showed in the field."

With a week remaining of a long and arduous season that starts with the third one-day international against Pakistan at The Oval on Friday, the onus is on England to maintain their disciplines against a side that will have taken a lot of heart from their display at Headingley, even though they ultimately fell short of the victory that their captain, Shahid Afridi, had been so desperate to secure. But after consecutive matches that were both closer than the scorelines suggested, there is plenty of life left in this tour. And given the doom and gloom that surrounded the series at the height of the match-fixing furore two weeks ago, that is a very pleasant surprise indeed.

TEAMS
ENGLAND (probable): Andrew Strauss (captain), Steve Davies, Jonathan Trott, Paul Collingwood, Eoin Morgan, Ravi Bopara, Tim Bresnan, Michael Yardy, Graeme Swann, Stuart Broad, James Anderson.
PAKISTAN (possible): Mohammad Hafeez, Kamran Akmal, Mohammad Yousuf, Umar Akmal, Shahid Afridi (captain), Fawad Alam, Asad Shafiq, Abdul Razzaq, Umar Gul, Saeed Ajmal, Shoab Akhtar.

Flintoff kneels down

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longer stand up to the rigours of cricket, I had no alternative but to retire.
"I would like to thank my family, Lancashire Cricket Club, England, all my sponsors, friends and advisers for all the help and support they have given me throughout my career."
"Last, but by no means least, I am indebted to the encouragement and support I have always received from England's magnificent supporters."

Flintoff, who has been widely tipped to follow the path of fellow ex-England skipper Michael Atherton, Nasser Hussain and Michael Vaughan by pursuing a media career, added: "I will now be taking a break before deciding which future direction to take."
England captain Andrew Strauss, who played alongside Flintoff, paid tribute to the "ultimate impact cricketer".
"I would just like to say on behalf of the England team we would like to congratulate Andrew on an outstanding career," Strauss, speaking at The Oval ahead of the fifth one-day international against Pakistan at the south London ground on Friday, said.
"The impact he has had on English cricket has been immense."
"The biggest memories I will have of him are how incredibly able he was to make something happen out of nothing with both bat and ball," said Strauss, who recalled Flintoff's immense contribution to England's 2005 Ashes series win.
"2005 was his zenith. But he was always the ultimate impact cricketer, somebody who on so many occasions stepped up to the plate."
"He would put his body on the line on flat wickets when other bowlers were maybe starting to struggle."
"Because of the way he bowled, and what he put into it, it was probably not as easy

for him to get seven-fors and eight-fors.
"But if you talked to other players around the world, they would always say Andrew was one of the bowlers they least wanted to face -- because he could be so hostile."
"We are all striving to gain the respect of our peers," Strauss said. "Andrew certainly

FACTFILE									
Batting	M	I	R	NO	Avg	SR	100s	50s	
Test	79	130	3845	9	31.78	62.05	5	26	
ODI	141	122	3394	16	32.02	88.82	3	18	
T20	7	7	76	1	12.67	126.67	0	0	
Bowling	M	I	B	R	W	BBI	Avg	4w	5w
Test	79	137	14951	7410	226	5/58	32.79	11	3
ODI	141	119	5624	4121	169	5/19	24.38	6	2
T20	7	7	150	161	5	2/23	32.2	0	0

did that."
Flintoff has not played cricket at all since the fifth and final Test against Australia at The Oval in August last year. His career was blighted by injuries, particularly to his ankle and knee, and he retired from Test cricket after that match.
But he then outlined his ambition to become the world's best one-day player.
However, Flintoff was unable to return to action and had to scrap plans to play for county side Lancashire this season.
Flintoff, a pace bowler and hard-hitting batsman, played 79 Tests for England after making his debut as a 20-year-old against South Africa at Trent Bridge in 1998.
He took 226 wickets at 32.78 and scored 3,845 runs at 31.77, with five hundreds, including a best of 167 against the West Indies at Edgbaston in 2004.
Flintoff was also an effective one-day cricketer and an especially economical bowler in the limited overs game.
His outstanding season came when England, under Vaughan's captaincy, regained the Ashes in 2005.
Flintoff scored 402 runs and took 24 wickets in arguably the greatest all-round display by an English cricketer since Ian Botham transformed

the 1981 Ashes series.
But that was the pinnacle of his England career.
Flintoff, when Vaughan was unfit, captained England to a 5-0 loss in the subsequent 2006/07 Ashes series in Australia.
Then Flintoff, after a late night drinking session, was found on a pedalo in the early hours in St Lucia during the 2007 World Cup in the Caribbean -- an incident that saw him stripped of the England vice-captaincy.
However, there were a couple of memorable solo displays last year where only the third five-wicket haul of his Test career helped bowl England to their first Test victory over Australia at Lord's since 1938.
He also ran out Australia captain Ricky Ponting with a direct hit in the fifth and final Test at The Oval in a victory that saw England take the series 2-1.

Team eyes
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"We played a few matches against the senior women's team," Bachchu said. "But we could not send the team outside the country because of financial crisis."
Bachchu said that they would not be unhappy if the team finished second in the four-team competition.

More officials
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would travel at their own cost.
Asked about the huge contingent which has less athletes, Kutubuddin said that they just followed written instructions from the government and some members of the contingent were invited by the host nation.
The government has allocated Tk 1.68 crore, of which Tk 90 lakh is for participating and remaining Tk 78 lakh for training.

Mascarenhas punished

AFP, London

Dimitri Mascarenhas will miss the start of the 2011 English season as a punishment for his foul-mouthed outburst on micro-blogging site Twitter against England selection supremo Geoff Miller.
The Hampshire captain pleaded guilty to breaching England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) directives by making a personal attack on Miller and also to bringing the game into disrepute, at a disciplinary hearing here on Wednesday.
Mascarenhas had already been fined 1,000 pounds by Hampshire.
An ECB disciplinary panel ordered Mascarenhas to be suspended from all cricket under ECB jurisdiction for a period of 14 days from the first day of his county's competitive county cricket programme in 2011, and also ordered him to pay 500 pounds towards the costs of the hearing.
Earlier this month, England batsman Kevin Pietersen was fined an undisclosed amount for a Twitter outburst following his omission from the one-day squad currently involved in a series against Pakistan.

Jamal gives Dautia win
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj
Dautia Bulbul Club came from behind to beat Tiger Sporting Club 2-1 in the Hafjilul Islam Khan Uttu Smriti First Division Football League at the Shaheed Miraz-Tapan Stadium yesterday.
Krishna put Tiger Sporting ahead in the 10th minute but Zahir leveled the score for Dautia Bulbul Club in the 66th minute. Jamal netted the winning goal in the 77th minute.
Dautia Bulbul Club improved their tally to 13 points from seven matches while Tiger Sporting Club remained at four points from five matches.
Diamond Friends Club will take on Dashara Nabajagan Samsad in today's match.

Women's kabaddi from today
SPORTS REPORTER
The three-day long Meizan National Women's Kabaddi Competition will begin today at the Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex.
Six matches will be held on the opening day.
A total of twelve teams split into four groups will take part in the meet. Group A champions will face Group B champions in the first semifinal and Group C champions will meet Group D champions in the second semifinal on September 19 while the final will take place on the same day.
The participating teams are Bangladesh Ansar, Kurigram, BJMC, Jamalpur, Narail, Sathkira, Tangail, Rajshahi, Rangamati, Faridpur, Magura and Gazipur.

Westfield charged with spot-fixing



AFP, London

Former Essex cricketer Mervyn Westfield has been charged with conspiracy to defraud over claims he deliberately played poorly, England's Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) said Thursday.
Westfield is alleged to have dishonestly agreed to bowl his first over in a 40-over match between Durham and Essex on September 5, 2009 in such a way as to allow a certain number of runs to be scored.
He is now due to appear at the City of London Magistrates' Court a week on Thursday (September 23).
Westfield was originally arrested in May at the same time as Pakistan and Essex leg-spinner Danish Kaneria.
But the 29-year-old Kaneria was released without charge by police on September 8 and told he would face no further action.
Westfield, 22, of Chelmsford, Essex, east of London, was charged on Thursday morning at Rayleigh police station in Essex and has been released on bail.
Antony Swift of the CPS said in a statement Thursday: "I have advised that Mervyn Westfield should be charged with one count of conspiracy to defraud for intentionally playing other than to the best of his ability, contrary to his contractual obligations."
"It is alleged that he dishonestly agreed to bowl his first over to allow the scoring of a certain number of runs at a match between Durham and Essex on September 5, 2009."
"I have made this decision after careful consideration of a file of evidence from Essex Police."
"There is sufficient evidence to prosecute Mr Westfield and it is in the public interest to do so."
Westfield is accused of conspiring to defraud the club's members, his team-mates and spectators at the match.
The offence, under the Criminal Justice Act



MERVYN WESTFIELD

1987, carries a maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment and an unlimited fine.
Police were looking into allegations Westfield was involved in the manipulation of 'spot-betting', where gamblers bet on specific incidents happening in a match.
In the seven in question, Westfield conceded 60 runs in seven overs, with four wides and two no-balls. It was screened live globally on SkyTV.
Westfield made his first-class debut for Essex against Derbyshire in 2005 but his career was blighted by injury and he was released by Essex in August.
Similar 'spot-fixing' allegations, made by a British newspaper, concerning the deliberate bowling of no-balls as part of a betting scam during last month's fourth Test at Lord's led the International Cricket Council (ICC) to suspend Pakistan Test captain Salman Butt and fast bowlers Mohammad Aamer and Mohammad Asif.
The trio have all since been questioned by Scotland Yard detectives under caution while businessman Mazhar Majeed has been accused of accepting 150,000 pounds to organise the alleged 'fix'.
Butt, Aamer and Asif, who have all since flown back to Pakistan although they could yet be recalled to Britain, all deny any wrongdoing.
Pakistan fast bowler Wahab Riaz, who remains with the squad, was also questioned by police under caution on Tuesday.
Kaneria played in the first Test against England at Trent Bridge but was dropped from the Pakistan squad and released back to Essex after taking just one wicket for 171 runs in a crushing 354-run defeat.
Pakistan lost the four-match Test series 3-1.
England have since beaten Pakistan 2-0 in a two-match Twenty20 series and lead the ongoing five-match one-day international campaign between the two countries 2-0 ahead of the third ODI at The Oval, in south London, on Friday.

Hill suspected no-balls were intentional

AFP, Wellington



PHOTO: AFP

New Zealand umpire Tony Hill suspected Pakistan bowlers were deliberately sending down no-balls against England last month but did not link the tactic to corruption, a report said Thursday.
Hill and compatriot Billy Bowden officiated in the Test at Lord's, which is at the centre of newspaper allegations of a betting scam in which no-balls were deliberately bowled.
The claims, published in the British News of the World newspaper, led to the suspension of bowler Mohammad Aamer, along with captain Salman Butt and Mohammad Asif by the International Cricket Council (ICC).
Hill told Wellington's Dominion Post newspaper that during the match he and Bowden discussed the possibility that Aamer and Asif were bowling no-balls on purpose by overstepping the crease.
But he said they thought it was simply a tactic to unsettle in-form England batsman Jonathan Trott, rather than anything to do with betting.
"We never suspected a thing," Hill told the newspaper in his first comments on the issue.

Managing editor of the Guinness Book of World Records Matt Boulton (L) and Kim Clijsters pose with the 2011 edition of the book during the awarding of the Belgian tennis superstar with a certificate in Brussels yesterday. Clijsters was given the certificate after a record 35,681 spectators witnessed a match between her and Serena Williams of USA which took place on the evening of July 8 at the King Baudouin Stadium in Brussels. This broke the previous record of 30,372 who witnessed American Billie Jean King defeat compatriot Robert Larimore Riggs in the 'Battle of the Sexes' at Houston in Texas on September 20, 1973.

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