

## Away victory India's goal

## Cricket

AFP, Sydney

India are desperate to bury their unwanted tag of being poor travellers as they bid to win their first series in Australia starting on Monday at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The Indians, ranked second in Test cricket, two places above Australia, have failed to win a series Down Under in nine previous tours over 64 years but face a home team in the throes of a painful transition.

India will be playing their first away Test series since losing all four matches in England in July-August in a whitewash that cost M.S. Dhoni's men their number one ranking.

India have developed an unwelcome reputation as poor travellers and a win in the four-Test series against Michael Clarke's Australians represents a career-defining goal for many of the team's ageing stars.

Sachin Tendulkar, bidding for his 100th international century, Rahul Dravid, Virender Sehwag and V.V.S. Laxman are all unlikely to get the opportunity again in their cricket careers and are motivated to succeed.

The Boxing Day Test is

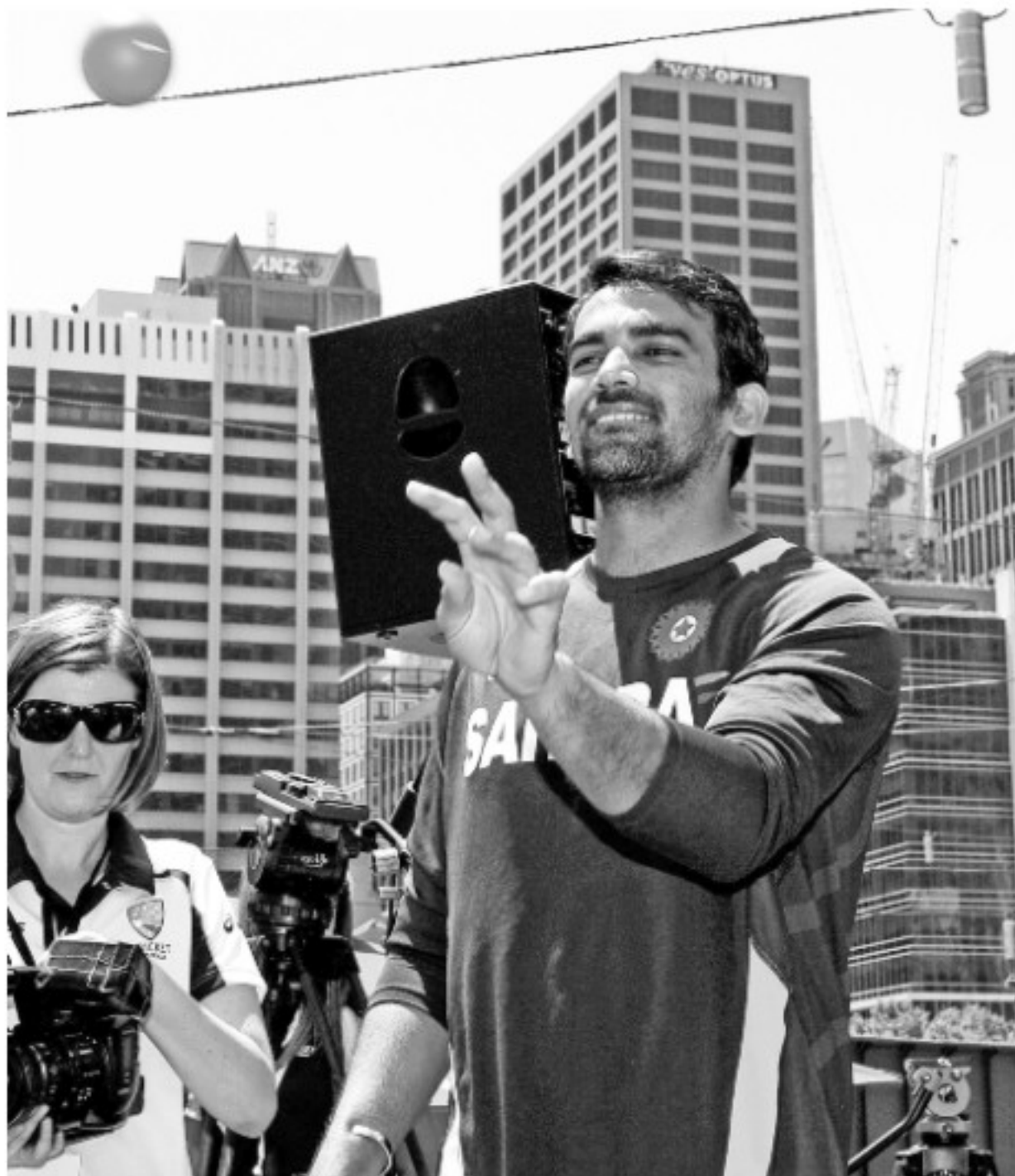


PHOTO: AFP

**India paceman Zaheer Khan throws the ball to a young fan as members of the Indian and Australian teams meet a large crowd at a public event in Melbourne Friday. The two sides meet in the first Test which starts on December 26 at the MCG.**

one for the purists with the rarity of Test cricket's three greatest runscorers -- Tendulkar (15,183), Dravid (13,094) and Australia's Ricky Ponting (12,656) -- all featuring in the same match.

Dravid, turning 39 next month and padding up for his fourth series in Australia, has had one of his best years,

scoring 1,067 runs and five centuries.

"I wouldn't have minded scoring five hundreds (fewer) or 1,000 runs less if we could win a series in Australia," Dravid said.

"The greatest memory for me now is not necessarily statistical. It's not the number of runs, it's those magi-

cal moments. The series wins in Tests stay with you.

"I think that's what you play for at this stage. I don't have anything in terms of my own numbers or statistics that I want to achieve in Australia, but I want to win a Test series (here) and help the team win in Australia.

"It is something that we have never done. So every time you tour here you want to get that goal. It's not going to be easy, it never is, but I think the team's goal is to try to win a series."

While India are top heavy with batting experience, it will come down to the ability of front-line bowlers Zaheer Khan and Ishant Sharma to bowl out Australia for India to retain the Border-Gavaskar Trophy they have held since 2008.

Australian bowling legends Shane Warne and Glenn McGrath have needled the Indians this week, saying India will struggle if Zaheer and Sharma are not fully fit for the gruelling series.

But the Australians are nowhere near as formidable as they once were and this month crashed to a humiliating defeat to lowly New Zealand in Hobart.

## England

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in the capital.

The national selectors have called up a 33-man pool for the series with several national cricketers as well as first-class performers from this season and Academy trainees.

## PLAYERS' POOL

Shuvagata Hom Chowdhury, Imrul Kayes, Junaed Siddiqui, Rony Talukder, Jahurul Islam, Asif Ahmed, Sohravordi Shuvo, Nafees Iqbal, Rokibul Hasan, Tasamul Haque, Naeem Islam, Mahmudul Hasan, Elias Sunny, Alok Kapali, Nazmul Hossain, Mahmudullah Riyad, Mominul Haque, Anamul Haque, Dhiman Ghosh, Mosharraf Hossain, Mithun Ali, Alauddin Babu, Noor Hossain, Kazi Kamrul Islam, Sohag Gazi, Dollar Mahmud, Forhad Reza, Al-Amin Hossain, Kamrul Islam Rabbi, Mukhtar Ali, Nazimuddin, Abu Zahed Rahi and Enamul Haque Jr.

## Shakib, a cut above

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the only force. Though six catches were dropped and one stumping missed, he led the way with excellent control. Three out of his six wickets were tail-enders but those around him often struggle to close the deal.

He didn't score many in Bangladesh's second innings, guiding a ball to the gully fieldsman but by then he had to be totally spent. Apart from batting for almost six hours, he bowled 40-plus overs and was immediately asked to save the team from another collapse. If he did bring them out, it would have put him in a league of his own but for now, Shakib must keep some energy for future battles. More importantly, Shakib's

exploits have spoiled others into comfort.

While Kallis adds balance to an already excellent team, Shakib is a one-man team.

## Cavendish wins BBC gong

AFP, London

World road race champion Mark Cavendish claimed Britain's BBC Sports Personality of the Year award on Thursday, beating off competition in a public vote from golfer Darren Clarke and athlete Mo Farah.

The 26-year-old, also the Tour de France's green jersey winner, became only the second road cyclist to take the award, following the late Tommy Simpson's win in 1965.

## National kabaddi

SPORTS REPORTER

Barisal, Bagura, Khulna and Tangail emerged zonal champions in the Meizan National Kabaddi Championship beating their respective opponents in the zonal finals yesterday.

Barisal beat Patuakhali 43-40 with two creditable 'lona' in a keenly contested final at the Barisal venue. Bogra beat Rajshahi 46-37 at the Dinajpur venue, Khulna beat Jessore 26-23 at the Jessore venue while Tangail beat Mymensingh 40-36 at the Tangail venue to make it to the final stage. The zonal champions and runnersup will take part in the final round in Dhaka starting from December 28.

## Corporate T20 takes off

SPORTS REPORTER

Walton and International Leasing and Finance Limited won their respective matches on the opening day of the LankaBangla T20 Corporate Cricket tournament at the Udaychal Club ground in Mohammadpur yesterday.

In the first match of the day, ILFL beat Union Capital Limited by 12 runs. Nasirudin Babu's 109 was enough to win his side the game after they made 179-9. UCL replied with 167-9 in their 20 overs.

Walton rode on Shohan's all-round performance to win the game over Multi-Securities by 16 runs. Apart from stroking 74, Shohan also took two wickets.

Earlier, State Minister for LGRD Advocate Jahangir Kabir Nanak inaugurated the tournament as the chief guest.

## Zia slips up

SPORTS REPORTER

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman dropped point again as he drew his 11th round match of the 37th Walton National Chess Championship against Debraj Chatterjee at the BOA Media Hall yesterday. Zia, who is still leading the table with 10 points, lead by a single point from Grand Master Niaz Murshed, whom he will take on today in the 12th round.

If Zia wins this match, the 11-time national champions will ensure his title with a game in hand. However, Niaz will be looking for a win in today's match and one more against Javed Mohammad in the last round to wrestle back the title from Zia.

In the other matches of the day, Minhazuddin beat Sohail Chowdhury, Abu Sufian beat Mahfuzur Rahman, Mehdi Hasan beat Mahtab Uddin, Shafik Ahmed beat Golam Mostafa and Monir Hossain defeated Mohammad Javed.

## Cox's City

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paid dividends when, after being set up by Jakir Hossain, Shahinur sealed the match with a left-footed grounder.

## 'Bring on England'

## Cricket

AFP, Lahore

Pakistani skipper Misbahul Haq said Friday his high-flying team can beat England -- world's leading Test side -- when they meet next year, believing his side are unstoppable on current form.

Pakistan returned home Friday after routing Bangladesh in two Twenty20s, three one-day internationals and two Tests, ending the year with five Test wins and without losing a series, both in five-day matches and limited-overs.

They now take on England over three Tests, four one-days and three Twenty20 matches in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in a series starting next month.

Misbah said England will be a real test for his side, who are now fifth in Test rankings.

"The series against England is important as well as very tough," Misbah told reporters. "England is the world's best Test team but in current form we can beat any team if we keep the good form and co-ordination which we showed this year."

Since taking over as Test captain in 2010 following a spot-fixing scandal, which resulted in jail terms for players Salman Butt, Mohammad Asif and Mohammad Aamer, Misbah has led Pakistan in 13 Tests.

Misbah, who has guided Pakistan to six wins, six draws and a single loss, said his team needs to improve to beat England.

## Bookies back Melbourne 100

## Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Indian cricketing superstar Sachin Tendulkar is favoured to bring up his 100th international century in the first Test against Australia in Melbourne, according to one Australian bookmaker.

Online bookmaker sportsbet.com.au has installed the Boxing Day Test as the most likely venue for the historic milestone at odds of 9/4.

Poised on 99 international centuries across Test and one-day matches, Tendulkar retired on 92 in the tourists' final day of a two-day tour match against the Chairman's XI in Canberra last week.

"He is in good form with a 90-odd against the Chairman's XI already under his belt since arriving in Australia and he's a very good chance to achieve the phenomenal milestone during the Boxing Day Test," the firm's Ben Hawes said.

"And if not, he can take some respite in the fact that the next game is at the SCG where he has pummelled Australia on several occasions."

## NCL matches

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preparation as the Premier Division Cricket League is all set to start from December 28.

It's not however sure whether the national players will get the chance to play two longer-version matches after the suspension as the Asia Cup is scheduled for mid-March next year.

## Rahin, Shila

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but we have to keep all of them in training," said National Shooting Federation general secretary Ishtiaque Ahmed adding that they have picked 30 shooters for further training.

The pistol events of the senior section begins today.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources  
Power Division, Power Cell****REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ("REOI") FOR SALE OF 30% ELECTRICITY  
FROM THE COAL BASED COMMERCIAL POWER PLANTS**

Reference: PC/03/130/1069

Date: December 20, 2011

The Government of Bangladesh ("GoB") desires to promote further private participation in the Bangladesh power sector, and install new power plants through private investment. In this connection, as per decision of Government, the GoB intends to allow "open access" to the national electricity grid (the "Grid") in Bangladesh that will allow private sector developers to connect new generation facilities to the Grid.

The GoB through the concerned electric utility will purchase a maximum of 30% of the electricity generated from coal based Commercial Power Plants. The Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission ("BERC") has fixed an indicative price for purchase of power from Commercial Power Plants. It shall be the responsibility of the power producer to contact with any willing buyer for selling remaining capacity and energy of the Power Generation and such energy may be transported and delivered to the buyer through the Grid at an agreed tariff for "wheeling" the electricity to the buyer.

With this background, Power Cell, on behalf of the GoB would like to invite private sector project developers to submit their expressions of interest ("EOI") to sale maximum 30% electricity from their coal based Commercial Power Plants. Procurement of the site for the power plant will be the sole responsibility of the project developer. The site of the power plant must be selected by the developers with written approval of the Power Grid Corporation of Bangladesh ("PGCB").

The REOI Documents will be available from Power Cell's website: [www.powercell.gov.bd](http://www.powercell.gov.bd) from 20 December 2011 along with the followings:

- A list of available potential sites and the present maximum capacities (which may be augmented) that can be installed at each such potential site.
- Flow Chart to be followed for setting up commercial power plant.
- Application Form for allotment of open access to power transmission/distribution network.

Interested project developers should apply first to PGCB within 31 January 2012, through e-mail: [md@pgcb.org.bd](mailto:md@pgcb.org.bd) followed by a hard copy application at IEB Bhaban, 4th Floor, Ramna, Dhaka with a nonrefundable processing fee of US\$ 500 or Tk 40,000 for allotment of open access to power transmission/distribution network, which will be provided by PGCB based on first come first serve basis. PGCB will allow open access until the available capacity at the identified sites is fully allocated to Project developers and will make a panel of maximum 3 nos. applicant. With written concurrence from PGCB, Expressions of Interest (1 original and 2 copies) shall be submitted to the address below within 60 days following PGCB's concurrence with a Bank Guarantee of US\$ 7,000 or Tk 5,60,000 per MW of allotted capacity as open access fee (hereinafter defined as "Reservation Security").

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Memo No : PD/Project-2/M-1/DPDC/2011/620

Date: 21/12/2011

**INVITATION FOR LOCAL TENDER**

1.	Agency	Dhaka Power Distribution Company Ltd. (DPDC)
2.	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Project-2, DPDC, Biddut Bhaban (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor), 1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000. Phone: +88029513820, Fax: +88029513821, Email: <a href="mailto:dgmt2@dpdc.org">dgmt2@dpdc.org</a>
3.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
4.	Invitation for	Group (A): Installation of 11KV U/G cable due to change the existing faulty source cable of New Rahmatgonj & Chadnighat 11KV O/H feeder under NOCS Lalbag. Group (B): Construction of 11KV U/G line for split-up of Nawabgonj Park 11KV O/H feeder from Kamrangirchar 33/11 KV S/S under NOCS Azimpur.
5.	Invitation Ref. no.	PD/Project-2/M-1/DPDC/2011/620
6.	Date	21/12/2011

**Key Information :**

7. Procuring Method Open Tendering Method (OTM)

**Funding Information**

8. Source of Funds Revenue(DPDC)

**Particular Information**

09.	Last Selling Date of Tender, with Bid submission and Bid Opening Date & Time	Last Selling Date	Bid submission Deadline & Date	Bid Opening Date & Time
10.	Name & Address of the Office for selling, receiving and Opening of Tender Document	Selling	Receiving	Opening
		(i) Company Secretary, DPDC, Biddut Bhaban (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor), 1 No Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka 1000. (ii) Project Director, Project-2, DPDC, Biddut Bhaban (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor) 1No Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka 1000. (iii) Project Director-1, DPDC, House# 47 Rd# 135, Gulshan, Dhaka.	(i) Company Secretary, DPDC, Biddut Bhaban (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor), 1 No Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka 1000. (ii) Project Director, Project-2, DPDC, Biddut Bhaban (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor) 1No Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka 1000. (iii) Project Director-1, DPDC, House# 47 Rd# 135, Gulshan, Dhaka.	Project Director, Project-2, DPDC, Biddut Bhaban (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor), 1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000.

**Information for Tenderer :**

11.	Eligibility of Tenderer	a. Before purchasing the Tender documents/schedule prior permission Shall have to be taken from the concern Head of the office.
		b. No Tender Schedule will be sold on the day of Opening of the Tender.
		c. No Tender Schedule will be sold or received by Courier or by Mail service.
		d. The Tenderer shall have to apply to the concern Head of the office mentioning the name of work in original letter Head pad (photocopy not allowed) of the tenderer for purchasing the tender document.
		e. The Contractor Shall have to submit the experience certificate who have completed the same nature of work in a single work-order amounting <b>not less than Group (A) Tk. 5.00 (Five) Laacs, (B) Tk. 2.00 (Two) Laacs only within last three years.</b>
		f. Item wise rate and total amount must be quoted by the bidder in figure & words in the Tender Schedule.
		g. Before issuing work-order the Responsive lowest tenderer must submit 10% (Ten percent) Performance Guarantee on quoted amount in favour of the <b>Project Director, Project-2, DPDC, Dhaka.</b>
		h. Tender document shall have to be submitted along with necessary Tender Security & attached copies of all other necessary documents in a sealed Envelope (One Original & One Photocopy set ).
		i. All other Terms & Condition will be available in the Tender schedule.
		j. The Tenderer shall have to submit along with the tender document attested photocopies of up to date renewal ABC supervisory License, Trade License, Income Tax & VAT Registration Certificate etc. Managerial efficiency, Experience in related work, Goodwill certificate, and manpower availability, professional and Technical qualification for completing the contractual agreement, financial support, Otherwise the tender will be considered as rejected.
		k. All activities will be followed according to DPDC financial rule.

(Md. Shafiul Islam Khan)

Project Director

Project-2, DPDC.