

## Battle

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have had contrasting tournament so far.

While Sri Lanka, the home team, have played consistently, Pakistan so far have had it harder, with their qualification hopes hanging on the result of the last match in their Super Eight 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 per cent 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 Eight 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 Eight 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 of 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 Mathews, Jeevan Mendis and Lahiru Thirimanne.

Pakistan are also not too far behind with the likes of the explosive Nasir Jamshed and Kamran Akmal, the precocious Umar Akmal, the level-headed skipper Mohammad Hafeez and the unpredictable Afridi.

Pakistan's weakness so far has been brittle batting, which Sri Lanka will look to exploit. Pakistan, for their part will be looking to get through Sri Lanka's big three and try to crack the puzzle of their opponents' unorthodox bowling. Everything points to a battle between equals.

## Arrest

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minister had been talking about the Ramu incident as they were coming out of the cabinet meeting room.

Details of their discussion could not be known.

But it was learnt that the home minister pointed out that the fundamentalist forces, including militants, Rohingyas and the main opposition BNP had been behind the attacks.

One of the senior ministers told The Daily Star that the BNP with the help of extreme Rohingyas refugees and communal forces had committed the mayhem in a planned way after finding no ground for anti-government movements.

At the cabinet meeting, Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan made the proposal that one working day (October 25) be adjusted between the Puja and Eid-ul-Azha holidays, sources said.

Government holiday on the occasion of Puja 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.

# 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.

Police the same night filed three cases against over 500 pro-opposition leaders and activists with Paltan and Ramna police stations in connection with the clashes in Naya Paltan and Kakrail areas.

Meanwhile, the main opposition BNP declared a countrywide demonstration programme for October 8 protesting the arrest of Alal and attack on Tuesday's protest procession.

"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.

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 cordoned 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

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.

Gulam Sarwar, officer-in-charge of Paltan Police Station, told The Daily Star that the Jubo 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 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 Nayatola Police Outpost, filed the case against 163 opposition leaders and activists mentioning the names of 13.

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

Mohammad Mainul Islam, officer-in-charge of Feni 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 scotfree, the OC quickly put down the phone.

The OC also declined to talk to this correspondent when the latter went to the police station to meet him.

Tuhin, a third-year student in the department of finance and banking, was caught on camera by photojournalists of newspapers and television channels while he was shooting from his gun during the clash between the BCL and Shibir men.

The Daily Star published a photo in its yesterday's issue

showing how plaintiff Tuhin was holding an iron rod and also aiming a pistol at his rivals.

When asked for his comment on how Tuhin had remained untouched, M Obaidullah, commissioner of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police (RMP), said he was on leave and knew nothing about it.

On the same question, RMP Additional Commissioner M Moniruzzaman expressed surprise saying, "Is Tuhin the plaintiff of the case? How so? I will check on the matter."

Tuhin was expelled from the BCL RU unit following his

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

case'.

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 with no action is taken against them.

Contacted by The Daily Star, several ministers and party leaders said they don't want to take the responsibility of BCL's misdeeds or even talk about their activities.

They suggested talking to Communications Minister Obaidul Quader and State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Jahangir Kabir Nanak who were earlier assigned by Hasina to look after the BCL affairs. Quader said he had only helped the party hold the BCL council last year and that was all.

Currently, there is no AL leader who looks after the BCL politics. Most of the top BCL leaders are blessed by the AL leaders of their respective areas and that is why they have no accountability to anyone.

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

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.

The BCL also beat up two interns at Chittagong Medical College Hospital in September forcing all the interns to go for an indefinite strike.

In Sylhet, BCL men vandalised a CNG refuelling station and beat up its staff as its owner refused to pay Tk

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.

# Power sector

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Bangladesh, and a couple of joint secretaries of the ministry.

Sources said that this training was best suited for junior engineers.

Meanwhile, another joint secretary of the ministry has gone to Switzerland. He will return on October 12.

"But this is not all. The state minister for power was in Japan for 15 days last month. He is set to visit Delhi from October 12 to 19," said a source.

Their absence has had all activities and decision-

making processes in the ministry, the PDB and other related organisations stalled. While the piling up of internal files goes on, representatives of different power companies that work with the government under various contracts keep visiting the offices for decisions every day.

"But there is no activity in these offices. The bosses are gone and no one is there to take a decision. It's unbelievable that the activities of the whole power sector are now stalled. Every decision

now must wait until the bosses return," quips an official.

Three years ago, the government had declared jobs in the power sector as "emergency service". That was part of its high emphasis on filling in the gaps that had been created earlier. Ironically, three years on, this whole idea of the sector being of an emergency nature appear to have been thrown overboard, with so many senior officials in the power sector going off on jaunts abroad.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

"Construction of two Bridges on Brammaputra River under Islampur Upazila of Jamalpur District"  
Local Government Engineering Department  
LGED Bhaban (Level-9)  
Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar  
Dhaka-1207

Memo No. LGED/ID/CBB/T-01/2011/378

Dated: 27/09/2012

IFPQ No: 02/2012

## Re-Invitation for Pre-qualification

1	Ministry/Division	Local Government, Rural Department & Cooperatives/Local Government Division.
2	Agency	Local Government Engineering Department (LGED).
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director, Construction of two Bridges on Brammaputra River under Islampur Upazila of Jamalpur District.
4	Procuring entity code	N/A.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	(1) Construction of 560m PSC Girder Bridge on Brammaputra River at Piling Ghat under Islampur Upazila of Jamalpur District. (2) Construction of 560m PSC Girder Bridge on Brammaputra River at Daffapara Ghat under Islampur Upazila of Jamalpur District.
7	Invitation Ref. No.	Memo No. LGED/ID/CBB/T-01/2011/378.
8	Date	Memo date: 27/09/2012.

### KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement method	National Open Tendering Method (NOTM) with Pre-qualification.
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### FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget and source of funds	Govt of Bangladesh (GoB).
11	Development partners	None.

### PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project code	N/A.
13	Project name	Construction of two Bridges on Brammaputra River under Islampur Upazila of Jamalpur District.
14	Tender package No.	(1) Package No: PD/CBB/W-11. (2) Package No: PD/CBB/W-12.
15	Tender package name	(1) <b>Package No: PD/CBB/W-11:</b> (a) Const of RCC Bridge of Islampur-Bakshiganj connecting road at Piling Ghat over Brammaputra River. (b) River training & slope protection works of Bridge on Islampur-Bakshiganj connecting road at Piling Ghat over Brammaputra River. (c) Construction of connecting road of the Bridge on Islampur-Bakshiganj connecting road at Piling Ghat over Brammaputra River. (2) <b>Package No: PD/CBB/W-12:</b> (a) Const of RCC Bridge on Sampur Bazar-Sherpur Sadar via Benusarchar GC road at Daphola Ghat over Brammaputra River. (b) River training & slope protection works of Bridge on Sampur Bazar-Sherpur Sadar via Benusarchar GC road at Daphola Ghat over Brammaputra River. (c) Construction of connecting road of the Bridge on Sampur Bazar-Sherpur Sadar via Benusarchar GC road at Daphola Ghat over Brammaputra River.
16	Pre-qualification publication date	Within 07/10/2012.
17	Pre-qualification closing date and time	05/11/2012 & 2.00pm.
18	Name & address of the office(s)	Address/date/time -Selling pre-qualification document (principal) Office of the Project Director, "Construction of two Bridges on Brammaputra River under Islampur Upazila of Jamalpur District", LGED Bhaban (Level-9), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. Date: 04/11/2012, Time: Up to office hour. - Selling pre-qualification document (others) (1) Office of the Superintending Engineer, LGED, Mymensingh Region, Dist Mymensingh. (2) Office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Dist Jamalpur. Date: 04/11/2012, Time: Up to office hour. - Receiving pre-qualification document Office of the Project Director, "Construction of two Bridges on Brammaputra River under Islampur Upazila of Jamalpur District", LGED Bhaban (Level-9), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. Date: 05/11/2012, Time: 2.00pm. - Opening pre-qualification document Office of the Project Director, "Construction of two Bridges on Brammaputra River under Islampur Upazila of Jamalpur District", LGED Bhaban (Level-9), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. Date: 05/11/2012, Time: 2.30pm.
19.	Place/date/time of pre-qualification meeting (optional)	Place: Office of the Project Director, "Construction of two Bridges on Brammaputra River under Islampur Upazila of Jamalpur District", LGED Bhaban (Level-9), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 Date: 15/10/2012 Time: 11.00am

### INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

20.	Eligibility of applicant	For package No: PD/CBB/W-11: as mentioned in the PQW document	For package No: PD/CBB/W-12: as mentioned in the PCW document
21.	Brief description of works	• Approximate length of the bridge: 560m • Two lane bridge with bothside footpath • Pile dia: 800-1200mm, length not less than 45m. • River training & slope protection work, Bridge approach road	• Approximate length of the bridge: 560m • Two lane bridge with bothside footpath • Pile dia: 800-1200mm, length not less than 45m. • River training & slope protection work, Bridge approach road
22.	Brief description of related services	N/A.	
23.	Price of pre-qualification document	Tk 20,000.00 (twenty thousand only) for each package.	

### PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

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<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>				
24.	Name of official inviting pre-qualification	Md Golam Mostafa.		
25.	Designation of official inviting pre-qualification	Project Director.		
26.	Address of official inviting pre-qualification	"Construction of two Bridges on Brammaputra River under Islampur Upazila of Jamalpur District", LGED Bhaban (Level-9), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.		
27.	Contact details of official inviting pre-qualification	Tel No. 02-8181670	Fax No. 02-8181670	E-mail: Project_director2012@gmail.com
28.	The pre-qualification applications (3+3=6 Nos.) (documents) which were submitted on 29/08/2012 will remain valid and active accordingly.			
29.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all pre-qualification.			

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