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DU VIOLENCE 2007 Fakhruddin, Gen Moeen asked to face JS body

RASHIDUL HASAN

Former chief adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed and former army chief Moeen U Ahmed have been called before a parliamentary sub-committee probing the Dhaka University campus violence in the last caretaker government's tenure.

On behalf of the investigation body, the Jatiya Sangsad secretariat issued two separate letters SEE PAGE 6 COL 6

JS dodging to get minimised

Constitution amendment body for allowing absence for 90 calendar days, not sitting days

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The parliamentary special body on constitution amendment yesterday agreed in principle to bring an amendment to end the pervasive House boycott culture by reducing the scope for MPs to remain absent from parliament proceedings.

According to article 67 of the constitution, the lawmakers who remain absent from parliament without leave for 90 consecutive sitting days would lose their seats.

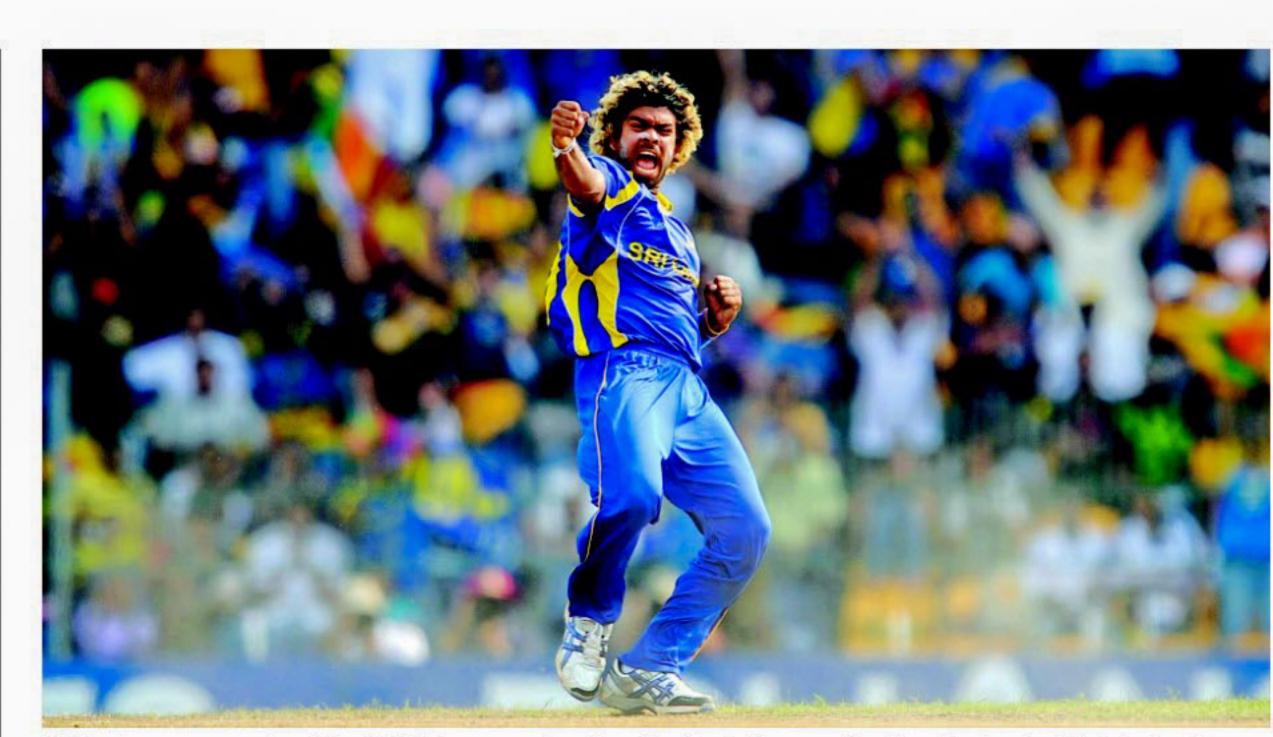
The parliamentary body is in favour of erasing the word "sitting", some members

of the committee said after it met at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

The meeting also discussed bringing changes in article 70 of the constitution that keeps a tight rein on the MPs preventing them from playing their due role in parliament independently.

The members told The Daily Star that they will further examine article 70 at the next meeting and try to make a proposal for its amendment without hampering the government's stability.

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Sri Lanka pace spearhead Lasith Malinga punches the air after taking another New Zealand wicket during the World Cup semifinal at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

SL set all-Asia final

MOHAMMAD ISAM from Colombo

The Colombo sky was ablaze with fireworks last night as Sri Lanka fought their way over murky waters and into the ICC Cricket World Cup World Cup final, giving their legend Muttiah Muralidaran a

fitting farewell from international cricket. The five-wicket win was not an easy ride, thanks to a late rally by New

Zealand at the flashbulb-laden R Premadasa Stadium, but it : The World Cup 2011 will was closer than imagined after: reach its zenith as the two Sri Lanka's dominance for the : fiercest rivals of world first third of the game.

side edge between the against each other in a wicketkeeper and slip off the : semifinal match in Mohali fifth ball of the 48th over took the proud : today. The excitement has Lankans through to the final in Mumbai ; already reached fever

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cricket, India and Thilan Samaraweera's out- · Pakistan, square off

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Dhaka given a message

Leaked US embassy cable reveals reason behind Delhi's decision to skip Saarc summit in 2005

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

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India had pulled out of the Dhaka Saarc Summit in February 2005 to "send a message" to the hosts following a series of terror attacks in Bangladesh, according to a leaked American embassy cable published in Indian daily, The Hindu.

The cable (26786: confidential) was sent by the US embassy in New Delhi on February 10, 2005. It says "much about India's Big Brother attitude towards Bangladesh," wrote The Hindu that obtained the cable SEE PAGE 6 COL 4

PADMA BRIDGE, TREATMENT PLANT Crisis-hit Japan defers credit

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

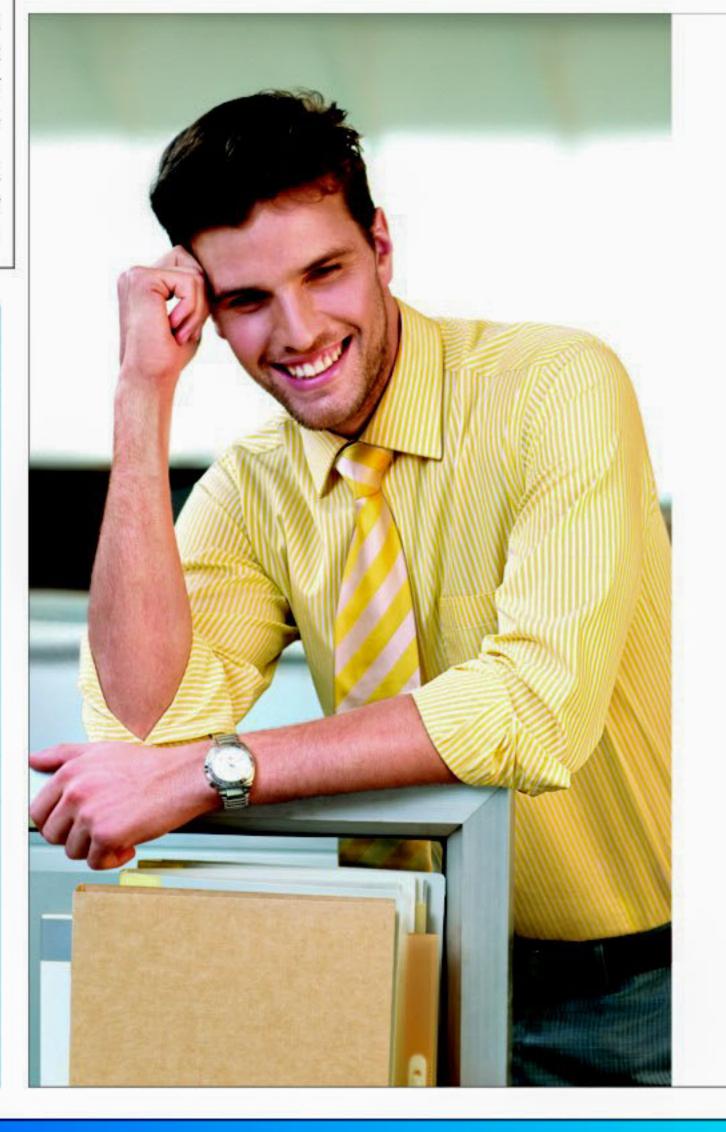
Japan has deferred the approval of \$600 million new credit proposals till the next fiscal year owing to the devastations it suffered in the recent earthquake and tsunami.

The credit proposals include \$400 million for the construction of Padma Bridge and \$200 million for a water treatment plant in Khulna and other projects. A high official of the Economic Relations Division

(ERD) said Japanese embassy in Dhaka in a letter last week informed that not only for Bangladesh, all new Japanese commitments to other countries have been suspended for the current fiscal year.

The Japanese fiscal year starts in April and ends in March. The ERD official said the credit proposals for SEE PAGE 6 COL 6

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