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"We couldn't get breakthroughs, nor could we build partnerships. But we've to learn from this. On the whole, weren't too far away, but

BANGLADESH SKIPPER MASHRAFE MORTAZA AFTER YESTERDAY'S MATCH

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Bangladesh cricketers hold the one-day series trophy after the third and final ODI against India in Mirpur yesterday.

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Mash's best as captain

BISHWAJIT ROY

Bangladesh captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza said last night that the India series was full of achievements. It could have been a perfect end to a memorable series had they won the third and final game, but he said that what they already achieved against the second-ranked team was beyond their imagination.

"Nobody thought before the series that we would win the series 2-1. Maybe everyone thought we would be able to win one match. But overall the way we played, it was a deserving series win," said delighted Mashrafe.

"Most probably we have achieved everything that we wanted from this series and dreamt of this result," he added.

The way his team dominated in the first two games to take the series with one match in hand against the mighty Indians compelled Mashrafe to brand this success as the best under his captaincy and one of the biggest achievements in Bangladesh's cricket history.

And the Tigers skipper didn't hesitate to say that 19-year-old left-arm pacer Mustafizur Rahman was the biggest find for them. He showered praises on the baby-faced killer who dismantled the vaunted Indian batting line-up in the first two games to finish with 13 scalps to grab the player-of-the-series award.

"Mustafizur, the way he performed was unbelievable, you cannot compare that to anything. His performance was world class," said the inspirational skipper.

Mashrafe expressed his optimism over the wonder boy's long career in international cricket.

"I have been playing for the last 15 years and I have seen many players come and go. But I have seen a good thing in this boy [Mustafizur]. He takes care of himself a lot. When I went to the gym he was doing gym on his own so that's a good thing. He has to maintain himself right now. The team management should definitely think about how to use him and save him. But at the end of the day, keeping oneself fit is up to that individual, if he can continue doing that he can serve the team for a long time," hoped the captain.

The brand of cricket Bangladesh have been playing since the World Cup has already enthralled cricket fans around the world and Mashrafe said that Bangladesh were now ready to take the challenge to any part of the world, especially in the 50-over competition.

"Look every team struggle when they play abroad. The last World Cup was not easy for us because the conditions were different. I think the boys now got the confidence to do well in any part of the world," said a confident Mashrafe.

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India restore some pride

Tigers' 10-match winning streak at home ends in final one-dayer

AL-AMIN

India avoided the embarrassment of 'Banglawayash' when they recorded a face-saving 77-run win against Bangladesh in the third and final one-day international in

Mirpur yesterday.

Having conceded the first two games in embarrassing fashion against a rampant Tigers, the visitors finally achieved something to show for after their first-ever series defeat against Bangladesh. The hosts,

despite the defeat in the final ODI, can look at the bright side of a memorable series against the two-time world champions.

It's a series where Bangladesh presented a young left-arm pacer in Mustafizur Rahman for the world to enjoy and the

vaunted Indian batting line-up to remember as a nightmare. The 19-year-old took 13 wickets in the series including two five-fors in the first two games to fashion Bangladesh's historic series success against

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HC did not at all apply judicial mind

SC states about verdict acquitting Maya

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court has observed that the High Court didn't at all apply its judicial mind in acquitting Relief and Disaster Management Minister Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya of corruption charges brought by the Anti-Corruption Commission.

"It [HC] did not at all assess the evidence on record although the special judge [Special Court-5] on assessment of the evidence convicted the respondent [Maya]," a three-member SC bench headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha said in its full judgment.



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Minimum Fitra fixed at Tk 60

UNB, Dhaka

Fitra has been fixed at minimum Tk 60 per head this year.

The Islamic Foundation has fixed the amount at a meeting yesterday.

Maulana AMM Sirajul Islam, member secretary of the National Fitra Fixation Committee, presided over the meeting.

Per person Fitra has been fixed at minimum Tk 60 and maximum Tk 1,650 this year taking into account the market prices of wheat, dates and other items, said a release of the foundation.

Fitra is 'wajib' for all members of a family and should be paid to the poor before the Eid Jamaat. It can be given in cash or kind.

Prof Siraj Uddin Ahmad, principal of Govt Madrasa-e-Allia, Dhaka, and Saiyed Abdullah Al Maruf, assistant professor of Arabic Department of Dhaka University, attended the meeting.

Malaysia to take workers thru' private channel

Bangladesh hopes to send 5 lakh in next 6 months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After the government to government (G2G) system failed to live up to the Bangladeshi migrant workers' expectation, Malaysia under a new mechanism has agreed to recruit 500,000 workers from Bangladesh in the next six months of the current year, the expatriates' welfare and overseas employment ministry yesterday said.

The agreement, called Business-to-Business (B-B) mechanism, was reached between Malaysian Home Minister Dato' Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Expatriates Welfare Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain at a bilateral meeting in the Malaysian city of Putrajaya yesterday, the ministry said in a press release.

Contacted, Kazi Abul Kalam, joint secretary of the ministry, told The Daily Star that the recruitment would be operated through private recruiting agencies of the two countries under the new agreement.

"Under this new mechanism manpower recruitment can be run through private recruitment agencies," he mentioned.

The expatriates welfare minister is now visiting Malaysia to review the recruitment

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