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Razzak rattles Zimbabwe
Tigers go 2-1 up

BISHWAJIT ROY
Left-arm spinner Abdur Razzak kept terrorising the Zimbabwe batsmen with a staggering spell of 4-14 as Bangladesh coasted to an easy 65-run victory in the third game at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

But before that it was in-form Bangladesh captain Shakib Al Hasan (73) and Mushfiqur Rahim (63) who staged a tremendous recovery in overcast conditions with their 116-run fifth wicket stand to set the platform for the bowlers to take a 2-1 lead in the five-match series.

Despite late decision from the board to hold the match in daytime following a floodlight fiasco as well as the gloomy weather, a lot of spectators turned up. But the beginning did not give them any warmth when the visitors, without any hesitation, invited the Tigers to bat first.

But the top-order batting was found wanting when Bangladesh lost four wickets for 71 runs before wicketkeeper-batsman Mushfiqur joined the in-form skipper to turn the tables on the Africans. The two eventually guided the hosts to a commanding score of 246-7, the highest total of the series up to now.

When replying, Zimbabwe were never in the hunt as they



Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan (R) and Mushfiqur Rahim collect a single during their match-winning 116-run partnership for the fifth wicket in the third one-day international against Zimbabwe at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

SC JUDGE RECRUITMENT PROCESS
Govt sits on reply to HC

ASHUTOSH SARKAR
The government is yet to inform the High Court the process of selection of persons for appointment as judges both in the Appellate and HC divisions of the Supreme Court since independence despite an HC directive to do so about five months ago.

would soon respond to the HC rule on the government that contained the directive. Following a writ petition, the court issued the rule on June 6 giving four weeks to respond to it. The rule also asked the government to explain within the same period why specific guidelines should not be framed regarding the process of selection for such appointments (of judges in both the divisions of the SC) to bring transparency and competitiveness in it.

FBCCI chief blasts BNP tactics

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
AK Azad, president of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry, yesterday came down hard on the opposition for calling hartal. Azad, chief of the country's apex trade body, questioned why the BNP lawmakers receive pay and facilities from the government despite their boycott of parliament. He was speaking at the inauguration of a furniture fair at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital.

50 killed in Pak suicide blasts

AP, Peshawar
A pair of suicide bombers disguised as policemen killed 50 people yesterday in an attack targeting a tribal meeting called to discuss the formation of an anti-Taliban militia in northwest Pakistan, officials said. The attack occurred on the grounds of the main government compound in Mohmand, part of Pakistan's militant-infested tribal region. It was the latest strike against local tribesmen who have been encouraged by the government to take up arms against the Taliban. The explosions also wounded more than 100 people, many of them critically, said Mian Iftikhar Hussain, information minister of neighboring Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. One of the reasons the attacks were so deadly was because the bombers had filled their suicide jackets with bullets, said Amjad Ali Khan, the top political official in Mohmand, who was at the compound in Ghalanai town when it was attacked.

Expressway work from next month
Communications chief tells JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A guideline for introduction of modern communication technology in taxicabs has been prepared to reduce harassments to passengers and improve cab service, Communications Minister Syed Abul Hossain told the House yesterday. He also said the construction of elevated expressway would begin from January. According to the taxicab guideline, taxi service would be operated under companies. No individual would be

Mobile court jails stalker in city

STAR CORRESPONDENT
A mobile court yesterday awarded three months' jail term to a caretaker of a residential building in the city's Banashri Housing Project on charges of stalking a female tenant of the house. It also ordered police to produce another caretaker before a judicial magistrate's court on the same charges. Executive Magistrate Al Amin told The Daily Star that he gave the punishment to caretaker Nur Uddin, 48, as he admitted to the accusation against him and sent

JS body okays bill for BDR reforms

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A parliamentary body yesterday recommended that a new law be enacted to restructure the paramilitary border force under a new name, Border Guards Bangladesh. Scrutinising the bill titled 'Border Guard Bangladesh Act 2010', the parliamentary standing committee on the home ministry placed a report in the House. The government has moved to introduce the new law for the border force in the wake of the heinous slaying of army officers in the headquarters of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) at Palkhona in February last year. Home Minister Sahara Khatun placed the bill on September 20 proposing provisions on the formation of the border force, its control,

WIKILEAKS DISCLOSURES
US cable describes Saddam execution

AFP, Baghdad
A newly-leaked US diplomatic cable describes in detail the circumstances of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein's execution, from guards telling him to "go to hell" to officials taking mobile phone pictures. Saddam's execution in December 2006 sparked international controversy after mobile phone video of the sentence being carried out was published on the Internet showing witnesses taunting him as he was about to be hanged. The controversies led then-US ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad to comment in the leaked cable that supporters of Saddam would use the poorly-conducted execution as an excuse to condemn what he said was a fair trial. The cable, dispatched in January 2007 and classified SECRET, was one of several hundred US diplomatic reports that have so far been published by whistleblower website WikiLeaks out of a tranche of 250,000 that it says it has obtained. According to the cable, Iraqi deputy prosecutor Monqith al-Faroun, in a meeting with Khalilzad, described a guard who was escorting Saddam to the execution platform telling the ousted



Fake medicine suppliers held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Rapid Action Battalion yesterday recovered fake medicines and arrested three persons in this connection at Nazirganj of Keraniganj on the capital's outskirts. Over the last one year, the gang had been selling fake medicines at different wholesale outlets near Mitford Hospital. The arrestees--Rakibul Hasan Rakib, 25, Ruddha Hossain, 25, and Mohammad Ismail, 18--are residents of the area. Sensing presence of Rab, Rakibul's brother Akram managed to flee the scene. Major Kismat Hayet of Rab-10 said Rakibul and Akram used to run the illicit business. Acting on a tip-off, the crime busters raided Rakibul's house in presence of Rab Magistrate Anwar Pasha at around 3:30pm. The Rab team recovered

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Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-19	5-22
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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 No (69.9%)
 No Comments (0.6%)

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