

# Watson sixes crush Tigers

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termed a 'highlight reel' was the sixes. The first one came in the third over when captain Shakib Al Hasan was duly dispatched for a towering maximum over the mid-wicket fence. The flood-gates burst open and it was a display of power hitting that will stay in the minds of those present at the ground.

The two other batsmen who featured in the chase were reduced to mere spectators and tools for handing over the strike to the man who could do no wrong. The scoreboard read 62 when Brad Haddin popped a catch to mid-wicket off Shakib for a 19-ball eight. Ricky Ponting gave Watson company in an unbeaten partnership of 170, of which the former captain's share was a sedate 42-ball 37.

Watson reached his fifty off 26 balls with a six off Shakib in the seventh over and settled down thereafter. He took a further 43 deliveries to notch up his sixth ODI hundred before cutting loose again to score 82 runs off the last 27.

Particularly harsh treatment was reserved for left-arm spinner Sohrawardhi Shuvro, who after having gone for 19 runs in his first spell of two overs, came back to bowl the 22nd over, which cost 27 runs, all from Watson's bat, including four consecutive sixes. At the end of that over Watson had collected ten sixes, two shy of West Indian Xavier

Marshall's world record of 12 in a single innings. The mark was soon eclipsed when the red-hot opener hit his twelfth and thirteenth sixes off consecutive deliveries in the 25th over bowled by Abdul Razzaq.

Some of his sixes were mis-timed while he also survived two dropped catches at 103 (Razzaq) and 114 (Rokibul Hasan).

The day had already started terribly for Bangladesh with Imrul Kayes batting out 41 balls for his five and Tamim Iqbal, Rokibul Hasan and Shakib being dispatched in quick succession. First-drop batsman Shahriar Nafees did a fair repair job to score 56, but was out soon after, caught and bowled by leg-spinner Steven Smith to leave the Tigers tottering at 88 for five.

Bangladesh avoided further embarrassment with an 81-run sixth wicket partnership between Mushfiqur and Mahmudullah Riyad (38). After the stand was broken, the Tigers had their brief moment in the sun with Mushfiqur accelerating towards the end to realise 59 runs during the batting Powerplay.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the second one-day international between Australia and Bangladesh at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur on Monday:

**BANGLADESH**  
Tamim c Watson b Johnson 5  
Imrul c Watson b Johnson 5  
Nafees c & b Smith 56  
Rokibul b Hastings 0  
Shakib b Smith 9  
Mushfiqur not out 81  
Mahmudullah lbw b Watson 38  
Shuvro c Smith b Johnson 16  
Shafiqul not out 9  
Extras: (b-4, lb-1, nb-2, w-3) 10  
**Total:** (For 7 wkts in 50 overs) 229  
**Did not bat:** Razzaq, Rubel

**Fall of wickets:** 1-9, 2-27, 3-28, 4-65, 5-88, 6-167, 7-195  
**Bowler** O M R W  
Lee 10 2 37 0  
Johnson 10 0 54 3  
Hastings 6 0 20 1  
Watson 7 0 35 1  
Smith 7 0 34 2  
Doherty 10 0 44 0

**AUSTRALIA**  
Watson not out 185  
Haddin c Mahmudullah b Shakib 8  
Ponting not out 37  
Extras: (nb-1, w1) 2  
**Total:** (For 1 wkt in 26 overs) 232  
**Did not bat:** Clarke, Ferguson, M Hussey, Smith, Johnson, Hastings, Lee, Doherty  
**Fall of wicket:** 1-62  
**Bowler** O M R W  
Shafiqul 2 0 27 0  
Razzaq 7 0 58 0  
Shakib 7 1 35 1  
Rubel 6 0 57 0  
Shuvro 3 0 46 0  
Mahmudullah 1 0 9 0  
**Result:** Australia won by nine wickets.  
**Man-of-the-match:** Shane Watson.

## Gbagbo

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Gbagbo's residence in central Abidjan after helicopter gunships attacked the compound overnight.

"Yes, he has been arrested," Affoussy Bamba, a spokeswoman for Ouattara, told Reuters.

Earlier a Gbagbo adviser in Paris had told Reuters that French special forces had detained Gbagbo after breaking into the compound with tanks.

"Gbagbo has been arrested by French special forces in his residence and has been handed over to the rebel leaders," Gbagbo adviser Toussaint Alain told Reuters in Paris.

Gbagbo's spokesman in Ivory Coast Ahoua Don Mello told Reuters: "President Laurent Gbagbo came out of his bunker and surrendered to the French without opposing resistance."

A French Foreign Ministry source said Gbagbo had been arrested by Ouattara's forces backed by the United Nations and French forces.

Bamba said Gbagbo had been taken to the Hotel Golf in Abidjan, where Ouattara has had his headquarters since the presidential election last November.

Gbagbo had refused to step down after Ouattara won the election, according to results certified by the United Nations, reigniting a civil war that has claimed more than a thousand lives and uprooted a million people.

Residents reported heavy fighting yesterday morning between forces loyal to Ouattara and those backing Gbagbo around Abidjan's Cocody and Plateau districts, still controlled by forces loyal to Gbagbo.

Hundreds of fresh pro-Ouattara troops massed at a base camp just north of Abidjan, where a small bus arrived, filled with new Kalashnikov rifles still in their transparent blue wrappings.

The French armored vehicles, each carrying between four to eight men, left their base in the south and headed toward downtown Abidjan early yesterday.

"Armed and ready for combat," the commanding officer ordered. The men cocked their weapons ready to fire as the vehicles rolled out of the base.

France, the former colonial power in Ivory Coast with more than 1,600 troops in the country, took a lead role in efforts to persuade Gbagbo to relinquish power, infuriating his supporters who accuse Paris of neo-colonialism.

Some Gbagbo supporters around Cocody district, where his residence is located, tried to halt the French armored vehicles, kneeling in front of them praying, but were quickly dispersed when another round of firing began.

**PM, Khaleda**

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On the other hand, the private secretary to the leader of the opposition handed over a greeting card to PM's PS(1) Nazrul Islam at the PM's Office at 1:00pm.

## Involve all

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discussion meeting at the Jatiya Press Club organised by Jatiyatabadi Sangskriti Foundation.

The BNP leader alleged that the ruling Awami League is making the caretaker government system disputed as they are conspiring to stay in power forever.

Democracy started to flourish in the country through holding elections under the caretaker government and three successful elections were held under this system. But now Awami League is trying to make it controversial," Fakhru said.

He said one was a car bomb, and the other two improvised bombs.

"Another improvised bomb killed three people and wounded 11 in the Jisr Diyala area," of south Baghdad, he said.

Violence in Iraq is sharply down from its peak in 2006 and 2007, but bombings, shootings and kidnappings are still common.

The UN envoy to Iraq, Ad Melkert, said last week that violent incidents still take place on average 25 times per day, acknowledging it was "a lot lower than what it used to be."

In this case, Tk 194.25 as issue price is too high, and share prices of the energy scrip with face value above Tk 10 were not considered," said the probe report.

The report recommended that it should be looked into how prices went

# Yemen protesters reject Gulf exit plan

AFP, Sanaa

chanted.

Yemen anti-regime protest movement rejected a proposal from mediating Gulf states that embattled President Ali Abdullah Saleh should pass power to his deputy, an offer welcomed by the mainstream opposition.

"We are not concerned by any solution negotiated between the regime and the opposition that does not answer our main demand: the fall of the regime and its figures," said leading activist Adel al-Rabyi, from the Youth for Change coalition of protest groups that have led demonstrations across the country since late January.

Foreign ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council urged Saleh on Sunday to step down and ensure a peaceful transition of power to his deputy, Abdrabuh Mansur Hadi.

Following a meeting in Riyadh, they also called for the formation of a national unity government led by the opposition.

"We do not accept the hijacking of our revolution," Rabyi told AFP, insisting that he spoke on behalf of all youth groups in Sanaa and other major cities hit by deadly protests.

Thousands of protesters headed yesterday from the University Square, dubbed as Change Square after protests, to the residence of Hadi, according to an AFP journalist.

"The people want to put the president on trial," they

More than 125 people have been killed since protest.

"We have had some difficult days in the recent past," Munter told Islamabad's Institute of Strategic Studies think tank in a public address.

"We want to see renewal of the possibility and the hopes that we worked on for all these many years."

ACC, BB, NBR

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government probe body report.

The report submitted to the finance minister on Thursday suggested further investigation concerning persons whose names came up during the probe.

The probe body also suggested that the NBR and BB look into if the corruption suspects are paying tax regularly, and if there are irregularities involving the banks concerned.

"If any one is found involved in financial corruption, it is our responsibility to look into the matter," ACC Chairman Ghulam Rahman said when contacted.

"We might initiate investigation into the corruption once the report on share market scam is made public," he added.

Asked about this, high officials of the BB and NBR also said they will go for action once the government sends the probe report to them.

A finance ministry official said the report has been sent to the law ministry seeking its opinion on it.

The banking division will form a committee within a day or two to examine the report, he said.

## Rab chief

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criminal, rather a victim of a 'shootout' between Rab and criminals.

"Limon is a young boy, not a notorious criminal but an accused in a criminal case. He became the victim of the incident as he was on the spot during the gunfight between Rab and the cohorts of local criminal Morshed Jomadder," he said while talking to the press at Rab headquarters in the capital's Uttara.

He was briefing the media on security measures adopted for the upcoming Pahela Baishakh, the first day of Bengali New Year.

The Rab chief backtracked on its earlier statements about Limon, a day after his mother sued six members of Rab in the Senior Judicial Magistrate's court in Jhalakathi.

Sub-inspector Abdul Halim of Rajapur Police Station said they received the court's order yesterday and the process of recording a regular case is underway, reports our Barisal correspondent.

According to several written statements issued by the law enforcement body earlier, Limon was an armed criminal who received bullet in his leg during a 'shootout' between Rab and his cohorts at Chhaturia village in Rajapur of Jhalakathi on March 23.

Doctors at National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation (NITOR) in the capital amputated his left leg on March 27.

Mokhlesur, however, denied the allegation of shooting Limon.

"Being informed about the presence of Morshed Jomadder, a fugitive criminal convicted of 90 year's jail term, Rab men went to Chhaturia. Limon came in the line of fire between Rab members and the cohorts of Morshed", added the Rab DG.

He also mentioned although the commanding officer of Rab-8 had already submitted a preliminary inquiry report on the incident, the Rab headquarters is conducting a separate probe.

"India will ratify the UN convention on graft. There is a long legal procedure which is needed to be followed," the Finance Minister said at a media interaction here.

The UN anti-graft convention has 140 countries in its list.

Taking a jibe at BJP for its tirade against corruption in the country, Mukherjee said it was the nature of that party to raise the issue from "time to time".

When BJP was in power during 1998-2004 it did not pass the Lokpal Bill conceived in 1972. "Nobody stopped them from doing that," he said.

He, however, welcomed the gesture made by veteran BJP leader L K Advani for assuring the party's support to the Lokpal Bill when tabled in the Parliament.

Barisal Bibhag Samiti yesterday rejected the preliminary inquiry report of Rab-8 and demanded an immediate judicial probe.