

Tigers truly terrific

Young tearaway notches 5 wickets as Bangladesh thump down meaty defeat on mighty India

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The Tigers have been trying to make the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium a fortified stronghold for quite some time. And on Thursday night they took a giant step towards achieving that goal with a surprisingly facile 79-run win against India.

The Tigers however needed a fresh pillar in debutant Mustafizur Rahman, the young left-arm pacer whose off-cutters thudded an Indian invasion in the most effective way possible in a match tipped as a grudge game for fans in this part of the world after that much talked-about MCG quarterfinal between the two teams in the World Cup.

The capacity crowd at the home of Bangladesh cricket in Mirpur were relentlessly chanting 'Mauka, Mauka', understandably ridiculing the



Mustafizur Rahman became only the second Bangladeshi to claim a five-for on debut, one year and a day to the date that Taskin Ahmed achieved the feat, both aged 19, and against India. The left-handed pacer's off-cutters bewildered India and his five-wicket haul was the key factor behind Bangladesh's 79-run win at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

More money flies into Swiss banks

Deposits by Bangladeshis go up by 36pc; political unrest, poor investment scope seen as reasons

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Bangladeshi citizens' deposits with various Swiss banks rose by 36.02 percent year-on-year in 2014, according to the Swiss central bank.

The amount went up to Tk 4,283 crore (506 million Swiss franc) last year from Tk 3,149 crore (372 million franc) in the previous year, shows the latest data of Swiss National Bank (SNB). In 2012, the amount was Tk 1,991 crore.

Zahid Hussain, lead economist at the World Bank's Dhaka office, said people keep money in Swiss banks for safety.

The money kept outside the country for safety is generally earned through dubious methods, he said.

"Political uncertainty coupled with a sense of insecurity about money earned through such means makes the owners of those funds seek safety. This might have been the case in 2014.

"People don't keep their money with Swiss banks for profit as their deposit rates are very low," Zahid told The Daily Star yesterday.

The economist noted that a part of the money went out of the country for lack of congenial environment for investment at home.

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GRAFT CHARGE AGAINST KHALEDA

Niko trial gets go-ahead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday cleared the way for trial proceedings to resume in the Niko corruption case against Khaleda Zia.

It also ordered the BNP chief to surrender before the trial court within two months after its verdict reaches the trial court.

The court gave the order rejecting Khaleda's petition that had challenged the legality of the opening and proceeding of the case filed eight years ago.

The HC bench of Justice Md Nuruzzaman and Justice Zafar Ahmed also directed the trial court to consider



the former prime minister's bail petition, on condition that she did not misuse the bail.

In another development yesterday, a special court in Dhaka fixed July 23 for the hearing of two other graft cases

against the BNP chairperson.

Judge Abu Ahmed Jamadar of the Special Judge Court-3 came up with the order in presence of Khaleda in response to her two petitions, seeking adjournment of Zia Charitable Trust and Zia Orphanage Trust graft cases.

Khaleda denies all the charges and maintains the cases are politically motivated.

The Anti-Corruption Commission filed the Niko graft case in December 2007 over charges that Khaleda and several others abused power to award a gas exploration and extraction deal to Canadian company Niko when she

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BORDER SHOOTING Myanmar ambassador summoned

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday summoned the Myanmar ambassador in Dhaka and lodged a protest over the BGP's firing on Bangladesh paramilitary force and abduction of a BGB man.

Additional Foreign Secretary Mizanur Rahman handed over a strongly worded note verbale to Ambassador Myo Myint Than and asked him to

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CONTEMPT OF COURT

Arrest order for Zafrullah

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday issued an arrest warrant for Gonoshasthaya Kendra founder Zafrullah Chowdhury for non-payment of a fine it had imposed on him for contempt of court.

The three-member tribunal, led by Justice Obaidul Hassan, passed the order after the deadline for payment of Tk 5,000 expired on Wednesday, tribunal's acting deputy registrar Md Aftabuzzaman told The Daily Star.

The court on June 10 found Zafrullah guilty of contempt

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WIDE ANGLE

The Bangladesh-India friendship officially dawned through the 1972 treaty. What happened and how it happened? Read today's **WIDE ANGLE (PAGE 16)** to revisit that golden chapter of history.



GETTING READY FOR RAMADAN

Workers at a factory in Fatullah of Naryanganj are busy producing puffed rice, a major iftar item, as the month of Ramadan begins today. The factory is now producing 250kg puffed rice daily. The photo was taken yesterday.

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