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## Tigers tame the Lions

BISHWAJIT ROY

The roaring fans saw their beloved Tigers create another bit of history in their favourite den last night. Sabbir Rahman's career best and well-composed 80-run knock was ably aided by intelligent bowling to secure a maiden T20 win against Sri Lanka and kept the home team's hopes of playing the Asia Cup final alive.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**

**BANGLADESH:** 147 for 7 in 20 overs (Sabbir 80, Shakib 32, Mahmudullah 23; Chameera 3-30)

**SRI LANKA:** 124 for 8 in 20 overs (Chandimal 37, Jayasuriya 26; Al-Amin 3-34, Shakib 2-21)

**Result:** Bangladesh won by 23 runs.

**Player-of-the-match:** Sabbir Rahman

If it was a one-man show from Sabbir in the batting department, it was a concerted bowling effort, backed by electrifying fielding, that took the team to a 23-run victory in defence of 147 runs. Sabbir hit 80 off 54 and the rest scored just 67 off 66 including extras. The right-hander played shots all over the park as 29 runs came from the off-side and 51 from the on-side. He picked up 20 singles and one couple while smashing 10 fours and three sixes, demonstrating how magnificent his innings was.

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**LIGHTS, CAMERA, SABBIR:** Bangladesh batsman Sabbir Rahman struck a belligerent 80 off just 54-balls -- a knock punctuated by 10 fours and three sixes -- to set up a 23-run win for Tigers against Sri Lanka at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday. PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

## Constitute a commission on one-eleven

Demand raised in JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Civil Aviation Minister Rashed Khan Menon and Health Minister Mohammad Nasim yesterday demanded in parliament that the government form a commission to find out "who did what" to oppress political leaders following the 1/11 change-over in 2007.

Menon, also president of the Workers Party, said The Daily Star editor's recent comment at a TV talk show revealed how the army-backed caretaker government carried out propaganda against political leaders in 2007.

Speaking on the thanksgiving motion on the president's speech, he demanded the government form a judicial commission headed by a retired judge of the Supreme Court to identify "all the players" of 1/11 and "understand" the whole issue.

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## UN PEACEKEEPING First female officer leads contingent

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As the first ever female contingent commander of Bangladesh Army to a United Nations peace-keeping mission, Col Dr Nazma Begum along with her contingent members flew to Ivory Coast from Dhaka Saturday night.



Col Nazma

The 56-member medical contingent left Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport for the UN Operations in Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) -- UNOCI by a UN charter aircraft, says a press release of the Inter Services Public Relations Directorate yesterday.

The contingent, which comprises six female officers, will provide treatment to patients at level-2 hospital there.

Prior to taking the new responsibility, Col Nazma was serving as the assistant director of medical services at the 11th

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## ADDITIONAL SSC EXAM FEES 1,209 schools get show-cause notice

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The education ministry has served show-cause notices to 1,209 institutions for not responding to an earlier order to pay back the additional exam fees that they charged students before the last year's Secondary School Certificate exams.

In the notices issued on February 25, the authorities of these institutions were asked to give their explanations within 30 days, said Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid at a press briefing at the Secretariat yesterday.

"If they fail to give satisfactory answers within the time, their management committees will be dissolved," he said, referring to a High Court order that says school management committees should be dissolved if they fail to comply with government directives.

Speaking of last month's tuition fees anomaly, the minister said he had received two reports on the issue of schools' collecting hiked tuition fees.

Legal action will be taken upon a review of the reports if any institution is found to have violated the rules, Nahid said.

"It doesn't matter which educational institution is powerful and which not. All institutions are equal to us. Therefore, the law will equally be applicable to all."

Every year guardians and students complain of many schools' charging them higher exam fees than the government-set amount ahead of the SSC exams. There was no exception in the last two years.

Following an outcry this year, the education minister on February 3 asked the schools involved to refund the additional money in seven days

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**TOP QUOTE**

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**NURUL ISLAM NAHID**  
ON THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS CHARGING ADDITIONAL FEES

## PM opens work on 10 special economic zones

Calls upon entrepreneurs to invest in the zones

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday laid the foundation stones of 10 economic zones, the first of their kind in the country.

She also sought cooperation of the local people to set up the zones fast for building a prosperous Bangladesh.

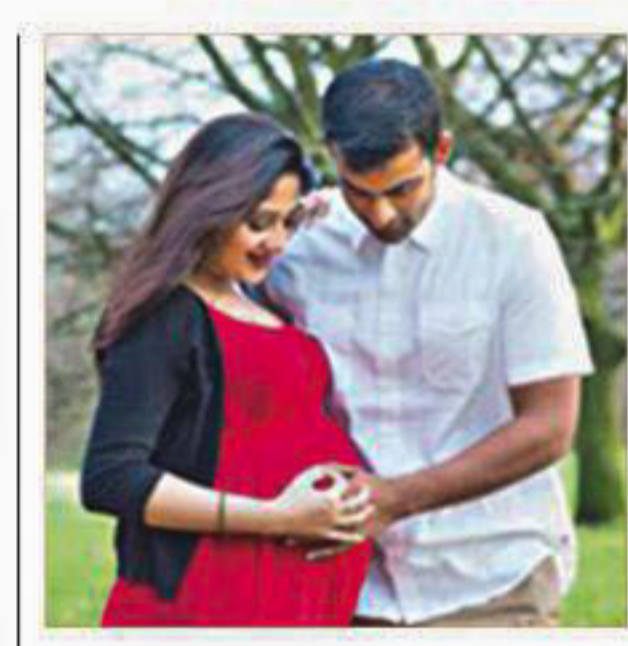
"I would like to urge local people to extend cooperation so that the investors could build the [economic] zones in a faster pace and 'beautiful atmosphere', and that would help establish a hunger and poverty-free prosperous Bangladesh," she said.

With the economic zones, the PM said, the "living standard" of the people would improve as those will generate employment, alleviate poverty and infuse dynamism into the economy.

Hasina laid the foundation stones of 10 economic zones through videoconference from Bangabandhu International



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## Tamim blessed with baby boy

SPORTS REPORTER

It was a great day for Bangladesh opener Tamim Iqbal and his wife Aysha Siddika yesterday as the latter gave birth to the couple's first child.

Siddika gave birth to a baby boy in Bangkok yesterday morning.

Tamim, who is currently on leave from national duty and as a result is missing out on the Asia Cup T20, was by her side throughout the memorable moment.

He later expressed his joy in the public forum through

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## Police recover body of missing child

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the body of an eight-year-old boy from a ditch at Laksam of Comilla yesterday, a day after he went missing.

Mohammad Hossain, son of Mostafa Kamal, a resident of Chunati Chotochandpur village, was a class-II student, said police.

The boy went out Saturday evening to give his father a piece of warm clothing and a mobile phone, police said quoting locals.

His father was at a tea stall about 500 yards from the home but the boy never reached the stall.

The family searched for him throughout the night.

Yesterday evening, two women found his body in a secluded ditch about 600 yards from his home and informed police of the matter.

"We could not recover the mobile phone or the warm clothing. We are



**Mizan, 10, and his brother Raihan, 12, working at a sweatshop in Selim Super Market at Kaliganj bazaar of Keraniganj, on the outskirts of the capital. The building houses dozens of such sweatshops with many child workers working in them. Inset, another boy sewing clothes at a factory there. The photos were taken last month.**

PHOTO: PaLASH KHAN

## Toiling away childhood

Kids continue to be exploited at Keraniganj sweatshops

AKRAM HOSEN

Only for a few hours on Friday mornings, Mizan and his brother Raihan were given time off work. They spent it playing cricket on the roof of Selim Super Market at Kaliganj bazaar in Keraniganj.

This was the only "leisure" they enjoyed every week. The siblings worked for more than twelve hours a day on an average behind sewing machines at a sweatshop in the market.

Hard pressed by poverty, their parents sent them from their Mymensingh village to work at the sweatshop several months ago. A village neighbour named Jamal, who also worked at the factory, brought the duo to Keraniganj, on the outskirts of the capital.

Despite the inhumane labour, Mizan, 10, and Raihan, 12, were left penniless.

Jamal took away all the money they got from their employer, claiming that he had made a deal with their parents that he would take whatever the boys earn in the first two years.

"Let them learn first, then they will get paid," Jamal told this correspondent at the factory on January 3. "Just because of me, they got the opportunity to work here," he bragged.

A couple of weeks back, the boys out of sheer frustration returned to their village. The two along with several hundred kids

from different parts of the country worked in a hazardous condition at over 50 sweatshops in the building. They ate, showered, and slept in the poorly-lit and crammed eight-storey market -- a blatant violation of child rights and the country's labour laws.

In 2013, The Daily Star published a story revealing how children were being exploited in the area, drawing attention of the authorities. Labour and Employment Secretary Mikail Shipar then had said he was not aware of the matter, and that he would take necessary measures to make sure the factories comply with the labour laws.

When he was contacted again on January 14 this year, Shipar expressed his helplessness: "With limited resources, we are already struggling to manage the formal sector. How can we control those small informal factories?"

Visiting the area last month, this correspondent talked to 12 children, including three girls, who worked at sweatshops. They were aged between 10 and 16. All of them said either their parents or those who brought them to Dhaka took most of what they earned.

"Sometimes my eyes smart and my back ache from sitting over the sewing machine. But they [the tailors] say I should concentrate more to be able to work faster," said Mizan, lifting his eyes from a sewing

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