

Strong quake strikes Crete

AP, Athens

A strong earthquake struck the southern Greek island of Crete Friday, rattling buildings as far away as Egypt and Turkey. Local police said they had no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

The quake had a preliminary magnitude of 6.2 and struck off the southern coast of Crete at 4:29 pm, the Athens Geological Institute and the German Research Centre for Geosciences in Potsdam, Germany, said. The US Geological Survey gave a slightly lower preliminary magnitude of 5.9.

Magnitudes recorded by geological institutes often differ.

Police in Ierapetra, a town on the southern coast of Crete closest to the epicentre, said it was strongly felt but that they had no initial reports of damage or injuries.

The quake was felt as far away as Cairo across the Mediterranean Sea, and the Turkish news agency Anatolia said it also caused panic in the Turkish resorts of Bodrum, Fethiye and Marmaris.

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other supplements dwelt on Constitution, Parliament and Democracy; Economy and Development; Agriculture, Industry and Business; Foreign Policy, Connectivity and Regional Approach; and Energy, Infrastructure and Environment.

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31 more cross Libya border

Says foreign ministry

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Thirty-one more Bangladeshis, including one family with children, have fled to Tunisia crossing the Ras Jdir border from Libya on April 1, according to the foreign ministry.

However, there was zero inflow of Bangladeshis yesterday at Al Salloum border point in Egypt while 553 workers are now awaiting repatriation in Tunisia, said a press release.

But the foreign ministry's consular team has been asked to stay at Al Salloum border to facilitate repatriation arrangements of Bangladesh nationals crossing over into Egypt.

In order to repatriate the new arrivals in coordination with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), one director from the foreign ministry reached Djerba in Tunisia to join the consular team of the ministry.

Bangladesh Biman is providing extra flights to bring back the rest of the Bangladeshis, the ministry said.

One Bangladeshi, who was among the 49 that jumped from a ship while being repatriated, remains missing at Hania, Crete Island in Greece.

To this day, 33,641 Bangladeshis who were employed in Libya have been repatriated to Bangladesh. Of them, the return of 3,831 persons has been arranged by their employers while some have returned on their own arrangements and 27,010 persons have been repatriated by the IOM.

A total of 2,800 have been bought by Bangladesh Biman flights.

As per the flight schedule, 310 Bangladeshis were due to return home yesterday from Tunisia by Biman flights while another Biman flight is scheduled to carry 310 more from Tunisia today.

India bathe in WC glory

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to chase down Sri Lanka's fighting total of 274 at the loss of four wickets in 48.2 overs. There could have been nothing better than the way Indian skipper Dhoni finished the game by whacking a six over long-on against Nuwan Kulasekara and got the man-of-the-match award for his scintillating batting in the grand finale.

All eyes however were fixed on local hero Tendulkar as the pre-match talk centred on the little master and spin legend Muttiah Muralidaran. But one thing was for sure that people would not remember the 2011 final for these two great cricketers but for the gutsy Indian captain.

Dhoni, in a way, gave the perfect gift to Tendulkar and completed the genius's legacy, giving him the trophy he craved for so long.

The master blaster failed to live up to the big occasion to craft his hundredth international 100 as the 37-year-old batsman was dismissed for only 18 runs, rather it was Gambhir and Dhoni who overshadowed Mahela Jayawardene's classy unbeaten hundred to guide their side to the world's top prize.

The full-house partisan crowd cheered every success of the Indian team in the field and apparently the home support inspired Dhoni's boys to lift the trophy but for one occasion the crowd was silent when Tendulkar became second victim of Lankan paceman Lasith Malinga, edging the ball to keeper Kumar Sangakkara, who gave the first breakthrough removing dangerman Virender Sehwag for a second-ball duck.

India however proved their point why they are considered the best batting line-up in the world. Young Virat Kohli joined Gambhir to steady the ship associating 83 runs in the third wicket stand as well as bring back the enthusiasm among the jubilant fans. Occasional spinner Tillakaratne Dilshan brought his team back in contention by taking a superb return catch to send back Kohli for 35 runs, but that only brought the Indian skipper to the middle to take the game away from the islanders.

But Sri Lanka captain Sangakkara must rue for missing the stumping of Dhoni off Dilshan on the very second ball while Ruwan Kulasekara dropped Gambhir, who missed the hundred for only three runs after being bowled by Thisara Perera, at long-off while the batsman was on 30.

Man-of-the-tournament Yuvraj Singh then came to finish the job in style with his skipper, who led from the front with a 79-ball 91 that contained eight

boundaries and two big sixes.

Earlier it was former Sri Lanka skipper Mahela Jayawardene who stood tall in the big occasion to give his team a defendable total on a hard and true surface. The experienced campaigner played his best innings in the tournament when his team needed it most after a sluggish start. The right-hander's priceless unbeaten 103 came from 88 deliveries and contained 13 boundaries.

Jayawardene showed pure class during his well-composed knock and reached the magical figure in style by hitting two consecutive boundaries against Zaheer Khan, who bowled an impressive first spell with three consecutive maidens in first three overs.

He executed the first boundary by cutting it over and in the gap between short thirdman and point and then smashed the second one over mid-off to prove that he saved his best in the tournament for the big day.

Sri Lanka made maximum use of the batting Powerplay, which they took in the last five overs, by hitting 63 runs, and Perera deserved some praise beside his senior partner for his 9-ball 22 and he finished the job with a last-ball six that was battered from a good length over mid-wicket.

Captain Sangakkara, dashing Dilshan, Thilan Samaraweera and Nuwan Kulasekara came up with some contribution but Jayawardene, only the sixth man to hit a hundred on the game's biggest stage, almost single handedly controlled the Sri Lankan innings.

After a little drama, Sangakkara won the second toss and has decided to bat first but Zaheer's brilliant opening spell jittered the Lankan innings as they amassed only nine runs from first five overs. Upul Tharanga struggled from the very beginning and finally was caught by Virender Sehwag at slip off Zaheer.

Sangakkara joined Dilshan to repair the damage by associating 43 runs in the second wicket stand before the latter was being bowled by Harbhajan Singh. With 60 for 2 on the scoreboard in 16.3 overs, Jayawardene came to bat with his skipper Sangakkara and they calmed down the innings by sharing 62 runs in the third wicket stand. But the Lankan innings lost its way and suffered a huge blow when captain Sangakkara was caught behind off Yuvraj Singh for a 67-ball 48, the second highest score in the innings that featured five boundaries.

Finally the tail-enders gave Jayawardene tremendous support to ensure a competitive total on the

board.

Zaheer conceded only six runs in his first five overs but completed with an expensive figure of 2 for 60. Two wickets haul however helped him to share the top bowling spot in the competition with Pakistan skipper Shahid Afridi as both claimed 21 wickets.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the World Cup final between India and Sri Lanka at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai on Saturday:

SRILANKA

Tharanga c Sehwag b Zaheer	2			
Dilshan b Harbhajan	33			
Sangakkara c Dhoni b Yuvraj	48			
Jayawardene not out	103			
Samaraweera lbw b Yuvraj	21			
Kapugedera c Raina b Zaheer	1			
Kulasekara run out (Dhoni)	32			
Perera not out	22			
Extras: (b-1, lb-3, w-6, nb-2)	12			
Total (For 6 wkt in 50 overs)	274			
Did not bat: Malinga, Randiv, Muralidaran				
Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-60, 3-122, 4-179, 5-182, 6-248				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Zaheer	10	3	60	2
Sreesanth	8	0	52	0
Patel	9	0	41	0
Harbhajan	10	0	50	1
Yuvraj	10	0	49	2
Tendulkar	2	0	12	0
Kohli	1	0	6	0

INDIA

Sehwag lbw b Malinga	0			
Sachin c Sangakkara b Malinga	18			
Gambhir b Perera	97			
Kohli c & b Dilshan	35			
Dhoni not out	91			
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Extras: (b-1, lb-6, w-8)	15			
Total: (For 4 wkt in 48.2 overs)	277			
Did not bat: Raina, Harbhajan, Zaheer, Munaf, Sreesanth				
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-31, 3-114, 4-223				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Malinga	9	0	42	2
Kulasekara	8.2	0	64	0
Perera	9	0	55	1
Randiv	9	0	43	0
Dilshan	5	0	27	1
Muralidaran	8	0	39	0

Result: India won by 6 wickets.

Man-of-the-final: MS Dhoni.

Man-of-the-tournament: Yuvraj Singh.

Baby girl

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Dhaka Medical College and Hospital.

The child was bleeding profusely when she was brought in but her condition is stable now, Dr. Bilkis Begum, coordinator of OCC told The Daily Star, yesterday.

The victim, daughter of a day-labourer, lived next door to Mosleh who resided with a group of men.

Quoting the victim's mother, Enamul Haq Enam, officer-in-charge of Kalabagan Police Station said Mosleh took her daughter out for an ice-cream around 9:00pm. After 30 minutes, locals heard the child screaming in pain.

They rushed to the spot and caught Mosleh red-handed. Later, police came and arrested him and sent the injured girl to OCC.

A case was filed against him under Women and Children Repression Prevention Act.

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He recommended treating the problem as a national issue and conducting a comprehensive study involving different government and non-government agencies to find out the causes of deterioration in navigability and ways to resolve it.

Jubilant rebel fighters told how a strike by international aircraft took out at least two vehicles in a convoy of seven heavily armed pick-up trucks and they finished off the rest with rocket-launchers from their hideout in a eucalyptus

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