

Members of the Bangladesh Women's cricket team pose with BCB president AHM Mustafa Kamal (sitting, 5th from L) at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday prior to their departure for the 16th Asian Games in Guangzhou.

Pak Test side named

Adnan replaces Zulgarnain

Cricket

AFP, Dubai

Pakistan on Tuesday included uncapped wicketkeeper Adnan Akmal and Mohammad Hafeez in their squad for the two Test matches against South Africa starting later this week.

Pakistan were forced to make the changes after their regular keeper Zulqarnain Haider fled the team hotel in Dubai on Monday and flew to London after reportedly receiving death threats from an unknown person.

"Adnan has been included in the Test squad as replacement for Haider and we have asked Hafeez to stay for the Tests after leg-spinner Danish Kaneria was not given clearance by the cricket board," team manager Intikhab Alam told AFP.

The first of two Tests starts in Dubai from Friday. The second Test will be played in Abu Dhabi from November 20.

Haider, earlier named in the Test squad, left for London without giving any information to the team management and told Pakistan's local channel Geo on Tuesday that he was retiring from international cricket.

Haider played the two Twenty20s and the first four one-day internationals in the series shifted to United Arab Emirates due to security fears in Pakistan. Adnan, 25, is the elder brother of Umar

Akmal and younger brother to Kamran, who was not selected for the tour after undergoing an appendicitis operation. Pakistan also suffered a set-back when

paceman Sohail Tanvee, named in the squad last month, failed to prove his fitness and was excluded from the Tests.

Pakistan will be led by Misbahul Haq in the two Test matches.

SQUAD

Imran Farhat, Taufiq Umar, Asad Shafiq, Mohammad Yousuf, Misbahul Haq (captain) Umar Akmal, Azhar Ali, Saeed Ajmal Mohammad Hafeez, Abdur Rehman, Adnan Akmal, Umar Gul, Tanvir Ahmed, Mohammad Sami, Wahab Riaz.

SA clinch the series

Cricket

AFP, Dubai

All-rounder Jacques Kallis scored a brilliant half-century and took three wickets to guide South Africa to a commanding 57-run win over Pakistan in the fifth and final one-day international here on Monday.

The 35-year-old scored 83 -one of four half-centuries in the innings -- to steer South Africa to an imposing 317-5 before he took 3-30 to dismiss Pakistan for 260 in reply, giving South Africa a 3-2 series win.

Pakistan, hoping to win their first-ever bilateral series win over South Africa, were cruising along nicely with openers Mohammad Hafeez (59) and Shahzaib Hasan (39) gave them a robust 82-run start in their quest for their third best-ever chase in one-day cricket.

But Kallis derailed Pakistan's innings with a triple strike in as many overs, removing Hasan, Younis Khan (three) and Mohammad Yousuf (three) off 13 balls to make his opponents struggle from 82-0 to 96-3.

As if his batting and bowling were not enough, Kallis took a well-judged catch at long-on off fellow paceman Dale Steyn to dismiss Hafeez

in the 23rd over. Umar Akmal (60) and Abdul Razzaq (39) briefly threatened during their fiery 60-run sixth wicket partnership before South Africa wrapped up the innings in the 45th over.

Akmal hit three sixes and one boundary during his 71-

ball knock. South African skipper Graeme Smith praised the

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to cross the 11,000-run mark. Graeme Smith (14) and Amla started at brisk pace to take their team to 37 inside five

Pakistan captain Shahid caught by Afridi. Afridi was disappointed with

his men's bowling. The series deciding match, after both teams won two matches each, started on a dramatic note when Pakistan wicket-keeper Zulqarnain Haider went missing from the team hotel and did not come to the ground.

Pakistan Cricket Board later said they will launch an inquiry into Haider's case after he, without informing team management, reportedly reached London after receiving

threats from persons unknown.

It was Kallis who built South African innings after Smith won the toss and decided to bat.

Kallis propelled the total during his 95-ball innings, adding an invaluable 121 with AB de Villiers (61) for the third wicket and another 61 for the second wicket with Hashim Amla (62).

Kallis, who scored a brilliant 66 in the first match, hit four boundaries before he cut legspinner Afridi straight into the hands of Wahab Riaz in the 39th over.

When Kallis reached 81, he completed 11,000 one-day runs in his 307th match. He became the sixth batsmen to score 11,000 or more runs in 50-over format of the game.

India's Sachin Tendulkar (17598), Sri Lankan Sanath Jayasuriya (13428), Australian Ricky Ponting (13082), Pakistan's Inzamamul Haq (11739) and Indian Sourav Ganguly (11363) were the others

overs, when Akhtar removed the South African skipper,

Amla, when on 23 reached 1,000 one-day runs in 2010, hit eight boundaries and a six to reach his tenth fifty. He hit one more four before holing out to Afridi after his brisk 47ball knock. De Villiers hit five bound

aries during his 72-ball knock. SCORES IN BRIEF

SOUTH AFRICA: 317 for 5 (Amla 62, Smith 14, Kallis 83, De Villiers 61, Duminy 59 not out, Botha 28 not out; Afridi 2-

PAKISTAN: 260 (Hasan 39 Hafeez 59, Akmal 60, Afridi 24 Razzaq 39; Steyn 2-47, Kallis 3 30, Peterson 3-42)

Result: South Africa won by 57

Man-of-the-match: Jacques Kallis.

Man-of-the-series: Hashim

NATIONAL HANDBALL

Rifles, Police in final

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Rifles and Bangladesh Police moved into the final of the EXIM Bank 20th National Men's Handball Championship defeating their opponents in the semifinals at the Handball Stadium here yesterday.

Bangladesh Rifles outplayed Rajshahi DSA by 33-11 goals after leading the first half 17-3 in the first semi while Bangladesh Police defeated Chittagong Metropolis 41-27 after dominating the first half 23-13 in the other semi.

The final will be held today at 11 am at the same venue.

100 days to World Cup

organising committee headed by Indian cricket board president Shashank Manohar.

The bloated 2007 World Cup in the Caribbean, which drew criticism for its meandering schedule and a string of meaningless matches, forced the ICC to make drastic changes for the upcoming tournament.

The 2011 event will feature 14 teams instead of 16, it will be shortened by four days and there will be no Super Eights round after the preliminary league.

More importantly, teams will not be thrown out after just three matches, as crowd-pullers India and Pakistan were in 2007. Under the new format, the teams will be divided into two

groups of seven each, thereby making sure that all teams play a minimum of six matches. The tournament will then be played on a knockout basis with

four teams from each group advancing to the quarterfinals. Australia, seeking an unprecedented fourth successive title

and a record winner's purse of four million dollars, have been drawn with Sri Lanka, Pakistan, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Canada and Kenya in Group A.

Co-hosts India and Bangladesh, who play the tournament opener in Dhaka on February 19, will be joined by England, South Africa, West Indies, Ireland and the Netherlands in a relatively tougher Group B.

Women's cricket team off for Asiad

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Women's cricket team was scheduled to leave Dhaka last night to take part in the 16th Asian Games to be held in Guangzhou, China.

Bangladesh has been slated in Group B along with Hong Kong, Nepal and Japan while Group A comprises of Pakistan, Thailand and China.

The Bangladesh Women's team will start their campaign against Hong Kong on November 14 at the Guanggong Cricket Stadium.

SQUAD

Salma Khatun (captain), Panna Ghosh (vice-captain), Ayesha Akhter, Sathira Jakir, Suktara Rahman, Lata Mondol, Farjana Hoque, Rumana Ahmed, Champa Chakma, Tithi Rani Sarkar, Jahanara Alam, Chameli Khatun, Shohaly Akther, Sultana Yasmin (wicketkeeper) and Tazia Akhter.

Navy dethrone Army

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Navy became champions in the Citycell 24th National Basketball Championship beating Bangladesh Army by 68-62 points in an intense final at the Dhanmondi Basketball Stadium yesterday.

This was a sweet revenge for Navy who were beaten by Army in the last edition of the championship in 2008. Navy have won a maximum number of twelve championship including this one followed by Army's eight.

Rashed scored highest 24 points while Mithun scored 12 for Navy. Ataur netted 15 points for Army. The winners led the first-half by 37-32 points.

Bangladesh Rifles finished third defeating Khulna by 74-50 points in the third-place deciding match earlier. Morshed scored 24 points for Rifles while Nahid netted 14 for Khulna.

Ataur of Army became the most valuable player of the tournament.

Minister for Youth and Sports Ahad Ali Sarker distributed prizes as chief guest after the final. Mehbub Rahman, CEO of sponsors Citycell, was also present as the special guest.

ODI RANKINGS

Sri Lanka take India's place

PTI, Dubai

Sri Lanka have dislodged India to take second position in ICC ODI cricket rankings after securing a confidenceboosting series win over tabletopper Australia.

The first-ever series win in Australia has earned the island nation three ratings points which has put them one point clear of India on 118 ratings points and 10 points behind number-one ranked Australia, who meanwhile, have conceded two ratings points.

Sri Lanka won the series opener in Melbourne by one wicket and then took an unassailable 2-0 lead by winning the Sydney one-dayer by 29 runs (D-L method). Australia secured a consolation eightwicket win in Brisbane.

India will have the chance to regain the number-two spot later this month but it would happen only if they manage to win all the five ODIs against New Zealand.

The series will start in Guwahati on November 28.

Preps appease Smith

AFP, Dubai



South Africa skipper Graeme Smith said he was pleased with his side's progress ahead of next year's World Cup after clinching a 3-2 win in the oneday series against Pakistan.

"For me, the steps from where we were in the winter to where we are now, I think we have taken some big steps forward, which is good," Smith said after his side's 57-run win in the final one-day match in Dubai on Monday. South Africa rode on an all-round

performance from Jacques Kallis, whose 83 helped them to an imposing 317-5 before he took 3-30 to restrict Pakistan's innings to 260. Smith refused to be drawn on next year's World Cup, to be jointly hosted by India, Sri

Lanka and Bangladesh. "We are not predicting anything on the World Cup, there is a lot of cricket still to be

played," said Smith, 29, whose country has neverwon the tournament.

"Several guys made their debut against Pakistan in the one-day series, a lot of them have travelled to this part of the world for the first time and I think there has been lots of positives in the series."

Pakistan's two victories in the one-day series came by one wicket, and Smith said if South Africa had not missed opportunities they could have won 5-0. "Those are the things we learn from and

become more clinical, but there are lots of positives as all 15 players have contributed [in the series], "he said. South Africa next host India for a

series of three Tests and five one-dayers and Smith said the tourists would be a tough prospect. "It's quite obvious that they [India] are number one Test team in the world and would be ideal to compete," said Smith,

who hailed 35-year-old allrounder Kallis as

one of the greatest players he played with.

fielding, fitness and batting in the middle overs," he said. "We have one more series against New Zealand before the World Cup, so we must step up in some areas before the big event

"Throughout my career I ran out of

things you say about Jacques [Kallis]. He is

an asset for South African cricket and when

he does walk away from the game its going

to be a big loss to us, but now we got him we

Pakistan captain Shahid Afridi said he wanted improvement from his team in

"I think we did fight in all the matches,

but after a critical analysis of the way we

played I think we need to improve our

want to make the most of him.

and that is very important for us." Pakistan and South Africa now play two Tests -- one each in Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

The series was moved to the United Arab Emirates due to security fears. The first Test starts in Dubai on

November 12.

Kallis hopes to do well in WC

AFP, Dubai



Veteran all-rounder Jacques Kallis says the current South Africa side has "something special" and could end years of disappointment by securing the side's first ever World Cup title.

The 35-year-old starred with bat and ball, scoring a brilliant 83 and taking 3-30, as South Africa beat Pakistan by 57 runs in Dubai on Monday to win their one-day series 3-2.

Kallis said next year's tournament, which will be jointly hosted by India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, could be his last shot at the elusive crown, which South Africa have never won. "It might be my last World Cup," he said. "Obvi-

ously we haven't had the success that lot of us would have liked [in the World Cups]. "But I really believe that this team [has] got something special going at the moment and if we

just carry on playing the type of cricket that we playing, there is no reason why we can't do well." South Africa have won only the 1998 Champions Trophy title since they were readmitted to international cricket after a lengthy

Kallis, who is the only survivor of that victory in Bangladesh and featured in three World Cup failures in 1999, 2003 and 2007, said he believed next year's World Cup will be different.

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"We got to take that game by game and enjoy. The message that I can give to guys is to really enjoy the World Cup, perhaps in the past we haven't quite enjoyed as much as we have playing normal games," he said.

Kallis admitted not winning the World Cup was a big disappointment.

"It is disappointing, but hopefully it can turn around and we can have one success. Probably the most important thing [is] that we put the hard work [in] and play the kind of cricket we have been playing for the last few months."

South Africa are grouped with India, Bangladesh, England, the Netherlands, the West Indies and Ireland in the World Cup, which runs from February 19 to April 2 next year.

Kallis said that even after so long as a stalwart of the side, it was still an honour to play for his country. "Performing for South Africa has always been

special for me, from my debut to this day.

Obviously I am trying to put as much hard work as I can and trying to be in the best condition, going into the World Cup," he said. "I want to give it my all. As long as I keep contributing and keep helping the youngsters along the way, I will be happy and to put great performances

sure," said Kallis of his performance on Monday. He passed 11,000 career one-day runs on Monday and said he was delighted to reach the

on important days like this, it gives me great plea-

milestone. "It's been a great honour, if you play for 15 years and I think get a few runs along the way and, hopefully, many more to come and, hopefully, at the end of it I can look back and feel proud at what I have achieved."



PHOTO: COURTESY Players of Bangladesh Navy pose with the Citycell 24th National Basketball Championship trophy after they beat Bangladesh Army 68-62 in a closely fought final at the Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium yesterday.

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Citi Cup Golf from tomorrow

SPORTS REPORTER

The annual Citi Cup golf tournament will be held at the Kurmitola Golf Club over November 11-12 for the fifth consecutive year.

Around 200 golfers including diplomats, leading businesspersons and eminent personalities are expected to participate in the tournament, which has become an event of interest among avid golfers and sports fans.

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the criminal elements, saying: "I cannot further speak out over the issue until my family is given protection back in Pakistan.'

Uncapped wicketkeeper Adnan Akmal has been called-up to the Pakistan squad for the two-Test series against South Africa following Haider's departure. Allrounder Mohammed Hafeez will also join the squad as the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) have refused to give clearance to Danish Kaneria.

Adnan is the third of the Kamran siblings after Akmal and Umar to earn a national call-up. The 25-year-old is likely to make his international debut in the first Test which begins in Dubai on Thursday.

The 30-year-old Hafeez has been retained from the team that played the limitedovers series, which South Africa won 3-2. Adnan has represented Pakistan at under-17 level as well as playing for the PCB Blues.

"In consultation with the

team management, the selection committee recommended and chairman PCB approved the name of wicketkeeper Adnan Akmal to join the Pakistan team in UAE for the Test series against South Africa," the PCB media release said. "Muhammad Hafeez will replace Danish Keneria in the Test Squad and

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