

Kiwis canter

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 middling score of 257 for nine with four wickets in hand and 15 balls to spare.

With two wins from two matches, the Kiwis are on top of the table with eight points while Bangladesh and Ireland have two points each, courtesy of the abandoned match between the two sides on May 12. Bangladesh will play their next match against Ireland at Malahide on Friday.

Chasing 258 for victory on a sluggish wicket, the Kiwis made a brisk start before Mustafizur Rahman got rid of Luke Ronchi, caught at mid-off off a slower delivery on the last ball of the seventh over. Then a fine piece of fielding from Sabbir Rahman had George Worker run out for 17 with the team score at 80 in the 17th over. But New Zealand skipper Tom Latham held firm at one end and brought up his fifty before falling to Rubel Hossain for 54 as New Zealand moved to 110 for three in the 21st over.

While the Kiwis had trouble dealing with Mustafizur's guile and Rubel's pace, giving two wickets each to the two pacers, it was the lacklustre effort from the other frontline bowlers that helped New Zealand coast to the victory target.

Earlier, after losing the toss and being asked to bat first, Bangladesh made a brisk start to their innings and built an opening stand of 71. And despite three batsmen hitting half-centuries, Bangladesh's innings fizzled out in the latter stages as they managed just 67 runs for the loss of five wickets in the last 10 overs.

Opener Soumya Sarkar scored his first fifty after seven innings while fellow opener Tamim Iqbal exercised caution in reaching 23 off 42 balls before hitting a Jimmy Neesham delivery straight down the throat of deep cover. Sabbir Rahman did not last long, a straighter delivery from Mitchell Santner sneaking through to rattle his stumps in the 17th over.

The second half-century, Mushfiqur Rahim, joined Soumya and the two batsmen put on 38 runs for the third wicket. Soumya reached his half-century off 53 balls in the 16th over, having hit four boundaries. He could add only one more however, as he was out top-edging a sweep off Ish Sodhi in the 25th over.

But by then, Mushfiqur had taken over. He announced his intentions soon after arriving at the crease with a straight six off Seth Rance off the 33rd delivery he faced. Shakib, however, lasted just 13 balls for six runs before chipping the 14th, delivered by Sodhi, to wide long off.

Mahmudullah Riyad continued his resurgence, with his arrival in the 29th over with the score on 132 coinciding with a drop in New Zealand's bowling and fielding standards. Sodhi and Santner started dropping short, and Mushfiqur and Mahmudullah took full toll of those deliveries as they added 49 in 8.3 overs. Mushfiqur reached his 50 off his 60th delivery. At 181 for four in the 38th over, Bangladesh looked like reaching 300, but Mushfiqur departed for a 66-ball 55, edging a Neesham delivery to the keeper.

Mahmudullah and Mosaddek Hossain carried the score to 242 in the 48th over, but they took 10.1 overs to get there as New Zealand rallied in the end. Mahmudullah departed for a 56-ball 51 top-edging a pull off Hamish Bennett, and Mosaddek scooped one to fine leg in the last over for a run-a-ball 41 off the same bowler. Mehedi Hasan departed the same way as Mahmudullah before skipper Mashrafe Bin Mortaza was run out as Bangladesh scored just 17 runs for four wickets in the last three overs.

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 questions about whether Trump tried to interfere with a federal investigation.

The White House quickly denied the report, saying in a statement it was "not a truthful or accurate portrayal of the conversation between the president and Mr Comey."

Comey wrote the memo after he met in the Oval Office with Trump, the day after the Republican president fired Flynn on Feb 14 for misleading Vice President Mike Pence about the extent of his conversations last year with Russia's ambassador, Sergei Kislyak.

"I hope you can let this go," Trump told Comey, according to a source familiar with the contents of the memo.

The New York Times said that during the Oval Office meeting, Trump condemned a series of government leaks to the news media and said the FBI director should consider prosecuting reporters for publishing classified information.

Coming the day after charges that Trump disclosed sensitive information to the Russians last week, the new disclosure further rattled members of Congress.

"The memo is powerful evidence of obstruction of justice and certainly merits immediate and prompt investigation by an independent special prosecutor," said Democratic US Senator Richard Blumenthal.

Republican and Democratic lawmakers said they wanted to see the memo.

Republican US Representative Jason Chaffetz, chairman of a House of Representatives oversight committee, said his committee "is going to get the Comey memo, if it exists. I need to see it sooner rather than later. I have my subpoena pen ready."

In a letter to acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe, Chaffetz set a deadline of May 24 for the FBI to produce "all memoranda, notes, summaries, and recordings referring or relating to any communications between Comey and the President."

Republican Speaker of the House Paul Ryan backed Chaffetz.

"We need to have all the facts, and it is appropriate for the House Oversight Committee to request this memo," said Ryan spokeswoman AshLee Strong.

Legal experts took a dim view of

IS suicide

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 at the gate, killing the guard. Three others entered the building but were killed after our security forces fought them for four hours," Nangarhar Governor Gulab Mangal told reporters.

"Six people, including four civilians and two policemen, were killed and 17 others wounded," he added. A health worker told AFP that many of those brought to hospital suffered gunshot wounds.

An RTA photographer said he fled the building as soon as the gunfight erupted, but many of his colleagues were stuck inside until the assailants were killed.

Nangarhar province is a hotbed of IS jihadists, who claimed yesterday's attack through its propaganda agency Amaq, the SITE Intelligence Group said.

The US military last month dropped the GBU-43/B Massive Ordnance Air Blast bomb -- dubbed the "Mother Of All Bombs" -- on IS positions in Nangarhar, killing dozens of jihadists.

The bombing triggered global shock waves, with some condemning the use of Afghanistan as what they called a testing ground for the weapon, and against a militant group that is not considered as big a threat as the resurgent Taliban.

According to the US Forces-Afghanistan, defections and recent battlefield losses have reduced the local IS presence from a peak of as many as 3,000 fighters to a maximum of 800.

DEADLY COUNTRY FOR MEDIA
 The Pentagon has reportedly asked the White House to send thousands more troops to Afghanistan to break the deadlocked fight against the Taliban.

US troops in Afghanistan number about 8,400 today, and there are another 5,000 from Nato allies, who also mainly serve in an advisory capacity -- a far cry from the US presence of more than 100,000 six years ago.

Yesterday's attack underscores the growing dangers faced by media workers in Afghanistan as the security situation worsens.

The country suffered its deadliest year on record for journalists in 2016, according to the Afghan Journalists' Safety Committee (AJSC), adding that the country is the second most dangerous for reporters in the world after Syria.

As least 13 journalists were killed last year, AJSC said, claiming that the Taliban was behind at least ten of the deaths.

In January last year, seven employees of popular TV channel Tolo, which is often critical of the insurgents, were killed in a Taliban suicide bombing in Kabul in what the militant group said was revenge for "spreading propaganda" against them.

It was the first major attack on an Afghan media organisation since the Taliban were ousted from power in 2001.

Dan Coats, the head of US intelligence agencies, warned last week that the security and political situation in Afghanistan "will also almost certainly deteriorate through 2018, even with a modest increase in the military assistance by the US".

US-led forces have been fighting in Afghanistan for almost 16 years, making it America's longest war.

Key accused Nayem held

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 lawmaker BH Harun, did not appear in the CIID office, citing health issues.

The customs intelligence seized the gold raiding the outlets of Apan Jewellers in Gulshan, Uttara, Mouchak and Shimanto Square on Sunday and Monday. The gold was seized after the brand authorities failed to provide any relevant papers.

Following the drive, customs intelligence officials asked the Apan Jewellers owners to appear in their office with the documents yesterday.

The move came after Banani rape main suspect Ahmed Shafat, son of Dildar Ahmed Selim, one of the owners of Apan Jewellers, "bragged" about being a gold smuggler to the victims.

Shafat and the other accused also boasted about their wealth and said police would not touch them when the two girls warned that they would go to the law enforcers, according to the testimony of one of the two girls.

"During today's [yesterday] interrogation, they [Apan Jewellers' owners] could not show us any papers," Moinal Khan, director general of CIID, told reporters at a briefing at his office after the interrogation of Dildar and two other owners of Apan Jewellers.

"There is no transparency over the gold worth around Tk 250 crore," he said.

Dildar and his brothers Gulzar Ahmed and Azad Ahmed went to the CIID headquarters around 11:50am. While coming out around 5:30pm, Dildar, however, told reporters that they had all the valid documents and they would submit them to the CIID through their lawyers.

Asked why they failed to bring the papers, he said, "Who can arrange all the papers instantly?"

Following requests from the owners, the CIID officials asked them to appear in the office again on May 23 with the documents.

Moinal said, "If they can provide us with the papers, we will hand the gold to them. Otherwise, we will take appropriate action against them."

Replying to a query, the CIID DG said they carried out the raids on the jewellery shops following "specific prior information". He said similar operation would be launched against the outlets of other brands as well.

He claimed to have received information that some jewellery shops were selling smuggled gold.

Moinal also said they wrote to the Bangladesh Bank yesterday, asking for permission to sell seized gold in auction and making gold import easier.

Meanwhile, a CIID official said, Dildar's two brothers rebuked him yesterday in front of the customs intelligence officials, saying that they were in trouble because of Dildar and his son Shafat.

RAINTREE OWNER 'SICK'
 Raintree owner Shah Adnan Harun was summoned after customs intelligence officials recovered 10 bottles of liquor from the hotel, which does not have the licence to sell alcohol. The CIID officials also said the hotel authorities were dodging tax.

On the behalf of Harun, two lawyers went to the CIID office yesterday and sought time, saying he could not appear because "he was ill". Later, the customs intelligence officials asked the hotel owner to show up on May 23.

'CASE TO BE SOLVED SOON'

Fever all around

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 While dengue can be at times fatal, chikungunya is largely non-lethal.

According to World Health Organisation (WHO), there is no cure for the disease. Treatment is focused on relieving the symptoms.

Sabrina said a good number of the chikungunya cases were reported from Kathalagan and Kalabagan areas, where the outbreak occurred late December.

WHY IS THERE A CHIKUNGUNYA OUTBREAK?
 According to epidemiologists, Bangladesh has been witnessing a rapid rise in the number of dengue cases in recent years. For example, the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) received reports of 3,162 dengue cases in 2015 and 6,020 last year.

Until May 14 this year, at least 194 dengue cases were reported alongside chikungunya, DGHS said.

Female Aedes mosquitoes breed all year round but require stagnant pools of clean water. Early and frequent rains this year and stagnant water on dug-up roads are the primary factors behind the spread of dengue and chikungunya, health experts said.

"We suspect that many people have developed immunity to dengue... they are being infected with chikungunya," said Prof Saifullah of BSMMU.

Though many people come to the hospital with chikungunya symptoms, not all are diagnosed with the disease, he said.

"This may be because they show up two to three days after they have fever. Usually, it takes five days for the chikungunya virus to develop in the

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 Later, the man was nowhere to be found and the mobile phones, cash and other belongings of the 11 were gone, he added.

When the devotees called them for morning prayers, they found them unconscious and took them to the hospital.

Dr Abu Raihan Bhuiyan of the health complex said the victims were improving and would recover fully soon.

Akhaura Police Station OC Mosharrif Hossain Tarafdar said they were investigating the matter.

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taken to a local health complex, he said. The rest died of their injuries later.

Rafiqul said an arson case was also filed against the victims while they were filing the murder case.

"It was beyond our dreams that we will get justice even after 15 years. We are happy with the verdict and want their quick execution," he said. He also demanded police arrest the four on the run.

Prosecutor Jasmine Ahmed said as the convicts were involved in the BNP, victims' families were in fear. But after the changeover of power, the convicts joined the Awami League "to avert punishment".

Apart from Kashu, his associates Dalim, Yakub Ali, Rafiq, Halim, Ruhel, Shahabuddin, Laikat Ali Master, Siraj Uddin, Edris Ali, Mohammad Hossain, Abu Kalam, Ahad Ali, Yunus Ali, Jahir Uddin, Faruk Hossain, Golam Azam, Abdul Hai and Khokon were present in the dock.

Al Amin, Ruhul Amin, Tajul Islam and Harun are absconding.

All the convicts are from Gopaldi area of the upazila.

Defence lawyers Bari Bhuyan and Khoshed Alam said they would appeal.

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