



Tigers clinch historic one-day series as teenage sensation Mustafiz steps in to maul Indians once again

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By the time the presentation ceremony began yesterday, almost every member of the Bangladesh team was drenched; not because of the sweat, but because of the water fight that had broken out

in the ground in Mirpur as soon as Sabbir Rahman hit the winning runs and led Bangladesh to a historic series win over India at Mirpur yesterday. Even Habibul Bashar, who wasn't even inside the dressing room, wasn't spared. As he went to congratulate the

players, Mashrafe Bin Mortaza held him tightly with one hand and poured a fresh bottle of water onto his head with the other; and the crowd went berserk. These were euphoric scenes, some of which were unimaginable even just

a year ago, when the Tigers were going through one of their worst runs in international cricket. But there it was, Bangladesh had just brushed aside the world's second best ODI team and by doing so also earned a spot in the Champions Trophy.

There were many who tried to find an explanation behind Mustafizur Rahman's breathtaking performance in his debut game. Some cautiously deemed the five-wicket haul as a result of the 'surprise effect', whereas others, particularly some of the experts from

the other side of the border credited the result to the unpreparedness of the Indian outfit. Whatever those reasons were, they were torn into shreds after yesterday evening, as Mustafizur proved yet

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Mustafiz can have three iPhone 6s

ATIQUÉ ANAM
Just after getting called up for the ODI series against India, young Mustafizur Rahman had asked his uncle to get him an iPhone 6 Plus. The uncle, who lives in United States, told the bowler that he would get his wish fulfilled only if he took a three-wicket haul in one of the three matches. The uncle probably could not gauge the true potential of his nephew. But now he knows, as the cricketing world knows, what this 19-year-old boy is capable of delivering. A largely unknown character to most cricket fans barely three months ago, Mustafizur has all-of-a-sudden become the most beloved Tiger in this streak of brilliant Tigers. The left-armed six-for yesterday, which eventually propelled the Tigers to a six-wicket victory and a first-ever series win over India, kept his family members and relatives

BAIL IN 3 CASES Fakhurul free to walk out of jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The High Court yesterday granted bail to BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhurul Islam Alamgir in three more vandalism and arson cases, paving the way for him to walk out of jail. With this, Fakhurul got



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Face law alone Maya finds no govt support after his acquittal verdict cancelled; colleagues see his days numbered as minister

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE
The government and the ruling Awami League high-ups appear to be in an uncomfortable situation following the Supreme Court's scrapping of Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya's acquittal on corruption charges. In February 2008, a special court sentenced Maya to 13 years' jail for illegally amassing wealth worth Tk 6.29 crore and concealing assets worth Tk 5.9 crore. The court also fined the AL leader Tk 5 crore. In October 2010, the HC cleared him of the charges.



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ZAFRULLAH Tribunal recalls arrest order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday recalled the arrest warrant it had issued against Gonoshasthaya Kendra founder Zafrullah Chowdhury for non-payment of a fine imposed on him for contempt of court. The tribunal recalled the warrant after Zafrullah, a freedom fighter, submitted before it a copy of the Supreme Court order staying the tribunal's verdict against him till July 5, acting deputy registrar of the tribunal Md Aftabuzzaman told The Daily Star.



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TOP QUOTE
"The bachcha has grown up and is now shoulder to shoulder with India ... Look at the margin of the wins ... They have won most convincingly. These

INDIAN BATTING LEGEND
SUNIL GAVASKAR
To NDTV, COMPLEMENTING THE TIGERS



PHOTO: STAR
The wife and newborn of BGB Nayek Abdur Razzak, who was abducted by Myanmar border forces on Wednesday. The baby boy was born yesterday.

Baby born, father captive miles away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
It would have been an unforgettable, joyous day for BGB Nayek Abdur Razzak. He became the father of a boy yesterday. But he couldn't relish the joy as he was languishing in captivity far from home. Myanmar didn't release him even four days after its Border Guard Police (BGP) abducted him from the Naf river in Cox's Bazar. Dhaka is highly disappointed at Nay Pyi Taw's attitude, and considers the incident 'unfriendly'



Nayek Razzak

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