

Shakib shines in series

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Shakib's heroics also brought him back to the number one position in the top Test all-rounders' list.

The performance also ensured that Bangladesh overtake Zimbabwe and jump to number nine in the Test rankings. There were a host of performers in the last Test. Tamim Iqbal hit a hundred for a four-year break, Mahmudullah Riyad and Mominul Haque scored half-centuries and kept the team alive, two young spinners Tajjul Islam and Jubair Hossain put in their best efforts, but ultimately it was Shakib who took the Tigers over the line.

Shakib's five-wicket haul in the second innings was ably aided by Tajjul and Jubair, who took the remaining scalps as Zimbabwe folded for 151 runs in pursuit of 314.

It is only the second time that Bangladesh have won two consecutive Tests. The last time they achieved the feat was against a depleted West Indies

team in 2009. As a result, these wins are bound to be sweeter for Mushfiqur Rahim and Co. On a personal note, this was Bangladesh's third win under Mushfiqur, the most by any Bangladeshi captain so far.

The day did not start off very well for the Tigers as their batting did not gather the expected pace which ultimately compelled them to declare their innings much later than the original plan. Until then it was Shuvagata Hom's maiden half-century that helped the Tigers prolong.

By the time the hosts declared, they had just 68 overs in hand to enforce a series win.

Tajjul began the carnage by taking a return catch to dismiss Brian Chari in the fifth over and then Shakib removed Sikandar Raza who edged one to a close-in fielder. By the lunch time, Zimbabwe were already in trouble at 13 for 2. Soon after the start Shakib dismissed captain Brendan Taylor in a similar fashion.

The ball was keeping low and the Zimbabwe batsmen were crumbling under pressure. However, the two first innings centuries -- Hamilton Masakadza and Regis Chakabva -- fought back with a 70-run stand for the third wicket.

The hosts needed something special to break the stand and that came in the form of a googly from Jubair Hossain. The 19-year-old bowled one from the back of the hand which Chakabva leaned forward to defend only for the ball to turn and collect an inside edge, which was well taken by Mahmudullah Riyad in the slips.

Masakadza, the other dangerman was out to a Shakib-delivery that had an extra bit of bounce. Soon after his fall, the Zimbabweans fell like nine-pins to collapse for 151. They lost their last five wickets for 14 runs.

The two teams will fly to Chittagong today where they will play the third and final Test and the first two ODIs of the five-match series.

Execution only thru' due process

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of his sentence.

In a press release on November 6, Heyns and Knaut noted: "In countries that have not abolished the death penalty, capital punishment may be imposed only following a trial that complied with the most stringent guarantees of fair trial and due process. "Any death sentence executed in contravention of a government's international obligations is tantamount to an arbitrary execution."

Last year, the two UN human rights experts had urged Bangladesh to halt the execution of Jamaat leader and convicted war criminal Abdul Quader Mollah.

On November 3, the Supreme Court upheld the death penalty for Jamaat's Assistant Secretary General Kamaruzzaman, a key organiser of infamous Al-Badr Bahini responsible for abducting, torturing and killing freedom fighters, intellectuals and pro-liberation people in 1971.

The government has already asked the Dhaka Central Jail authorities to make preparation for his execution.

However, a debate continues over Kamaruzzaman's right to seek review of the SC verdict.

The UN human rights specialists have on several occasions expressed concerns regarding serious violations of fair trial and due process guarantees in the judicial proceedings before the tribunal that were reported to them, the press release said.

LAW MINISTER'S REACTION

The government will not back off from executing the death sentence of Kamaruzzaman, Law Minister Anisul Huq told The Daily Star in his reaction to the UN human rights experts' call.

"The highest court of the country has sentenced Kamaruzzaman to death for his war-time crimes, maintaining all legal procedures. We are a sovereign nation, and therefore, the government will do the needful to

implement the verdict," he said.

Anisul said as per the relevant rules, the Jamaat leader will be given seven days for seeking presidential mercy since his hearing of the judgment.

If Kamaruzzaman does not seek presidential clemency within the time, the government will take necessary steps for his execution on the basis of the SC's short verdict, the minister said.

Citing an example, Anisul said the so-called killers of late president Ziaur Rahman were hanged a few hours after the SC upheld their death sentences in 1982.

The minister hoped to receive the short verdict from the SC on the Jamaat leader very soon.

About the UN human rights experts' request, Anisul said he would send their statement to the foreign ministry to find out its authenticity and would make a decision about it on receipt of the foreign ministry report.

Man killed in blast

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filed yet," he told The Daily Star.

The hotel started operation about a year ago, said the OC. Police would ask Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk) if the hotel authorities had approval.

Al Amin said the hotel's reservation-in-charge who was among the detainees, the blast had taken place around 3:15pm.

The chiller exploded with a loud bang destroying the windowpanes of a

nearby house, owned by former communications minister Syed Abul Hossain.

Broken pieces of brass pipe and other metal parts of the blasted chiller flew far into the premise of his house. Taher, a security guard at the house, was hit in the right hand by a metal piece.

Pieces of metal also hit the windowpanes of another house.

Talking to The Daily Star, Abul Hossain said when he was a minister

he tried to stop the construction of the high-rise hotel in the residential area.

He added lower-tier officials of the public works ministry and Rajuk had told him that they were helpless in this regard.

Rajuk Chairman GM Zainul Abedin Bhuiyan could not be reached for comments over the phone. After this correspondent sent him a message, he texted in reply: "In a workshop. Need to check in authorised officer's office. Will check tomorrow."

In search of fortune

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"They don't like getting separated from the group. The best time to approach them is when they are alone and have time to negotiate," Faisal volunteers his business strategy.

A few yards away, his partner Rafiq, another migrant, is furtively scouring their surroundings for signs of plainclothed policemen. Every few minutes the two men exchange uneasy glances. They haven't sold a single bag today.

"Sales are down for the last three-four months and at times it feels very desperate. But we have no choice. Who is going to feed our families back home?" said Rafiq, shifting his gaze towards three men standing near an expensive restaurant not far from him. Their hardened faces and sunken eyes scanned the busy tables impassively as they stood beside their worn tarpaulin sheets on the ground, laden with tourist souvenirs and cheap leather goods.

Like Rafiq and Faisal they are from Bangladesh too, and entered Italy on forged documents.

GROWING MIGRANT POPULATION
Oddly, it is a familiar sight across Rome. A quick visual audit of the city and nearby every other roadside vendor, souvenir seller, shop worker and restaurant waiter appears to be of Bangladeshi origin.

The striking ubiquitousness of these South Asian men, however, is no coincidence but arguably the face of another migrant crisis than the one Italy is battling on its shores.

The Mediterranean nation is now home to a growing number of Bangladeshi migrants, many of whom have been smuggled or trafficked into the country.

According to the Italian Bureau of Statistics (ISTAT), in 2009, there were 11,000 Bangladeshi migrants in Italy. New estimates released since then by various independent sources suggest their number could now be as high as 70,000. With 122,000 residents, Italy has the second largest Bangladeshi community in Europe after Britain.

"In scale it may not seem comparable with the crisis involving migrants from North Africa making a perilous attempt to reach Italy in overcrowded boats. But due to fewer economic opportunities at home, many Bangladeshis are resorting to equally desperate measures and facing similar levels of risk in the hope of a better life in Europe," said Dr Md Mizanur Rahman, senior research fellow in migration studies at National University of Singapore.

Poverty and high unemployment have made migration an integral part of Bangladeshi society and culture, Rahman said. "Male members are now invariably expected to migrate to cities or overseas to uplift the family financially," he said.

It took Faisal 11 months and 1,600,000 Bangladeshi takas (\$20,535) to reach Rome from Dubai, where he and his father were employed as construction workers. By air, the two cities are six hours apart and a one-way ticket costs about \$400.

In 2011, things took a turn for the worse when his father lost use of his hands in an accident months before Faisal's visa was due for renewal. The responsibility for providing for his elderly parents, four sisters, wife and two children now rested on him.

"Poor men have poorer luck, you see," Faisal tries to force a smile. "I didn't get my [visa] extension and going home was not an option. I had too many mouths to feed."

After his family back home made a flurry of arrangements with adam byaparis -- Bengali for "human merchants" -- in exchange for one million takas (\$12,780), raised from selling family land and loans from money-lenders, Faisal was then set off on a boat from Dubai with nearly 20 men, headed for Europe.

"The overland expedition through Oman, Iran, and Turkey was fraught with risks and exacted a heavy toll on the men, both physically and mentally," he told Al Jazeera.

They covered long distances in overcrowded jeeps or on foot for days, often after dark. Every few hundred kilometres, the group -- which once swelled to 200 men -- was handed down to local smugglers, who routinely banded them with other groups that also included girls before arranging crossings across borders.

"They [smugglers] never stopped for anything except when hiding us in safe-houses. Two men died due to exhaustion but their bodies were abandoned by the roadside. No prayers were said for the Muslim brothers, let alone give them a decent burial," Faisal said.

'SLASH OUR THROATS'
After reaching Istanbul, the migrant from Noakhali district in southern Bangladesh found himself in the hands of a gang who subjected him to beatings, starvation, and blackmail for days.

"This is how they would tie electric wires into knots on one end," Faisal wraps a thin strap from a fake Chanel bag around his knuckles, "and whip us".

"They demanded another million [takas] for the journey forward or they would slash our throats and throw us in the Bosphorus, [the strait that divides Europe and Asia]," he said.

After his family paid 400,000 takas (\$5,180), borrowed from relatives, to local handlers, Faisal was dropped off in Greece, where he spent another seven months in hiding and waiting for his travel documents. Three failed attempts later, he eventually succeeded in boarding a flight to Rome with a fake agriculture worker visa.

"In recent years a lot of men have gone to Sicily and Venice. They are now crossing on boats from Libya," said Rafiq, who arrived in Italy in 2008 on a six-month agriculture visa. "Overland routes have become more dangerous and expensive," he adds.

According to Rahman, Italy has become a highly desirable destination for Bangladeshi immigrants due to its lax entry controls and mass drives to legalise migrants. Since 1986, its government has absorbed over a million immigrants under its quota system.

"That Italy is now attracting university-educated, urban Bangladeshi youth says a lot about its appeal," he told Al Jazeera.

REMITTANCE

As per Bangladesh's central bank, migrants have remitted nearly \$1bn from Italy between 2000 and 2010.

For Rafiq and Faisal, however, sending money home is no less than "selling blood and dignity".

"You work 16-17 hours a day, take abuse, submit to exploitation and say nothing," Rafiq said. In his first job, the 28-year-old migrant from Dhaka picked fruit on a farm for 2 euros (\$2.50) an hour.

"I toiled for a local shoe manufacturer from 4am to 5pm. He paid me 23 euros [\$28.77] per day," Faisal said.

Last year both men decided to start their own "business" after meeting in a three-bedroom flat, which they shared with 18 other migrants.

They now make roughly 1600-1700 euros (\$2,001-\$2,126) a month, slightly more than their previous earnings. At 450 euros (\$562) per person, food and rent are still their biggest expenses. The remainder is wired home.

While Rafiq is happy that "no one is sucking their blood", Faisal would like to see bigger savings at the end of the month.

"I would like to send Sifat a smartphone but it's hard to slash expenses any further," Faisal said.

21 lakh kids

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"If it is so, our children will be in deep trouble," said the father of a JSC examinee.

Sharmin, mother of another JSC examinee, said her daughter had difficulty getting preparation as four of her JSC examinations were postponed and she remained unsure about what to study.

"We don't do politics. Neither do our kids. But they always fall prey to political crises," she said.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid visited the Motijheel Government Boys High School in Dhaka and urged all political parties not to impose any hartal during the JSC exams for students' sake.

"Security of the children is our first concern and that's why we were compelled to reschedule the exams. We have time and again urged all political parties not to obstruct the exams by calling hartals but that went unheeded," he said.

The minister sought cooperation from all.

Meanwhile, a total of 46,040 candidates were absent on the first day of the examinations while five students were expelled for resorting to unfair means. Madrasa Board had the highest number of absentees with 14,243 candidates skipping the exam.

Among the expelled, four are from the Madrasa Board while the rest from the Dhaka Board, according to the education ministry's control room.

Fish output

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and carp, while hilsa is the most consumed marine species.

Meanwhile, a report of Department of Fisheries (DoF) said several government initiatives, including conservation of Jatka, setting up inland sanctuary, releasing fish fries in inland water bodies, setting up swamp nurseries and managing jalmahals, contributed to booming fish production in the country.

Bangladesh currently has been producing fish worth Tk 50,000 crore a year, which provides livelihood to 11 percent people, according to DoF statistics. The production of fish and fisheries products has increased by over 25 percent in last five years.

The government, said the report, has set up 715 swamp nurseries in last five years. If the trend continues, it would be possible to produce around 45.1 lakh MT fish in 2021.

Blanket factory

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machine caused the fire.

"We tried to douse the fire with extinguishers and water but it spread quickly over the factory and its godown immediately," he added.

Contacted, Inspector General (IG) of Prisons Brig Gen Syed Iftakhar Uddin said though the prisoner compound was very close to the factory, the fire did not touch the compound.

"We were present inside the jail compound and no disorder took place there," he said.

A probe committee will be formed today with home ministry representatives to investigate whether it was an accident or a sabotage, the IG, Prisons said.

Hold councils

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About BNP Senior Vice-chairman Tarique Rahman's recent comment on filing a sedition case against Bangabandhu, he said it's a "foul talk". There is no law in the world under which dead persons could be sued, mentioned Ashraf.

Senior AL leaders Matia Chowdhury, Nooh-ul-Alam Lenin, Shahara Khatun, Mahbulul Alam Hanif, HT Imam, and Mrinal Kanti Das were present, among others.

BNP cancels today's rally

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general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir will disclose the next plan of the party at a press conference at its Nayapaltn headquarters at 12:00noon today, sources said.

The BNP had sought the permission on October 29 to hold the rally as part of its 10-day programmes, marking the "National Revolution and Solidarity Day" on November 7, Bulu added.

Earlier in the day, Fakhrul said people would force the government to hold a midterm national election before 2019.

He made the comment while briefing reporters after placing wreaths at the grave of BNP founder Ziaur Rahman at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the capital.

Nearly an hour before the briefing, a vehicle carrying BNP leaders Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Annee and Sultan Salauddin Tuku came under an attack at Bijoy Sarani intersection.

The vehicle was in the convoy of party chairperson Khaleda Zia which was heading towards Zia's grave.

Both Annee and Tuku, BNP's student affairs secretary and assistant secretary respectively, were unhurt.

The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal members who were deprived of posts in the newly formed central committee carried out the attack, said JCD insiders.

The new committee has been rejected by a group of JCD leaders who termed it a "pocket committee" of Annee and Tuku.

Recently, several leaders of ruling Awami League, including its chief Sheikh Hasina, have said the next national elections will be held at the "right time."

During her recent UAE visit, Hasina said: "According to the constitution, the government's tenure is five years. The election can be held anytime in a democracy and the government has every right to hold it anytime. But I am saying the election will be held at the right time."

Facebook in fight against

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option to donate to one of three different charities: International Medical Corps, the Red Cross or Save the Children.

All of the money donated will go directly to the charities working on the ground in West Africa.

If they want to, users can also share the fact that they have donated on Facebook, helping to raise awareness and encouraging friends to donate as well.

"In times of crisis, people turn to Facebook to learn about what's happening, share their experiences and offer support," said Naomi Gleit, Facebook's vice president of product management and Chris Daniels, vice president of Internet.org in a blog post.

"Organisations involved in the fight against Ebola are using Facebook to raise funds for their relief efforts. We want to amplify these calls for action and help organizations connect directly with people around the world."

Commenting on the news, Kevin

Responding to the statement by Hasina, Fakhrul had said: "The government has begun to bow to the public demand for a general election."

The BNP leader also said he was a politician and they could understand the "language of other politicians."

On many occasions, the BNP has reiterated its threat to wage a tougher anti-government movement for an immediate election under a non-partisan caretaker government. However, it has not said when the movement would begin.

BNP chief Khaleda Zia has recently urged her leaders and activists to get ready to hit the streets.

UN asked to vote on N Korea war crimes probe

AFP, United Nations

The European Union and Japan on Thursday brushed aside warnings from North Korea and presented a United Nations resolution calling for a probe of the Pyongyang regime for crimes against humanity.

The resolution was submitted to a UN General Assembly committee despite a major diplomatic push by North Korea to have key provisions scrapped, including one urging the Security Council to refer Pyongyang to the International Criminal Court.

Wasfia named

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continent took the Bangladeshi people to every continent. It gave them a lot of pride."

She has recently launched the Ösel Foundation, aimed at educating marginalised young women and getting them into the outdoors.

Noone, executive director for International Medical Corps UK said: "Facebook's robust leadership and extraordinary scope will help educate millions of people about the Ebola crisis."

Facebook is also working with Unicef to provide information about Ebola symptoms and treatment to people in affected and neighbouring regions.

These Unicef messages, which appear in people's News Feeds in the appropriate local language, focus on Ebola detection, prevention and treatment.

A separate initiative in collaboration with NetHope (a consortium of 41 international NGOs) aims to provide communications capacity to medical and aid workers.

Facebook is donating 100 mobile satellite communication terminals for deployment in remote areas of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone to provide mobile broadband and telephony services.

New Biman MD

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two years last year but he had to resign on health grounds.

Since then, Biman Director AM Mosaddique Ahmed has been serving as the acting managing director.

Biman had asked interested and qualified professionals to apply for the job and received 40 applications for the post, 26 foreign nationals and 14 Bangladeshis.

A core committee made a short-list

from the applicants and they were given a special problem-solving assignment to find out the best person to fit Biman's need.

The committee then chose three candidates. The Biman board interviewed them and picked Haywood, sources said.

In July, the board in a meeting approved a proposal of the selection committee for the appointment of Haywood.

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INVITATION OF TENDER
ARMY HEADQUARTERS, EME DIRECTORATE
DHAKA CANTONMENT

1. Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from DGDP/Logistics Area enlisted Contractors for purchase of following A-in-U items in Local Currency:

Ser	Tender No & date	Nomenclature	Qty	Specification	Last date of selling Tender Schedule	Opening date of Tender
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1.	A-in-U/01Dt: 02 Nov 2014	Brake & suspension test machine	01	Specification would be attached with schedule	27 Nov 2014	30 Nov 2014
2.	A-in-U/02Dt: 02 Nov 2014	Break drum/disc grinding machine (heavy & light vehicles)	01	Specification would be attached with schedule	27 Nov 2014	30 Nov 2014
3.	A-in-U/03Dt: 02 Nov 2014	Engine dynamometer	02	Specification would be attached with schedule	27 Nov 2014	30 Nov 2014
4.	A-in-U/04Dt: 02 Nov 2014	Electronic Fuel injection pump testing bench	01	Specification would be attached with schedule	27 Nov 2014	30 Nov 2014
5.	A-in-U/05Dt: 02 Nov 2014	KPL test machine	02	Specification would be attached with schedule	27 Nov 2014	30 Nov 2014
6.	A-in-U/06Dt: 02 Nov 2014	Surface grinding eqpt (Heavy duty) with complete accessories	01	Specification would be attached with schedule	27 Nov 2014	30 Nov 2014
7.	A-in-U/07Dt: 02 Nov 2014	Boring eqpt (Heavy duty) with comp accessories	01	Specification would be attached with schedule	27 Nov 2014	30 Nov 2014

2. Tender schedule will be available during working hours(0800 to 1430 hrs) from the date of publication in the Daily news paper at Army Headquarters, Master General of the Ordnance Branch (EME Directorate), Dhaka Cantonment. DGDP/Log Area enlisted firms may participate in the tender.

3. Tender must be dropped in double envelope (Technical and Financial offers separately) before 1300 hrs on 30 Nov 2014 in the tender box kept at the reception room of AHQ, Agrajatra gate, Dhaka Cantonment.

4. 2.5% earnest money of the total tender amount shall be deposited in the form of Bank Guarantee (Minimum one year)/Ban/draft/pay order along with the tender in favor of DEME, Army Headquarters, Master General of the Ordnance Branch (EME Directorate) Dhaka Cantonment.

5. Price of tender schedules are Tk: 500.00. & Tk:1000.00 as per tender items value under Tk 10,00,000.00 and above Tk 10,00,000.00 respectively.

6. Quantity of tendered items may be increased or decreased.

7. Authority reserves all the right to accept or reject any or all the offers of the tender without assigning any reason thereof.

8. Training and other Conditions: would be mentioned in schedule.

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