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PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

A boatload of stone after a whole day's work earns Tk 250 each for Wahid and Raju. They are out in the Piyain river in Gowainghat upazila of Sylhet with some 100 other children to quarry stone. Going to school is not in their minds because their families survive on their backbreaking labour. The photo was taken late last month.



Colombian president wins Nobel Peace Prize

REUTERS, Oslo/Bogota

Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos won the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize yesterday for his efforts to end a 52-year-old war with Marxist guerrillas, a surprise choice and a show of support days after voters rejected a peace deal he

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Rab-cop tension reaches its peak

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE with SHARIFUL ISLAM

The Rapid Action Battalion has complained to the home ministry of police excesses against its members, saying the prevailing situation is so tense that it might go out of hand anytime soon.

It has alleged that police on several occasions assaulted Rab personnel even after knowing the identities of the elite force members.

"In some cases, police hit Rab members with sticks and even rifles," reads a letter from Rab Director General Benazir Ahmed to Senior Home Secretary Mozammel Haque Khan.

A list of six such incidents was attached with the letter, dated September 27.

Benazir Ahmed, himself a top police official, requested the senior home secretary to take action against the persons at fault and other necessary steps to avoid any unwarranted incident.

The letter, a copy of which has been obtained by The Daily Star, reads that the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) is an independent elite force under Bangladesh Police.

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2 'robbers' beaten to death

STAR REPORT

Two alleged robbers were beaten to death by villagers in Laxmipur and Jhalakathi districts early yesterday.

In Laxmipur, six to seven suspected robbers attacked the house of one Siraj Uddin, 55, in Char Kadira village of the district's Kamalnagar upazila around 4:00am and robbed money and valuables from the house.

When Siraj and his family members tried to prevent the robbery, the criminals stabbed Siraj, reported our correspondent from Noakhali, quoting

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Bangladesh opener Imrul Kayes hit a scintillating 112 off 119 balls in the first ODI against England and was a mainstay at the crease throughout most of the match, hitting 11 fours and two sixes and his performance kept the hosts in the contest. However, his efforts went in vain as England surged back into the match late on and won the first ODI by 21 runs at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Butterfingers Tigers

England thrive on hosts' poor batting display to win one-day series opener

NAIMUL KARIM

What could have been one of the most memorable chases in Bangladesh's cricketing history turned out to be one of their most miserable defeats.

Miserable not because of the margin of the loss, but because of the immense opportunity that the hosts let go at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

Looking back at the 21-run loss in the first ODI against England, the Bangladesh team management will ponder upon a number of moments in the game. The three dropped catches, the brilliant catch at the boundary from David Willey that



dismissed the in-form Sabbir Rahman or even Mosharraf Hossain's poor day on the field, but the one phase that may go on to haunt them for quite some time is the last 10 overs of the game -- a period which

saw the hosts lose their last six wickets for just 17 runs.

Riding on Ben Stokes's maiden century and brilliant half-centuries from debutant Ben Duckett and stand-in captain Jos Buttler, the visitors posted 309 for eight after electing to bat first.

The hosts were buoyed by a brilliant 118-run stand between Imrul Kayes and Shakib Al Hasan which took Bangladesh

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TOP QUOTE

"Fielding cost us. If we could have taken those catches, we could have stopped them for around 280-290 runs."

MASHRAFE BIN MORTAZA, THE BANGLADESH CAPTAIN, LAMENTS HIS SIDE'S FAILURE IN THE FIELD IN THE FIRST ODI AGAINST ENGLAND



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