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pro-BNP, GS
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In the Supreme Court Bar Association election, pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Oikya Parishad got six posts, including president, while pro-Awami League Sammillito Ainjibi Samannoy Parishad bagged eight, including general secretary.

Pro-BNP lawyers Zainul Abedin and Shah Md Munir Sharif have been elected president and treasurer.

Of the same panel, Jahanara Begum, Jannat Sultana, Md Asrarul Huq and Shahana Parveen Bakul have become executive members.

AL-backed Momtaz Uddin Ahmed is the new general secretary, KM Saifuddin Ahmed and Md Mostafa are assistant secretaries, AKM Towhidur Rahman and Md Nurunnabi Bulbul vice-presidents and Md Abu Towhid Bhuiyan Prince, Sayeda Sabina Ahmed Molly and Zobayeda Parveen are the new executive members.

Voting started Wednesday morning and closed last night.

Piracy fighters
use floating
armories

AP, Nairobi

Private security firms are storing their guns aboard floating armories in international waters so ships that want armed anti-piracy guards for East Africa's pirate-infested waters can cut costs and circumvent laws limiting the import and export of weapons, industry officials say.

Legal experts say the operation of the armories is a "legal gray area" because few, if any, governments have laws governing the practice.

Industries pushed
Tigers go down roaring

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of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

"The reliance of medium-sized industries on diesel will go up. As a result, the cost of their production will rise and imported products will flood the market," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

AK Azad said the businesses would be able to tackle the situation as, according to the government, the measure would be for a short period. "But if it lasts long, things will get tough."

Saiful Hasan Chowdhury, director (public relations) of PDB, said the authorities had made the request to ensure adequate power supply for irrigation. The situation would last for the next one and a half months.

He, however, could not say what would happen to companies which do not comply.

In line with the government decision, PDB in Chittagong has stopped supplying power to heavy and medium industries for 12 hours.

Because of the measure, some 60 major factories in the port city do not get electricity during that time.

Murshed Murad Ibrahim, president of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry, urged the government to withdraw the decision.

"It's a disastrous situation. We don't have electricity. We also don't have enough gas to run generators."

He said most industry owners run their factories all day long. "There are three shifts in the factories. Two shifts have to be suspended for shortage of power supply now."

The situation is the worst for industries without back-up generators.

Bangladesh Steels Re-

Rolling Mills (BSRM) Limited, the country's number one steel manufacturing company, is one of them.

The company consumes 55 to 60MW of electricity to produce 50,000 tonnes of rods a month. When the PDB made the request for the factory to be kept shut, it wrote back to the power agency, citing its inability to comply with the request.

Later, it found its main line with a PDB power station in the port city's Khulsi switched off during the 12-hour period.

"In principle, we do not have any objection to this state of affairs if this shutdown were implemented and applied to all industries equally to ensure power supply for irrigation," BSRM Chairman Alihussain Akberali said.

The government should have issued a gazette notification to make its decision mandatory, he said.

"The reality is that only industries using 33kva line will see their production hampered seriously as they will not get power for half the day. Industries using the 11kva will not suffer at all."

Akberali said the government had just made a request. "But those who are not complying are seeing their factories being shut down by force."

He said it was almost certain that this had been done to close only BSRM. "There is a big conspiracy."

Akberali said lawyers were being consulted and legal action would be taken soon.

The price of steel could go up by a minimum of Tk 5000 per tonne in the next few days due to the inadequate power supply, he added.

The company says it has written to the PDB asking for a review of the decision but has received no reply.

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were so close yet so far. The deafening noise coming from the stands as pacer Aizaz Cheema ran in to bowl the last ball was suddenly transformed into a deathly silence when Shahadat Hossain failed to hit the winning boundary as Bangladesh finished their 50-over quota on 234 for eight in reply to Pakistan's 236 for nine.

Everybody was at the edge of their seats when Bangladesh required nine runs from the last over but ultimately the home team could manage only six at the cost of the wicket of Abdur Razzak.

In the end, the profligacy of Shahadat Hossain, who conceded 19 runs in the last over, and the slow batting from Nazimuddin (16 from 52 balls) and Nasir Hossain (28 from 63) played a major role behind the defeat, although

incredibly Tamim Iqbal made yet another fifty, his fourth consecutive half-century. And of course, the fantastic Shakib Al Hasan hit 68 runs and credit goes to Mashrafe Bin Mortaza, who smashed a nine-ball 18, for taking it so close.

After a 68-run opening partnership between Tamim and Nazimuddin, Bangladesh lost three quick wickets but Shakib joined Nasir Hossain to steady the ship. They seemed to be batting with the mantra of keeping wickets intact as much as possible because they played from overs 23.1 to 42.3 to share 89 runs for the fourth wicket, but sadly for the home side, the Tigers could not make up the run rate in the death overs.

Pacer Aizaz Cheema first brought Pakistan back into the match by removing Shakib and captain Mushfiqur Rahim in quick

succession before the right-arm pacer kept his nerve in the last over to deny the Bangladeshis their glory.

Earlier, Mushfiqur Rahim maintained his hundred percent record in winning the toss to field first and the Bangladesh bowlers did an excellent job apart from the Shahadat's chaotic last over to restrict Pakistan to 236 for nine.

Wicketkeeper Sarfraz Ahmed, who had a highest ODI score of 24 before this game, turned 199 for 8 into 236 for 9 with a 52-ball 46. Many thought Pakistan were still short on a pitch that had been favourable to the chasing side through the tournament.

Mashrafe Bin Mortaza, Abdur Razzak and Shakib Al Hasan took two wickets each to make sure none of the Pakistani batsmen were able

to score big as Mohammad Hafeez (40), Umar Akmal (30), Hammad Azam (30) and Shahid Afridi (32) failed to carry on from good starts.

After that, many started to dream of achieving their biggest victory in history in front of high-profile guests like Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia, but they fell two runs short.

Despite the defeat it will not be unwise if someone shouts at the top of their voices "Bravo Bangladesh", "Bravo Tigers" because they showed rare consistency in the tournament which will definitely silence the critics who often criticise the Tigers' performance at the international level.

Pakistan won the trophy but it was Bangladesh who won the hearts of millions.

Australia's most
wanted fugitive
captured

AFF, Sydney

Australia's most wanted fugitive -- a survival expert and suspected murderer who outwitted police for seven years by living in rugged forest -- was finally captured in a remote cabin yesterday.

Malcolm Naden, whose ability to evade police evoked comparisons to famous 19th century Australian outlaw Ned Kelly, had been on the run since disappearing in June 2005 from his grandparents' home.

He went missing days before mother-of-two Kristy Scholes, 24, was found strangled in his bedroom and was also wanted for questioning over the indecent assault of a 15-year-old girl and the disappearance of his 24-year-old cousin.

Fazle Kabir

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Justice Anwar-ul Haque, an HC judge, has replaced Justice Kabir as member of the first tribunal headed by Justice Md Nizamul Huq, another HC judge.

Law Secretary Ashish Ranjan Das yesterday issued a gazette notification on the appointments of tribunal judges.

The new tribunal will be called the International Crimes Tribunal-2 and the first one the International Crimes Tribunal-1.

The first tribunal is now dealing with eight cases of crimes against humanity committed during the 1971 Liberation War.

A law ministry high-up told The Daily Star that the second tribunal would deal with cases in which witnesses are yet to give their deposition before the first tribunal.

The first tribunal will be requested to bring some changes to its rules of procedure so that some cases can be transferred to the new tribunal, the official said.

So close, yet so far

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spaces to those 30-odd thousand who had managed to find their way to Mirpur the tears flowed freely and endlessly.

Mushfiqur Rahim wept on Shakib al Hasan's shoulder, Mahmudullah Riyad wept quietly; Tamim Iqbal was impassive but his expression hinted at the pain he must have been feeling.

A collective dream, which had transcended swiftly into an idea and which at certain points during yesterday's topsy-turvy encounter looked elusively possible was snatched away at the last in the most painful of circumstances. Bangladesh did not exactly snatch defeat from the jaws of victory but in the end a 2-run loss to Pakistan will leave no heart unbroken and no cheek dry.

So perhaps today is not the time for perspective, perhaps today we need to cry and weep and let our pent-up feelings out. And so perhaps

asking people to reason today is a futile exercise because sport at the end of the day is about feeling and there will be no prizes for guessing how this nation collectively feels today. But yet we try, because despite the spiralling emotions it is important to remember the crucial things.

Which is that, Bangladesh have positively turned a corner and performances like this will probably become the norm and not the exception any longer. Never before in their decade and a half of international cricket have the Tigers so consistently got in the ring with heavyweights and came out with their reputation left intact and their heads held high.

The great thing across the whole tournament is that Bangladesh have consistently managed to get into winning positions in games. True, they have had the use of the pitch second on all of these occasions, but even the most ardent optimist would never

have expected Bangladesh to make the final and even here give the Pakistan side a run for their money.

Human nature dictates that we will spend today moping on the negatives; from the fateful last over bowled by Shahadat to the sluggish run scoring of Nazimuddin but in truth there are plenty of positive memories to take home from the Asia Cup. To start with, there is the heroic (failed) effort in the first game by Shakib al Hasan to take his team beyond the finish line. Then there is the emphatic slow death imposed on Sri Lanka by the duo of Nasir Hossain and Mahmudullah Riyad, and who can forget the spectacular whirlwind from Mushfiqur Rahim that upset Sachin Tendulkar's applecart. Mashrafe bin Mortaza looks back to his best, Tamim Iqbal has his mojo back and Nasir looks like a find for the future. This has been a tournament of

many highlights.

So while you spend today in your homes pondering about that one run here or that dubious decision there, know in your hearts that over the course of these last ten days we have managed to acquire something that we have been waiting for, for the last many years.

The same feeling, for which thousands through the stadium at every international event or crowd around their TVs like clockwork at every Bangladesh matchday the feeling that we belong in elite company.

So, know this. That wait is over. The Tigers have arrived.

So despite our sorrows, despite our shattered dreams, despite losing the final in such heartbreaking circumstances, we should thank the Tigers for letting us believe. And for letting us hope. There future holds so much more, but for today we salute Mushfiqur Rahim and his men. It has been a merry ride.



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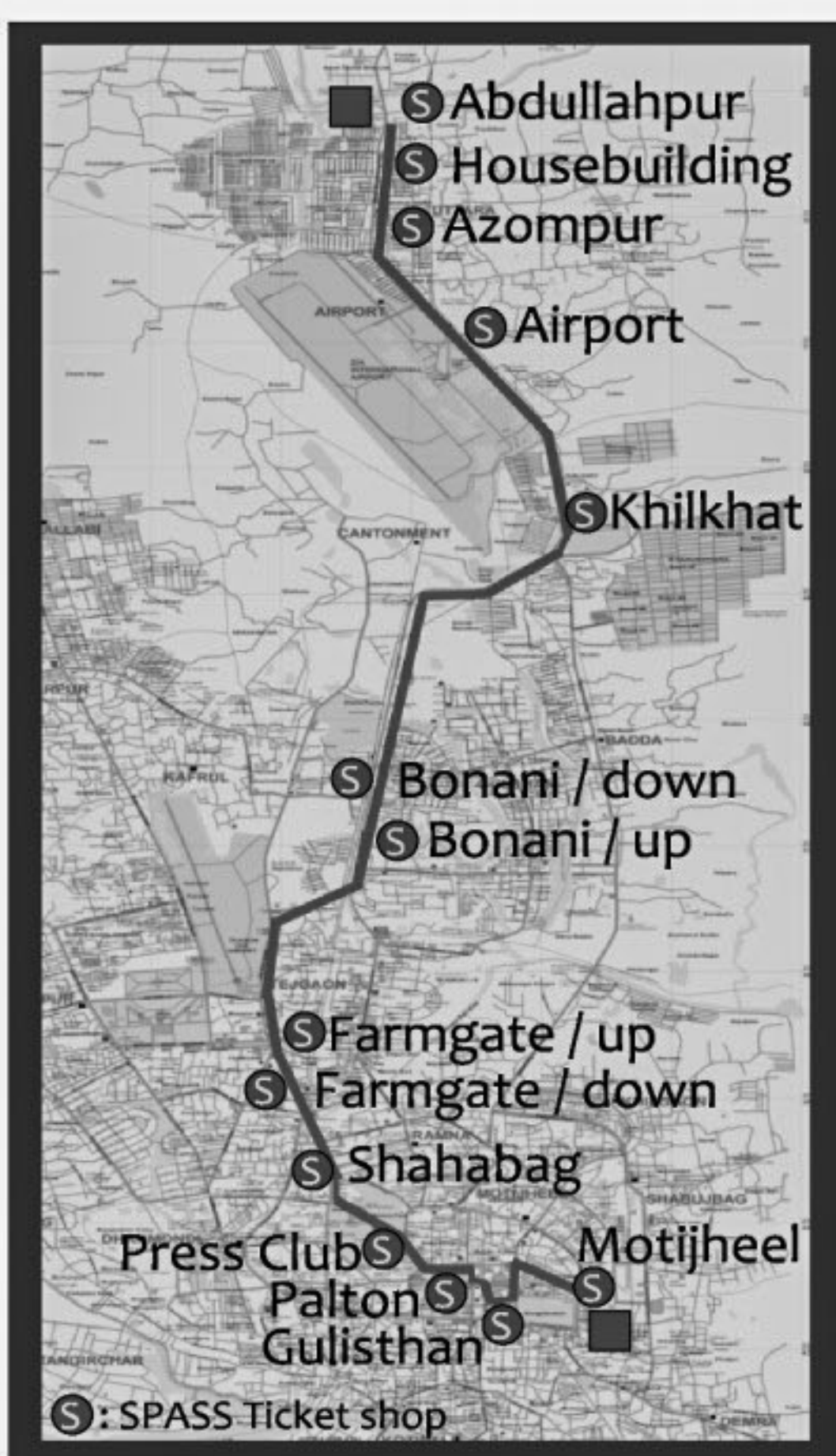
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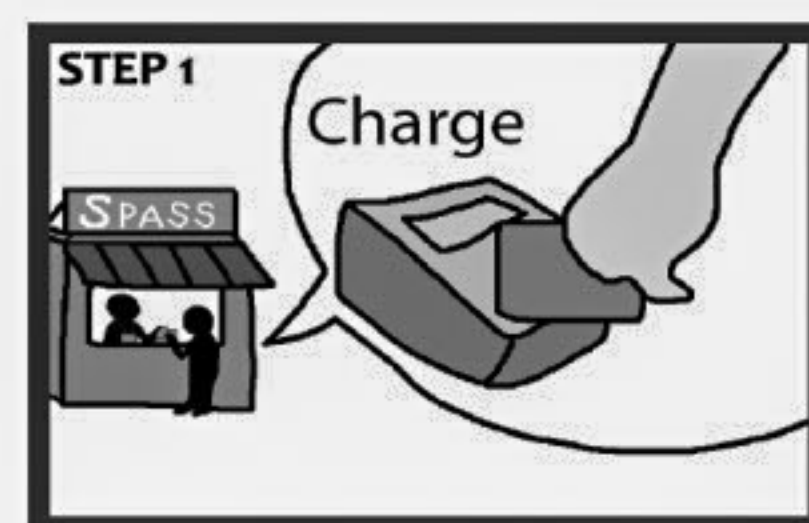
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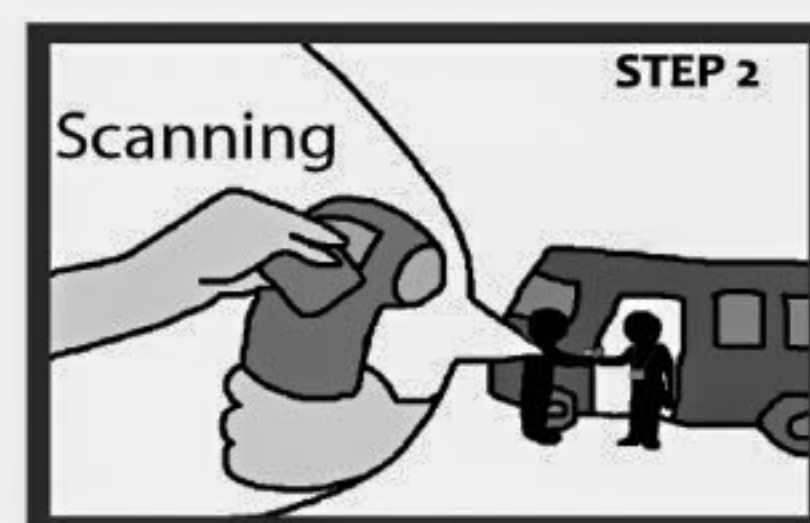
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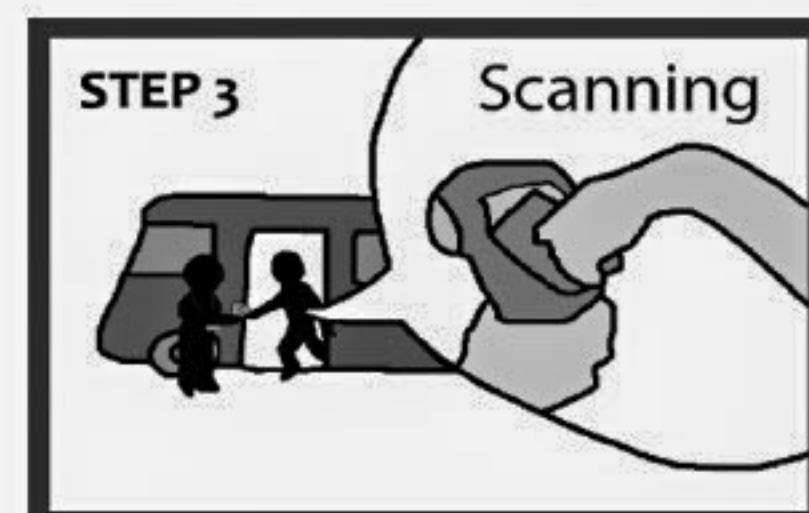
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