Tigers devour

FROM PAGE 1 team, who have produced exciting games all through the tournament.

Earlier, Lady Luck again favoured the Bangladesh captain as he won the toss for the fourth successive occasion in the tournament. The bowlers then did their job to endorse the captain's decision of bowling first and they did it quite pleasingly in a typical slow and low pitch despite a 109-run fourth wicket partnership between Jonathan Trott and Eoin Morgan giving the English side a fighting total of 225 runs; England's lowest total

including the two pacers Shafiul Islam and Rubel Hossain made contributions as none tried anything other than concentrating on line and length only but offspinner Naeem Islam deserved some especial accolades for removing dangermen Andrew Strauss and Morgan, the left-hander who revived the England's hope of scoring a big total after his side lost three wick-

batsmen looked comfortable and they lost their footing whenever they tried to execute shots. All however began with a

dramatic dismissal as wicketkeeper Mushfiqur Rahim showed brilliant awareness to pull the stump out of the ground to complete the stumping of a

Razzak's delivery drifted down the leg side and Prior missed it and dragged his back foot while Mushfigur took off the bails but he was just safe and then he stayed out of the crease to give Mushfigur the second opportunity.

trol when Strauss offered a catch to Junaed Siddiqui at first slip and Mahmudullah Riyad got the wicket of Ian Bell as England tottered at 53 for three but Morgan joined Trott to recover the damage by playing sensibly as at one stage they passed 13 overs without any boundary to build up the innings.

much-needed breakthrough as England lost their remain-

A strong throw of Naeem from midwicket directly hit the stumps to dismiss Paul Collingwood and as well as put an end to the England innings that also confirmed Bangladesh finished with the momentum and it was carried on by the batsmen to make a happy ending to another Friday with only their second win over England.

President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina congratulated Bangladesh on their victory. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the World Cup Group B match between Bangladesh and England at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium on Friday:

ENGLAND				
Strauss c Siddiqui b	Nayee	m		1
Prior st Rahim b Ra	zzak			1
Trott c Siddiqui b SI	hakib			6
Bell c Nayeem b Ma	ahmudu	ıllah		
Morgan c Kayes b N	layeem			6
Bopara c Nayeem b	Razzak	0		1
Swann c & b Shakib)			1
Collingwood run o	ut			1
Bresnan c Shafiul b	Rubel			
Shahzad b Shafiul				
Anderson not out				
Extras: (lb-2, w-8)				1
Total: (All out in 49	.4 overs)		22
Fall of wickets: 1-3	32, 2-39	, 3-53	, 4-16	2,
182,6-195,7-209,	8-215,	9-217	•01.	
Bowler	0	M	R	1
Shafiul	8	0	43	

			200	
Shafiul	8	0	43	
Rubel	8.4	0	40	
Nayeem	8	0	29	
Razzak	10	2	32	
Mahmudullah	5	0	30	
Shakib	10	0	49	
BANGLADESH				
Tamim b Bresnan				
Imrul run out				(
Junaed run out				
Rokibul b Shahzad				
Shakib b Swann				
Mushfigur c Prior b	Shahza	d		
Mahmudullah not o	out			
Nayeem b Shahzad				
Razzak c Bresnan b	Swann			
Shafiul not out				
Extras: (b-1, lb-9, w	-23)33			
Total: (For 8 wkts in	49 over	s)227	7	
		VAN SURE		

Did not bat: Ru	ıbel.			
Fall of wickets:	1-52, 2-70	, 3-73	3, 4-15	5,5
162, 6-166, 7-1	66,8-169.			
Bowler	0	M	R	W
Anderson	9	0	54	0
Chahaad	10	0	42	2

nderson	0	100		
HUCISUH	9	0	54	0
hahzad	10	0	43	3
resnan	10	1	35	1
wann	10	1	42	2
opara	3	0	19	0
	resnan wann	resnan 10 wann 10	resnan 10 1 wann 10 1	resnan 10 1 35 wann 10 1 42

in front of the police defen-"The situation is still sevdants and other police who were listening in the courtroom with them?"

New York-based Human Rights Watch has said it documented a pattern of enforced disappearances and other abuses by Thailand's security forces.

Bangla rules

FROM PAGE 20 Senior judge of the Appellate Division Justice Md Muzammel Hossain will head the committee. His colleagues in the body are Justice SK Sinha, Justice MA

Nazmun Ara Sultana. According to sources there is no time limit for the committee to complete their

Wahhab Miah and Justice

A five-member body headed by Justice MA Wahhab Miah has already prepared the amendments to HC rules. Some HC judges have put their opinions on the proposed amendments to be placed before the next

full court meeting. The date for next full court meeting is yet to be set, noted sources.

Once endorsed by the meeting, the amendments will be sent to the president

another committee to interpret the HC rules in Bengali. Justice Khairul Haque in a

full court meeting on February 19 discussed the proposed amendments with

HCjudges. ent committees of HC judges carried out studies on the rules for over five years for

updating the 1973 version.

3,092 to back

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Season's 1st

nor'wester

hits Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka and a few other dis-

tricts of the country went

through the season's first

nor'wester last night. The

storm even triggered fires at

few places in the capital but

no casualties were reported.

A billboard at Doyaganj

Dhaka fell on electric cables,

said an official of the fire

He said there were inci-

dents of fire at three places

but the flames were doused

even before firefighters

office, the nor'wester began

around 7:00pm with wind

Thai policeman

acquitted over

missing lawyer

A Thai appeal court yester-

day acquitted a police officer

accused of involvement in

the disappearance of a prom-

inent Muslim human rights

The court said eyewitness

accounts were inconclusive

and there was no clear evi-

dence to link Police Major

Ngern Thongsuk to the

disappearance of Somchai

Thailand's Muslim Lawyers

Association, was 53 at the

time of his disappearance.

He was last seen in Bangkok.

representing clients accused

of insurgency-related vio-

lence in Thailand's deep

south, where violence has

left more than 4,400 people

In 2006, the Criminal

dead since since early 2004.

Court convicted Ngern of

assaulting Somchai and

sentenced him to three years

bail and subsequently went

missing. His relatives say he

was swept away in a land-

slide and yesterday's ruling

were acquitted in 2006

owing to insufficient evi-

dence -- a decision upheld

Neelapaichit expressed

Somchai's wife Angkhana

by the appeal court.

Four other defendants

was made in his absence.

Ngern was released on

in jail.

He was well known for

Somchai, the chairman of

AFP, Bangkok

lawyer in 2004.

Neelaphaijit.

gusting up to 35kmph.

According to the Met

department.

reached the scene.

we have to do some paperwork in Egypt and Tunisia," Quayes said.

ister for expatriates' welfare and overseas employment, will also travel to Tunisia in a couple of days, he added. "The ministers' presence there will definitely boost the courage of our citizens stranded in Egypt and Tunisia.'

nearly 2,000 Bangladeshis the last two days.

Bangladeshi nationals take refuge in Egypt, they will be relocated to Tunisia and brought back home from there.

Bangladesh has already requested Tunisia to give permission for landing aircraft in the North African country.

He said according to a primary estimate, nearly 26,000 Bangladeshis were to be repatriated from Libya, but that number has now gone up by 3,000 to 4,000.

The secretary said Foreign Ministry Director General Wahidur Rahman, now on Al Salloum border in Egypt, is coordinating the repatriation process.

BSF beats

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2:30am.

beat them up mercilessly, leaving them injured. The Bangladeshis later

managed to come to Bangladesh land and were admitted to different hospi-

Hospital in critical condi-All the victims were resi-

Chapainawabganj.

Meanwhile, Ershad Ali, president of Char Taranagor

He said some 300 Bangladeshis will be taken to Alexandria airport in Egypt

visit a checkpoint on Al

Bangladeshis are expected

to return home today from

more than 19,000

Bangladeshis from Egypt

and Tunisia by March 20, the

and resided in Proshonno

Russel was a listed crimi-

nal and was accused in 22

cases, including six for mur-

der, alleged the officials of

members denied the allega-

tion and claimed that Rab

had picked him up from the

capital's Moghbazar on

According to the law

enforcers, a team of Rab-10

went to Zindabahar at the

city's Kotwali around

3:00am when Russel and his

cohorts opened fire on the

elite force members,

prompting them to retaliate.

line of fire and died on the

spot though his cohorts

managed to flee the scene.

Rab recovered a revolver and

four rounds of bullets from

uncle of Russel's wife said

they had contacted Rab

following the arrest early this

However, Golam Mustafa,

his possession.

Russel was caught in the

However, Russel's family

One killed

The IOM will repatriate

Tunisia and Egypt.

secretary said.

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Poddar Lane.

Rab and police.

March 3.

stranded there.

their own.

repatriation efforts. Besides,

Bangladesh Airlines will fly them home from Alexandria tomorrow and the Bangladesh foreign minister will see them off. Biman will continue operating five flights a week from Alexandria until all stranded Bangladeshis are repatri-The foreign secretary said The foreign minister will

fled to Tunisia from Libya in "We have information that the Bangladeshis, who

were at risk in Tripoli, have fled to Tunisia." He said if any

The secretary said

Bangladeshi cattle traders along with cattle were returning home through border when BSF jawans chased them at about

catch 17 Bangladeshis and

One of the injured Abdul

dents of Shibganj upazila of

Jahan Moni

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to say about the amount or the process of paying it. The 25 crew members and

the wife of the chief engineer of the 26 to the company.

weeks to bring the Bangladeshis back home after their release along with the ship, he said. The ship would have to be taken to a nearby port to drop them and to send 25 substitute crew members on board. He said they would try to take the ship to the Port of

Salloum border to see the Salalah, Oman or Fujairah, condition of Bangladeshis UAE and they have visa issues to solve. Quayes said at least Officials of SR Shipping Limited, the ship's owning

11,504 Bangladeshis have been repatriated so far from company, informed the latest Libya. Of them, 3,287 developments to the relatives returned home with the help of the crew members at its of their employers, 8,217 Agrabad office in Chittagong under arrangements by the yesterday around 9:00am. International Organization "We distributed the photographs to the families,"

for Migration, and some on Meherul said. He said nearly 974 Bilkis Rahman, mother of

Engine Cadet Md Shahriar Rabbi, the youngest of hostages, told this correspondent that she was happy to see the photographs and to know that they [the 26 Bangladeshis] were doing well. The Bangladeshi-flagged

ship was captured by the Somali pirates in the Arabian Sea on December 5 last year.

12 hurt

FROM PAGE 1 Sumon, 20, Yousuf, 20, and

Kamal, 22, were rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Rashed, 13, Sabina, 8,

Mehedi, 13, and Ayesha, 27, were taken to local hospitals. Sumon said during the conflict some 50 locals gath-

Officer-in-Charge Badrul Alam of Siddhirganj Police Station said that receiving information a police team went to the spot but none was arrested.

The police did not receive any complaint in this connection, he added.

it called Indians from among giving the Bangalee nationalhad never accepted the reality of partition in 1947, would be an effective way of discrediting Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his politics. Predictably, the propaganda did not wash with the Bangalees, who continued to pour out on to the streets of Dhaka and elsewhere in the province to swear fealty to their elected leader. On the campus of Dhaka

impression that the Bangalee nation was indeed preparing for what could turn out to be a war of attrition against Pakistan. Women prominent in their various fields --- the noted poet Sufia Kamal was one --- organised themselves into resistance groups and declared absolute support for and loyalty to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Overall, the atmosphere was one of a province that was about to become a free country despite the fact that the Awami League and the regime were expected to engage in a dialogue on a resolution of the crisis sooner rather than later. The senior leadership of the Awami League took on all the characteristics of a cabinet, in effect a war cabinet, entrusted with the responsibility of carrying the struggle through to a successful conclusion. A foreign newsman asked Bangabandhu Sheikh

only a matter of time.

JAPAN EARTHQUAKE

Obama offers condolences, aid

AFP, Washington

President Barack Obama led the United States in offering "condolences" yesterday to the people of Japan and said his country stood ready to help them after a massive earthquake "(First Lady) Michelle

and I send our deepest condolences to the people of Japan, particularly those who have lost loved ones in the earthquake and tsunamis," he said in a statement. "The United States

two nations is unshakable." Vice President Joe Biden also offered the "thoughts

and prayers of the American people" during an official visit to Moldova. stand ready to do anything

we can to help our Japanese friends as they deal with the aftermath of this tragedy," Biden said. Obama said he would monitor the tsunami triggered by the earthquake,

which is expected to strike his home state of Hawaii and reach the USWest Coast in the coming hours, and had instructed emergency responders to be prepared.

US Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, who is the son of Japanese immigrants, encouraged residents of his Pacific island state to head tsunami warnings, and he expressed his condolences to Japan.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Japan as they work to recover from this tragic disaster," Inouye said from Washington in a Twitter

message. Also on Capitol Hill, Senate Foreign Relations committee chairman John Kerry said the United States stands shoulder-toshoulder with the Japanese people during this time of need."

now as rescue and recovery operations get underway in Japan," he said. Democratic House

Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, who represents the California city of San Francisco, said Americans "stand ready to offer our aid and support to Japan in its hour of need." Pelosi encouraged resi-

dents of Hawaii and the US West Coast "to remain vigilant, to heed all warnings and instructions from emergency personnel, and to take every precaution to ensure their safety."

State Department spokesman Philip Crowley said US officials "have been in touch with the Japanese government and we stand ready to provide whatever assistance needed in response to the tsunami."

FROM PAGE 1 sparked at least 80 fires in

1,000, most of whom appeared to have drowned.

of coastline suggested the death toll could rise significantly. issued across the Pacific but

tries in the region, including Australia, Taiwan and New Zealand. Even in a nation accus-

"A big area of Sendai city near the coast, is flooded. We are hearing that people who were evacuated are stranded," said Rie

rushed to an elementary school and are on the rooftop but they are surrounded else to go."

tude quake triggered a 30metre high wave before a warning was given.

floodgates to protect ports and coastal areas, although experts said they might not have been enough to prevent disasters such as what happened on Friday. Chief Cabinet Secretary Yukio Edano told people to

stay in safe places as the cold deepened into the night. "Please help each other and act calmly," he told a news conference. In Tokyo, residents who had earlier fled swaying

way home after much of the city's public transportation was halted.

who decided not to walk home slept in office buildings. "I was unable stay on my feet because of the violent shaking. The aftershocks gave us no reprieve. Then the tsunamis came when we tried to run for cover. It was

cities and towns along the coast, Kyodo said. Other Japanese nuclear

Television footage showed an intense fire in the waterfront area near Sendai. Auto plants, electronics factories and refineries shut,

roads buckled and power to millions of homes and businesses was knocked out. Several airports, including Tokyo's Narita, were closed and rail services halted. All ports were shut.

would cut short a two-day policy review scheduled for next week to one day on Monday and promised to do its utmost to ensure financial market stability.

the world's third-largest economy had been showing signs of reviving from an economic contraction in the final quarter of last year. The disaster raised the prospect of major disruptions for many key businesses and a massive repair bill running into tens of billions of dol-

The tsunami alerts

countries to the west of Japan and across the Pacific as far away as Colombia and Peru, but the tsunami dissipated as it sped across the ocean and worst fears in the Americas were not realised.

what seemed a long time

Great Kanto quake of Sept. 1, 1923, which had a magnitude of 7.9 and killed more than 140,000 people in the Tokyo area. The 1995 Kobe quake

age and was the most expensive natural disaster in history. Economic damage about \$10 billion.

active areas.

toll was expected to exceed

The extent of the destruction along a lengthy stretch

were later lifted for some of the most populated coun-

tomed to earthquakes, the devastation was shocking.

Sugimoto, a reporter for NHK television in Sendai. "About 140 people, including children, were

by water and have nowhere Japan has prided itself on its speedy tsunami warning system, which has been upgraded several times since its inception in 1952, including after a 7.8 magni-

The country has also built countless breakwaters and

buildings jammed the streets trying to make their

Many subways in Tokyo later resumed operation but trains did not run. People

the strongest quake I experienced," a woman with a baby on her back told television in northern Japan. FIRES ACROSS THE COAST

The quake, the most powerful since Japan started keeping records 140 years ago,

power plants and oil refineries were shut down and one refinery was ablaze.

The central bank said it

Asia in 2004.

The earthquake was the

world in the past century.

and many people in the newsroom grabbed their helmets and some got under their desks," Reuters correspondent Linda Sieg said in Tokyo.

world's most seismically

from the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami was estimated at Earthquakes are common in Japan, one of the

dismay over Friday's judgmonth, but they denied the primary school, said that he occurrence of any such ment. the protestors in East "The witnesses were heard about the death of two event. Pakistan. The motive was not threatened. I was threat-Bangladeshis, who were run "We wanted to file a genlost on anyone: the regime ened," she told AFP, vowing eral diary with Kotwali over by a vehicle of BSF. had hit upon the idea that to take the case to the However, BGB and Police Station in this regard Supreme Court. Motihar thana police were on March 5 but the police ist movement the taint of 'What do you expect from Japan warns not aware of the death. refused to do so," he added. being inspired by a hostile the witnesses' testimony India or, more specifically, by when they were questioned the Hindu community that

daily Amader Shomoy. Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus and his Grameen Bank in a negative light was posted on bdnews24.com on March 7 apparently for a

wider readership.

In a post, a blogger questioned Muzammel's intention of sending the article to a wider mailing list which he found on social network site Facebook.

Daily Star has 126 recipients including a former president and two ministers of Bangladesh; aid organisations, UN agencies, diplomatic missions and foundations at home and abroad; and bankers and senior company executives.

asked Muzammel to explain the reason for sending the mail far and wide when he is the chairman of an organisaover the exit of its founder ProfYunus.

The Daily Star yesterday

then decide what they should or should not do," Muzammel said. Pressed to comment further over the phone, he things?" Then he hung up.

Muzammel, one of Yunus' former deputies, has been a vocal critic of the microcredit pioneer, and the promotion of a former employee came as a surprise to many and gave clear signs at the time that the government would oust Grameen's founder.

Muzammel's email, David Bornstein, author of The Price of a Dream: The Story of the Grameen Bank, said: "As a journalist who has written extensively about microcredit, and the author of a well known book on Grameen, I am very interested in all matters relating

to the Bank. "But the article is reminiscent of the kind of rant one hears from "birthers" in the United States who assert that President Obama was born in Kenya. The piece is a litany of innuendo and accusation -- most of which the reader is asked to take on sheer faith. "But what is well known

and substantiated is the fact

ered on the spot and were trying to pacify the brothers. After the incident, Julu scaled the boundary wall of their house and fled, he said.

A sense **FROM PAGE 1** Bangladesher Tarikh, on this day in 1971 the regime

announced the arrest of what

University, a deepening sense of militancy prevailed. Students marched in military formation, giving the clear

Mujibur Rahman if he envisaged taking East Pakistan out of Pakistan and declaring it an independent state. Mujib's reply was ambiguous: "Independence? No, not yet." The subtlety said it all. For Bangabandhu, for the Bangalee nation, freedom was

Tsunami warnings were

The disaster occurred as

Warnings were issued for

"It was probably the worst I have felt since I came to Japan more than 20 years The quake surpasses the

caused \$100 billion in dam-

against Bangladesh. Bangladesh used six bowlers and everybody

ets for 53 runs. It was not so easy for the batsman to play shots in this kind of wicket and except Morgan, who smote eight boundaries during his 72ball 63, none of the English

flummoxed Matt Prior. Left-arm spinner Abdur

Bangladesh seized con-

was set to be released soon, a move that could result in a radiation leak , officials said. Some 3,000 people who live within a 3 km radius of the plant had been evacuated, Kyodo news agency said.

"It's possible that radioac-

tive material in the reactor

vessel could leak outside but

the amount is expected to be

small and the wind blowing

towards the sea will be considered," Chief Cabinet Yukio Edano told a news confer-"Residents are safe after those within a 3km radius

were evacuated and those

within a 10km radius are

staying indoors, so we want

people to be calm," he added.

Prime Minister Naoto Kan was set to visit the plant this morning and also fly over the quake-hit area. Tokyo Electric Power Co said pressure had built up inside a reactor at the

Fukushima-Daiichi plant

after the cooling system was

knocked out by the earth-Pressure had risen to 1.5 times the designed capacity, the Japan Nuclear Safety agency said . Media also said t he radiation level was rising in the turbine building.

The cooling problems at the Japanese plant raised fears of a repeat of 1979's Three Mile Island accident, the most serious in the history of the US nuclear power industry. Experts, however, said the situation was, so far, less serious. Equipment malfunctions,

design problems and human error led to a partial meltdown of the reactor core at the Three Mile Island plant, but only minute amounts of dangerous radioactive gases were released.

eral stages away from Three Mile Island when the reactor container ceased to function as it should," said Tomoko Murakami, leader of the

nies around the globe have since the U.S. accident implemented over 53 safety improvements to avert a repeat.

18 percent of Japan's nuclear power generating capacity. Nuclear power produces about 30 percent of the country's electricity. Many reactors are located in earthquake-prone zones such as Fukushima and Fukui on the

Energy Agency (IAEA) estimates that around 20 percent of nuclear reactors around the world are currently operating in areas of significant seismic activity.

sis on external hazards after an earthquake hit TEPCO's Kashiwazaki-Kariwa plant in July 2007, until then the largest to ever affect a nuclear facility. When the earthquake hit the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa

nuclear power plant four reactors shut down automatically. Water containing radioactive material was released into the sea, but without an adverse effect on human health or the environment, it said.

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nuclear energy group at Japan's Institute of Energy Economics. Toshiaki Sakai, director of the Japan Atomic Industrial

Forum International

Cooperation Center, said

global nuclear power compa-

Reactors shut down due to the earthquake account for

The International Atomic

The IAEA said the sector began putting more emphafor final approval. The chief justice may form

Sources mentioned differ-

from Al Salloum border. Mosharraf Hossain, min-

The BSF managed to

Kader, 24, was admitted to Rajshahi Medical College

GB chair's editor of Bangla-language The article that puts

Speaking to The Daily Star, two recipients confirmed that they have received the article's link from Muzammel's email account.

The list obtained by The

"People should know different sides of a story and

snapped: "I won't discuss with you (The Daily Star correspondent) any contents of my personal emails and why I did so. Why should I tell you about my personal

In response to

that the government of Bangladesh is consistently tion that is now in trouble ranked one of the most corrupt in the world. Billions in foreign aid have been siphoned off by the government at the highest levels. Grameen, on the other hand, has been an anomaly: a bank that does not sanction bribes, where people do not get jobs through patronage, where the money actually reaches the poor, and where borrowers do not renege on their loans and get off scot-free because of family connections."

were physically fit, he said. The pirates Thursday night A flight of Biman emailed group photographs

It would take couple of

and tsunami.

stands ready to help the Japanese people in this time of great trial. The friendship and alliance between our

"We the United States

Tsunami sweeps

revived memories of the giant waves which struck

fifth most powerful to hit the "The building shook for

"We will spare no effort