

## Battle

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have had contrasting tournaments so far.

While Sri Lanka, the home team, have played consistently, Pakistan so far have had it harder, with their qualification hopes hinging on the result of the last match in their Super Eights group.

Sri Lanka will certainly have home support on their side, and their consistent run in this tournament is a continuation of their consistency in ICC tournaments. They have reached five semifinals in the last six ICC tournaments, second only to their opponents, who have a hundred percent record since the 2007 World Cup. The difference, of course, is that Pakistan managed to go all the way to win the 2009 ICC World Twenty20, while Sri Lanka have not collected ICC silverware since their glorious 1996 World Cup triumph. That is all the more reason why their passionate fans will be satisfied with nothing less than a triumphant campaign.

Since their first-round defeat to South Africa, the home side have built up quite a head of steam, winning all three matches in the Super Eights stage against New Zealand, England and the West Indies.

Pakistan on the other hand have won the same number of matches in the tournament but could have easily been out of the tournament.

In their first Super Eights match against South Africa, they recovered from the perils of 78 for seven to register an unlikely win before going on to lose the second match to India by eight wickets. It was only in their last match against Australia, in which they were victors by 32 runs, they ensured their progression and truly lived up to their pre-tournament billing as favourites.

On paper, the two sides are very evenly matched. Each have their strengths in their bowling line-up. Pakistan are full to the brim with bowling stalwarts like Saeed Ajmal, Umar Gul, Shahid Afridi and stingy newcomer Raza Hasan. Sri Lanka have their own battery in the likes of Lasith Malinga and Ajantha Mendis, who are two of the best Twenty20 bowlers in the world.

If Pakistan have a slight edge in bowling, Sri Lanka get more marks in batting. Their big three of captain Mahela Jayawardene, Kumar Sangakkara and Tillakaratne Dilshan can destroy any bowling attack. There are also up and coming players like Angelo Matthews, Jeevan Mendis and Lahiru Thirimanne.

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The BCL insiders say clashes and violence are going on at different places as the central command has no control over the activists across the country. Besides, there are many factions at major unit committees, formation of committees is

## Alal held for vehicle arson

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the BNP office at Naya Paltan. Later, a Dhaka court sent him on a two-day remand in connection with a case filed for damaging and torching vehicles in front of the BNP's central office on Tuesday.

He blamed the government's men for Tuesday's clashes and demanded release of all arrested leaders and withdrawal of the cases.

On Tuesday, the pro-opposition activists clashed with law enforcers when news spread that ruling party men foiled an opposition rally in Netrakona which BNP standing committee member Mirza Abbas was scheduled to attend as chief guest.

Party leaders said police condoned off the BNP office since Tuesday night when BNP leaders Ruhul Kabir Rizvi, Alal and few others of the party's front bodies along with some workers took

The government is trying to push the country towards a chaotic situation by obstructing our peaceful

programmes," claimed BNP's acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir at a press briefing at the Naya Paltan office.

position there to avoid arrest. Soon after the arrest of Alal, a group of BNP lawmakers went to the Detective Branch (DB) office and requested the authorities to produce Alal before the court without any delay.

Golam Sarwar, officer-in-charge of Naya Paltan Police Station, told The Daily Star that the Juba Dal chief was arrested for his alleged involvement in Tuesday's clash.

But during the hearing at court, Alal denied the allegation saying, "I was not involved in the incident at all."

Of the three cases filed, Idris Ali, a sub-inspector of Naya Paltan Police Station, filed two with the police station against around 200 leaders and activists naming 49. Of the 49 accused, 24 have

already been arrested," Idris told The Daily Star yesterday.

The other case was filed with Ramna Police Station for holding rally illegally, vandalism and torching vehicles. Azim Uddin, officer-in-charge of Naya Paltan Police Station, told The Daily Star that the Juba Dal chief was arrested for his alleged involvement in Tuesday's clash.

Our Feni correspondent reports that in protest against the arrest of Alal, some 15-20 supporters of Juba Dal yesterday afternoon set a bus afire in Fen's Mahipal area. They also vandalised 4-5 vehicles.

Mohammad Mainul Islam, officer-in-charge of Fen Police Station, confirmed the incident. No one was arrested in this connection, he added.

## Gun-toting BCL man

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man whose picture had been published in the media could leave the police station scot-free, the OC quickly put down the phone.

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alleged involvement in the killing of the pro-Awami League student body's Sher-e-Bangla Hall unit joint convenor Abdullah Al Hasan on July 16.

"Do you want us to be shot by Shibir men?" asked Tuhin while talking to The Daily Star.

He claimed that Shibir men were also carrying firearms, but media men had failed to photograph those scenes.

Ashraful Alam Emon, Shibir RU unit president said, "Tuhin was exposed before the media men but despite that he filed the case against Shibir men. It is clearly a false

Meanwhile, RU Vice-Chancellor Prof M Abdus Sobhan, at a press conference at the Senate Building in the afternoon, said "At present, our challenge is to hold the admission tests successfully."

"After the admission process, we will identify the students who had carried firearms during the violence after scrutinising video footage."

BCL activists were also embroiled in a clash with Shibir activists at Dinajpur Government College early yesterday. In the aftermath of the clash, the college was shut down for an indefinite period.

## BCL encouraged to be unruly

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Sources in BCL say their fellow members are frequently getting involved in violence and crimes at different educational institutions as no action is taken against them.

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not regular, and there are no political activities of the organisation right now, they add.

Referring to Friday night's internal clash between Dhaka University's Suryasen Hall and Ziaur Rahman Hall units, last week's clash at Chittagong University, recent clash with truck workers at Tejgaon, among many others, the BCL insiders say no action was taken against any of the offenders.

Even no-one from the BCL was expelled for their involvement in violence or clash.

In some places the BCL attacked the opposition student bodies including Islami Chhatra Shibir at Rajshahi University on Tuesday and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal at DU and RU recently. Ironically, when BNP and Jamaat-led alliance was in power, their student wings JCD and Shibir also carried out similar activities across the country.

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5 lakh toll. This also led to an indefinite strike there. In these cases, the BCL high command took no punitive actions against the persons responsible. The law-enforcers also did not arrest anyone.

Former BCL president Bahadur Bepari said actions must be taken against the offenders to save the image of the government and the party.

Asked, Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury and AL Joint General Secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif declined to comment on BCL.

Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique said BCL leadership should immediately take cognisance of the premier's warning and work accordingly to regain its image.

Police and intelligence agencies should play a more active role so that inter-party clashes can be avoided and those responsible for violence can be brought to book, the VC added.

Besides, the ruling party leadership should come forward to take the responsibility of BCL to contain its unruly activities, Prof Arefin Siddique said.

BCL General Secretary Siddiqui Nazmul Alam said

they would show "zero tolerance" for any unruly activities by BCL workers.

## A living cartoon

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Anime characters often feature huge eyes and heads that are disproportionately large in comparison to their body.

Shpagina, who is just 5 feet 2 inches tall, is already reported to have slimmed down to just over six stone in her attempts to resemble a living anime character, and is said to spend 30 minutes painstakingly applying her dramatic make-up to each one of her eyes.

The teenager, who has over 10,000 fans on Facebook, also posts videos on YouTube demonstrating how she applies her make-up.

One clip, in which Shpagina reveals to fans how she achieves her 'flower fairy' look, has been watched more than 1,50,000 times.

Shpagina is not the first young girl to take style inspiration from the world of fantasy. American Dakota Rose -- or Kota Koti -- has been dubbed the 'real-life Barbie' thanks to her doe-eyed stare and dainty proportions.

The teenager has amassed a global audience by posting fashion and beauty tutorials on YouTube.

## Mojaheed signed

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Earlier, Shahriar Kabir, eminent war crimes researcher and first prosecution witness in the case, told the tribunal that Razakars used to carry ID cards signed by the Jamaat-e-Islami leaders.

Mahbub also said Jamaat-e-Islami and its then student wing Islami Chhatra Sangha, the Razakars, Al-Badr and Al-Shams gave all-out support to the Pakistani force believing in the united Pakistan ideology.

Ghulam Azam was the ameer of East Pakistan Jamaat-e-Islami while Motiur Rahman Nizami and Ali Ahsan Mohammadi a Mojaheed the president and secretary general of Chhatra Sangha during the war, said the witness.

He said Mojaheed became a leader of Islami Chhatra Sangha, "said the witness. "There was a Razakar camp at the house of Firoz Member alias Firoz Member at Garam Pani Lane, some 150-200 yards away from my house and Mojaheed Shahab used to go to the camp."

Government holiday on the occasion of Pura is on October 24 while three days of Eid holidays will commence on October 26.

Though some other ministers supported the proposal, the prime minister did not agree, saying that offices would run as usual, the sources added.

Mahbub said he lived in Fakirpore during the war save the period from April 19 to June 29, when he went to Lalmonirhat.

Pakistan army committed massacres in Jagannath Hall, Rokeya Hall of Dhaka University, Rajbari Police Lines, Pilkhana, Tanti Bazar, and Shakhar Bazar on March 25 night and the Liberation War began, said Mahbub.

The Pakistani army, who started coming to the then East Pakistan, now Bangladesh, in early March 1971, did not have any knowledge about our language and locations of places," said Mahbub.

He said, "But members of Jamaat-e-Islami, Islami Chhatra Sangha and Razakars, and Al-Badr men helped the Pakistani army get over their limitation."

"I knew Mojaheed as a leader of Islami Chhatra Sangha," said the witness. "There was a Razakar camp at the house of Firoz Member alias Firoz Member at Garam Pani Lane, some 150-200 yards away from my house and Mojaheed Shahab used to go to the camp."

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Razakars with "good performance" record used to be selected for Al-Badr in that camp, said the witness, adding, "Al-Badr was known as the killer force."

"After the Liberation War, when we captured the Razakar camp and turned it into a freedom fighters' camp, we recovered many documents of Razakars from there," said Mahbub.

"I lost the documents with the passage of time."

He said one of his distant cousins named Mahsin Ali, now a Rajshahi University employee, had gone to their Dhaka home in 1971 looking for a job.

Mahsin was assigned to look after their house when Mahbub was in Lalmonirhat.

"We couldn't know that he [Mohsin] joined the Razakars," said the witness, adding, "Mohsin fled the house after victory on December 16, 1971, without informing us."

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