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It gets new push, as Malaysian high commission now writes to BTRC

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## MORE CAN BE DONE

Despite remarkable success, Bangladesh can do more in reducing maternal mortality

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## 'I DON'T RESPECT IT'

Turkey's Erdogan threatens top court's 'existence' after it frees 2 journalists

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Opener Tamim Iqbal went on the rampage against Oman yesterday as the devastating southpaw blazed a path to an unbeaten 103, becoming the first Bangladeshi to score a century in T20Is as the Tigers crushed the men from the Sultanate by 54 runs in Dharamsala yesterday.

PHOTO: AP

# Terrific Tamim takes Tigers to Super 10

First group match against Pakistan at Eden Gardens Wednesday

AL-AMIN from Dharamsala

Tamim knew it was coming. So did his coach Chandika Hathurusingha. And that is why the left-handed opener rolled his fingers over his head as a mark of respect towards the dugout after those celebratory punches in the air moments after becoming the first Bangladesh batsman to score a T20I century. Do not forget, he has also become Bangladesh's first batsman to score 1000 runs in the shortest version of the game.

His imperious 103 off 63 balls against Oman in a must-win ICC World T20 qualifier is just an extension of the kind of form he has been showing for the last six months. Yesterday's master-class, that contained 10 fours and five sixes, ensured that Bangladesh, who made 180 for two after being sent in to bat, progress into the tournament proper in some style, beating lightweight Oman by 54 runs in the Duckworth-Lewis method.

The Tigers will now fly back to Kolkata

for their opening Super 10 Group A game against Pakistan at the Eden Gardens on March 16.

At the top of his form, Tamim, who only the other day said that he has now become cooler and wiser, played yet another breathtaking innings in the flagship ICC event after his unbeaten 83 against Holland and an equally impressive 47 in that washed out game against Ireland.

On a chilly night in Dharamsala, where temperatures dropped to five degrees Celsius, Tamim's innings provided the necessary fire for the spectators to warm themselves.

Bangladesh captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza may have lost his fifth straight toss since the Asia Cup game against Pakistan and was asked to bat. The opening pair of Tamim and an out-of-sorts Soumya Sarkar may have scored just 29 runs in the first six Powerplay overs.

But with Tamim around and Sabbir Rahman playing the perfect supporting

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### SCORES IN BRIEF

**BANGLADESH:** 180 for 2 in 20 overs (Tamim 103 not out, Sabbir 44; Khawar 1-24)

**OMAN:** 65 for 9 in 12 overs (Singh 25, Ilyas 13; Shakib 4-15, Taskin 1-8, Al-Amin 1-10, Mortaza 1-10, Sabbir 1-5)

**Result:** Bangladesh won by 54 runs (D/L method).

**Player-of-the-match:** TAMIM IQBAL.



## Inu fails to convince dissidents

Election to GS post led to JSD split

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

Despite calls from Hasanul Haq Inu, the dissidents of the Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) stick to their decision to go on with their own faction, saying they are the "real JSD".

The socialist party, which saw splits on quite a few occasions since its birth in 1972, met with one more on Saturday night when a group of senior leaders, some of whom are incumbent lawmakers, announced a new committee rejecting the one led by Inu.

The JSD is a key component of the Awami League-led alliance and has six lawmakers in the current parliament -- Inu from Kushtia-2, Shirin Akter

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## AIRPORT SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

# UK team firm on March 31 deadline

Discusses hiring foreign firm; Caab chairman removed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The UK expert team yesterday firmly reiterated that they wanted "almost all" the security requirements met at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport within March 31.

Or else, more actions, which British Prime Minister David Cameron hinted in a letter to his Bangladeshi counterpart recently, would be taken, said a source who attended a meeting between the UK team and Bangladesh government high officials yesterday.

The chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (Caab) was removed yesterday and more such actions would be taken for national interest, said a participant of the meeting, wishing anonymity.

The UK Department for Transport has already imposed a ban on direct cargo from Bangladesh to the UK on security grounds.

A diplomatic source, who attended the meeting at the

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## Forensic team examining BB computers

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

A forensic team of international IT experts is examining all computers of Bangladesh Bank to detect how a malware hacked into the payment system of the central bank and stole \$101 million.

The detection will be done with the help of a monitoring software programme that is already examining some 5,000 computers of the BB.

The team will hand its report by next two weeks, detailing how the fraudulence took place and if any BB officials were involved in the heist.

The BB said this to a team from the Banking Division of the finance ministry when it visited the central bank yesterday.

The hacking took place on the night of February 4, a Thursday, using information stolen through the

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## HC clears way for DMP to collect info

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday cleared the way for Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) to collect information about residents of the area under its jurisdiction.

An HC bench of Justice Moyeenul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Md Iqbal Kabir rejected a petition seeking an order to stop the collection of information about landlords and tenants by the DMP.

It said the DMP was allowed to take any step under DMP rules and regulations, 2006 to prevent terrorism and militant activities in the city.

There is no legal bar now to the collection of information from landlords and tenants in the DMP area following the HC order, Deputy Attorney General Motaheer Hossain Sazu told The Daily Star.

Petitioner's lawyer Jotirmoy Barua said he would move an appeal before the Supreme Court, challenging the HC order.

The DMP on February 29 announced that it had been collecting "identification information" about landlords and tenants since November last year and asked all to provide such information by March 15.

Jotirmoy, a residence of Dhaka, submitted the writ petition on March 3 to the HC, seeking an order to stop the process. He also appealed to the court to ask the authorities concerned to preserve those information already collected and not to use those until a specific law is formulated to this effect.

There is no legal basis for seeking such information, he

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## No central database soon

Information being stored at police stations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The personal information of tenants and house owners that Dhaka Metropolitan Police has been collecting on paper is being stored at police stations, while the work to set up a central database, as announced earlier, has yet to begin.

On February 29, the DMP announced that it has been collecting "identification information" on landlords and tenants as part of an effort to create a central database of city dwellers and their service staff.

The DMP asked city residents to provide the information by March 15, causing concerns among citizens that their personal information may be misused.

Contacted on Saturday, DMP Joint Commissioner Krishna Pada Roy said they will not initiate the digitisation anytime soon. They,

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Children being used as horse jockeys in a traditional race at Alirgaon of Gowainghat upazila in Sylhet yesterday. Many of the 52 riders who participated in the competition were children. Despite the risks involved, children are often picked for the job due to their light weight.

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