



Bangladesh hand England a 15-run heartbreak to move into quarterfinals for the first time

BISHWAJIT ROY from Adelaide

When Bangladesh beat Scotland a few days back, there was a sense of relief. But when they disposed of England by 15 runs in a thriller at the Adelaide Oval yesterday, the whole nation savoured something that it can really be proud of.

Two lethal full-length deliveries from paceman Rubel Hossain in the penultimate over, which heralded the fall of the England resistance in a match that swung from one end to the other like a pendulum, scripted a small piece of history for this fledgling cricketing nation.

The Tigers are now in World Cup's knock out stage for the first time and that too with a match in hand -- against New Zealand on March 13.

They did beat some big teams including England in their previous four World Cup appearances, but this victory was

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more satisfying because it was done with a purpose against a team desperate to avoid the embarrassment of taking an early flight back home.

The game went down to the wire in the last few overs with England looking like the team to take the game away from the firm grip of the Tigers. Stuart Broad hit the second ball of the 48th over for a six, Tamim Iqbal dropped dangerousman Chris Woakes at mid-off and eventually that

over produced 15 runs and England suddenly found themselves 15 runs far from victory with 12 deliveries and two wickets left.

But when Rubel knocked off the stumps of Broad and James Anderson with the first and third deliveries of the next over respectively, not many had noticed that the falling LED stumps literally painted the lush Adelaide green top into red and green.

So, looking for heroes! Better choose the eleven Tigers who were resolute to overcome early hiccups and showed the necessary discipline in batting for the second successive game and then produced a fiery display of pace bowling in defence of 275, considered as a below par total when England came out to bat.

Mahmudullah Riyad's hundred as the first by a Bangladeshi in World Cups, Mushfiqur Rahim's yet another

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QUOTE

"We dedicate this victory to the heroes of our War of Liberation."

BANGLADESH CAPTAIN
MASHRAFE BIN MORTAZA
AFTER VICTORY AGAINST ENGLAND

ISIS militants kidnap Bangladeshi in Libya

The oil field worker among 9 hostages

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Bangladeshi was among nine foreign nationals taken hostage by Islamic State militants in an attack on an oilfield in Libya on Friday.

The victim, Helal Uddin, 40, from Madarganj upazila in Jamalpur, has been working in the North African country for the last six years, according to his family and the foreign ministry.

"The incident happened when gunmen invaded the al-Ghani oilfield to the south of the Libyan city of Sirte on Friday killing eleven guards, beheading a number of them before local forces fought back to retake control," read a statement of the ministry yesterday.

International media reported that the kidnapped foreigners were working for the Austrian oil services company VAOS and

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Helal Uddin

12-hr break in hartal today

But extended till 6am Friday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP-led 20-party alliance has relaxed its ongoing hartal for 12 hours from 6:00am today for celebrating the Tigers' historic victory in yesterday's World Cup match. The blockade, however, will continue.

The announcement came hours after

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FIRST MEETING WITH MODI Mamata talks Teesta, LBA

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee discussed the Teesta water-sharing deal and land boundary agreement with Bangladesh yesterday, a senior official said.

At the 20-minute one-to-one meeting between the two leaders, the current state of India-Bangladesh relations and the pending issues came up.

Mamata is understood to have apprised Modi of her talks with Bangladesh leadership, including Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, during her visit to Dhaka last month.

However, there was no official word on the issues that

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