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Will the batsmen fire today? Bangladesh will need their batsmen, who have struggled for most part of the tournament, to come to the party if they are to ace the final today. And for that their fans hope Mahmudullah Riyad (L) and Shakib Al Hasan (R) will rejuvenate the middle order.

Preparing for the prize fight
Bangladesh take on India today for Asian title

BISHWAJIT ROY
Bangladesh cricket fans can hardly wait for today's auspicious occasion when the Tigers start their Asia Cup T20 final against India at their beloved cricket ground in Mirpur. As usual there is a wide range of issues, from daily sufferings to major political topics, to discuss but apparently all those have taken a back seat as the country's sports-loving people have been gripped by cricket fever. From laymen to pundits, everyone was trying in his or her own way to make a

Shine, always

Top achievers in the O- & A- Level exams rejoice as The Daily Star awards them

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It was of course a celebration of success and brilliance.

But what came up prominently throughout the programme, organised to honour the O- and A-level achievers of the country, was love and respect for the motherland and those who laid down their lives for its birth.

While personal achievements are important, someone cannot really take pride in those unless they use the successes for the betterment of their country and its people, a message that rang through the Shaheed Suhrawardy National Indoor Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

"When you will grow up and do many



"When you will grow up and do many great things, remember that Bangladesh is your country ... Do something for your country."

PROF. MUHAMMED ZAFAR IQBAL

great things, remember that Bangladesh is your country," Prof Muhammed Zafar Iqbal said to some 2,000 students and several thousand guardians and teachers at The Daily Star 17th O- & A-Level Awards Presentation Ceremony.

"I love my mother not because she is very beautiful, educated and smart, but because she is my mother.

"You love Bangladesh not because it is the richest or the greatest country, but because it is your motherland," said the renowned educationist and litterateur, referring to those who embraced martyrdom in the struggle to liberate Bangladesh.

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MIR QUASEM VERDICT

Qamrul for rehearing of appeal

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The appeal in Mir Quasem Ali's case should be reheard by a reconstituted Appellate Division bench of the Supreme Court, keeping the chief justice out of it, Food Minister Qamrul Islam said yesterday.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam should also be kept from the proceedings of the war crimes convict's case, he said at a discussion in the capital.

On February 24, a five-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by the CJ completed hearing on Quasem's appeal and fixed March 8 for its verdict.

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