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Set up Asia Cup final clash with India on March 6



Mahmudullah Riyad takes a dive as skipper Mashrafe Bin Mortaza follows him in celebration after the former hit the winning runs against Pakistan at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur to take Bangladesh into the final of the Asia Cup T20.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

AL-AMIN

A chartered flight is usually reserved for heads of states or billionaires. The Tigers may not have elevated themselves to that status but on Wednesday night they forced their employer to make an arrangement for one such flight from Dhaka to Dharamsala after an extraordinary five-wicket win against Pakistan.

The victory meant Bangladesh will take on India in Sunday's blockbuster Asia Cup T20 final, leaving all other activities including two

remaining league games as mere academic exercise. It also pushed back the Tigers' departure to Dharamsala, where they are scheduled to take on Ireland in their opening ICC World Twenty20 qualifier on March 9.

The game boiled down to the wire as Bangladesh were left with the tough task of scoring 26 runs from the last 18 balls. Pakistan, in one last attempt to turn the tide, brought back Mohammad Amir. And when Shakib Al Hasan injudiciously tried to scoop the second

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SCORES IN BRIEF

PAKISTAN: 129 for 7 in 20 overs (Sarfraz 58 not out, Malik 41; Al-Amin 3-25, Sunny 2-25)
BANGLADESH: 131 for 5 in 19.1 overs (Soumya 48, Mahmudullah 22 not out; Amir 2-26)
Result: Bangladesh won by 5 wickets.
PLAYER-OF-THE-MATCH: SOUMYA SARKAR

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1,000 illegal ATM cards seized at Dhaka airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs Intelligence (CI) at Shahjalal International Airport yesterday seized 1,000 illegally imported ATM cards, suspected to have been brought for financial criminals' use.

Shipped from Hong Kong by a courier firm, the cards in five cartons arrived in Dhaka on a Thai Airways flight on February 26.

Tipped off, intelligence officials seized the ATM cards from the freight section of the airport around 11:00am yesterday while the consignment was being cleared without a bill of entry, said Moinul Khan, director general of CI.

The parcels were supposed to be delivered to a house in the city's Mohakhali, he noted.

"No trade mark and country of origination was engraved on the cards. Imports of this type of items are illegal."

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BANASREE SIBLINGS 'MURDER'

Parents, aunt brought in for quizzing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Battalion yesterday picked up the parents and a relative of the two siblings, two days after their suspected murder in the capital's Banasree area.

A Rab-3 team from Dhaka went to Iqbalpur of Jamalpur, where the children were buried on Tuesday night, and headed back around 11:10am taking with them



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