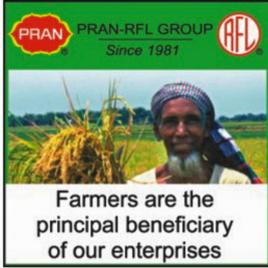


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India bathe in WC glory

Hand Sri Lanka 6-wicket defeat in Mumbai final

BISHWAJIT ROY from Mumbai

Mahendra Singh Dhoni kept the party on for a billion fans as India clinched the World Cup for the second time after a six-wicket victory in the keenly-contested final against Sri Lanka at the Wankhede Stadium here last night.

After Gautam Gambhir's late dismissal gave Sri Lanka a glimmer of hope, Dhoni and Yuvraj Singh calmly took India to the target, the whole of India erupting to the sound of Dhoni's whack off Nuwan Kulasekara off the second ball of the 49th over.

As fireworks went off in the night sky of India's tinsel town, it was touching to see Yuvraj hugging Sachin Tendulkar and shedding some tears. It was also an emotional moment for coach Gary Kirsten who was given a lap of honour too.

But it is now Dhoni after Kapil Dev who brought glory after 28 years for the cricket-mad nation. India started the journey as hot favourites in the game's biggest event because of their vaunted batting line-up and they finished like champions as they rode on Gautam Gambhir's 97 and Dhoni's well-composed unbeaten 91.

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CHAMPIONS

Dhoni's gift to Tendulkar

SAKEB SUBHAN

If the world was a perfect place with fate written by an Indian hand, Sachin Tendulkar would have scored his hundredth international century yesterday in the World Cup final, and taken his country to their second world

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CLASS OF 2011: Members of the victorious India cricket team with the World Cup after defeating Sri Lanka by six wickets in the final at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai yesterday.

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BANGLADESHIS IN RESTIVE MIDDLE EAST

Going gets tough in Bahrain too

PORIMOL PALMA

After Libya, Bangladeshi workers are now bearing the brunt of the political unrest in Bahrain where thousands of workers have either lost their jobs or are not getting their pay.

This comes at a time when more than 33,000 Bangladeshis have returned home from the trouble-torn Libya and many are waiting to flee the fierce fighting between rebels and forces loyal to Col Muammar Gaddafi, the embattled Libyan leader.

The most affected in Bahrain are those working in small companies involved in road and home construction in addition to an estimated 10,000 undocumented workers, Bangladesh embassy officials at the Bahraini capital Manama said.

"The military is gradually taking control to maintain the law and order; business is running low and the most affected are the low-income expatriates," Muhammad Ibrahim, first secretary (labour) of the Bangladesh embassy there, told The Daily Star Friday.

The Gulf nation declared a three-month emergency on March 15 following weeks of anti-government protests demanding political reform. One Bangladeshi and one Pakistani were killed in separate attacks by the protesters in Manama last month.

Another attack saw 20 more Bangladeshis injured, which created a sense of insecurity among the migrant workers, mostly from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and the Philippines.

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Dhaka rivers to get pillars from Apr 12

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will start setting up boundary pillars along the river banks around Dhaka on April 12 to protect the rivers from encroachment.

The construction work will start on the bank of the Balu in Tongi and would gradually cover the other river banks around the capital, Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan said yesterday.

The minister was speaking as the chief guest in the technical session of a national

workshop styled "Causes of Deterioration of Navigability and Degradation of Environment: Ways to Resolve." Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) organised the event.

The government has initiated different short, mid and long term projects for overall development of the country's river transport sector, he told the function held at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre.

He also stressed the need for political

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Dear readers, in keeping with our commitment to serve you even better, we have been publishing a nine-part 500-page four-colour special anniversary supplement series every Monday and Thursday, from March 14. We have so far brought out six supplements, the first one containing 96 pages and the remaining five 48-page each.

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