



From left, Bangladesh ODI Captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza along with Bangladesh Cricket Board President Nazmul Hassan and Deputy Minister for Youth and Sports Arif Khan Joy greets Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport yesterday on her arrival home from the UK. PHOTO: PMO

Danish police find severed head of Swedish journo

AFP, Copenhagen

Danish police yesterday said divers had recovered the decapitated head and the legs of Swedish journalist Kim Wall, who vanished in August while interviewing a Danish inventor aboard his homemade submarine.

In a grisly case worthy of a Nordic noir thriller, Copenhagen police inspector Jens Moller Jensen told reporters divers had found bags containing her missing clothes, her head and legs in Koge Bay, south of the Danish capital.

"Last night our forensic dentist confirmed that it was Kim Wall's head," he said.

Her headless torso was found floating in waters off Copenhagen on August 21, 11 days after she went missing.

Self-taught engineer and inventor Peter Madsen, 46, has been accused of Wall's death, with prosecutors saying he dismembered her body before throwing it overboard.

Madsen, who is married and has been in custody since August 11, claims the 30-year-old Wall died when a 70-kilogramme (154-pound) hatch door fell on her head, and in a panic, he

threw her body overboard.

He has insisted her body was intact at the time.

But Jensen said the decapitated head contradicted Madsen's version of events.

There is "no sign of fracture on the skull and there isn't any sign of other blunt violence to the skull," he said, citing an autopsy carried out overnight.

Locating Wall's head has been a priority for investigators, as the final autopsy on the torso was not able to establish the cause of death.

However, it did show multiple mutilation wounds to Wall's genitals. Prosecutors believe Madsen killed Wall as part of a sexual fantasy, then dismembered and mutilated her body.

Earlier this week, Prosecutor Jakob Buch-Jepsen told a court custody hearing that a hard disk found in Madsen's workshop contained fetish films in which real women were tortured, decapitated and burned.

"This hard drive doesn't belong to me," Madsen insisted, saying numerous people had access to his workshop.

Madsen has insisted there was no sexual relationship between him and Wall, and their contacts had been purely professional.

Govt skirted provocation

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the AL, had left Dhaka on September 17 to join the global event.

Apart from the party leaders, many senior leaders of the AL-led 14-party alliance as well as writers, journalists, artists, academicians, artists, athletes and business leaders greeted the PM at the lounge.

From the reception, Hasina returned to the Gono Bhaban amid a warm welcome from thousands of her party leaders, activists and supporters who stood on both sides of the street -- from the airport to the official residence of the PM -- holding national flags, banners, placards, replicas of pigeons and portraits of Bangabandhu, Hasina and her son Sajeeb Wazed Joy. Many were playing drums. In response, Hasina waved at the crowd.

On the occasion, Hasina's portraits describing her as "mother of humanity" were hung on poles along the streets. Also, national, the AL and white flags were hoisted and patriotic songs were played through

loudspeakers at some places.

Early in the morning, people started heading towards the airport in small processions, public transports and hired trucks and pick-ups to welcome the PM. Some of them were chanting a slogan -- "Bangladesh is blessed to have Sheikh Hasina".

Addressing the reception, the PM said Myanmar wanted to create a situation that could divert the world attention (from the Rohingya crisis).

"We're very much alert about that," UNB quoted her as saying. She also said various quarters in the country were out to create a similar situation.

About Bangladesh's stance on giving shelter to the Rohingyas, Hasina said had Bangladesh not taken that stance it wouldn't have been possible to draw the attention of the international community like the way it has been.

"Now everyone is sympathetic, everyone is extending their hands and everyone is coming forward to

help the Rohingyas."

The PM, however, thanked the Myanmar government for coming forward to start discussions over the issue. "I think this is a special aspect, I think, there's an international pressure [on them]...we'll be able to solve the problem gradually through discussions."

Turning to the installation of the first span of the Padma Bridge, Hasina said the bridge is no longer an imagination but a visible reality.

"It's the befitting reply to the false allegations of corruption and various conspiracies against my government and my family," she said.

TRAFFIC CHAOS
Yesterday's mass reception led to a traffic chaos in the capital, causing sufferings to the commuters.

People had to remain stuck in jam for a long time on the major city streets in the morning as AL activists took position on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Bijoy Sarani, Old Airport Road, Begum Rokeya Sarani and Mirpur Road.

Sayed Chowdhury, a private job holder, said he was stuck inside a bus for nearly two hours since 7:45am on his way from Gulistan to Mohakhali. Later, he got down at Farmgate and walked to his destination.

"I had an urgent meeting at 9:30am in Mohakhali. It is already 10:00am and I am quite far away from my office," said the man who lives in Narayanganj.

Nurjahan Dipa, who works at a rights organisation, said she started at 8:00am from her home in Malibagh for her office in Banani.

She took a rickshaw as well as a CNG-run auto-rickshaw to avoid the jam, but in vain. In the end, Dipa had to walk quite a distance.

Those who attended yesterday's reception to the PM included senior journalists Rahat Khan, Golam Sarwar, Abed Khan, Manzurul Ahsan Bulbul, Bangladesh One-day captain Mashrafe Mortaza, artist Hashem Khan and singer Rezwana Choudhury Bannya.

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30,200 yaba pills in Chittagong city.

"Most of the arrestees are just carriers lured into the racket by local drug peddlers," Shameem Ahmed, deputy director (metro) of DNC, told The Daily Star.

"They were asked to hand over the pills to dealers in Chittagong. They were sent to the port city by buses."

Police officers say the arrestees managed to get out of Leda, Noapara, Unsihara, Balukhali and Kutupalong refugee camps in Cox's Bazar.

DNC's Chittagong division intelligence wing prepared a special report mentioning the recent cases and forwarded it to its headquarters in Dhaka on September 27.

The two-page report said local drug dealers had been paying the refugees to carry yaba pills from Cox's Bazar to elsewhere in the country. Some Rohingyas have snuck out of the camps with the drugs dodging law enforcers.

Seeking anonymity, an intelligence wing official of Chittagong DNC, said, "We came to know about the matter after arrests of Rohingyas in the city with yaba pills. An

official was sent to Cox's Bazar to investigate and he found Rohingyas being enticed to drug peddling."

The report mentioned that local drug dealers tell refugees that even if they are caught, they would get free food and shelter in jail.

"As the refugees are left with little hope of a better life, some of them get involved in the drug racket," said the official.

Zillur Rahman, assistant director (intelligence) of Chittagong DNC, said, "The special report on the issue has been sent to Dhaka with some suggestions. We are trying to find out who are luring the Rohingyas refugees."

Talking to The Daily Star, Maj Ruhul Amin, Rab company commander in Cox's Bazar, said, "Most of the people caught with yaba recently by police, Rab, BGB and Coast Guard are Rohingyas carriers."

He added that it was easy to lure Rohingyas into crimes as they have basic needs like food and shelter unfulfilled.

"Carrying of yaba pills by them will probably increase if the influx continues."

Abject Tigers hurtle towards defeat

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but that would be a lit because today's third day lies in store. It is hard to imagine that the cricketers themselves will not share the dread of another day of embarrassment that the fans must be feeling after Bangladesh were all out for 147 on a pitch where they conceded 573 for four. They then suffered the ignominy of having to follow on in fading natural light less than four hours after starting their first innings, but the bright new lights of the Mangaung Oval game left them no place to hide. The umpires eventually decided enough was enough after eight balls and let the opener escape with seven on the board.

To call Bangladesh's batting terrible would be to imply that they have shown on this tour that they can do better. Inept is a better word. There were no special demons in the Mangaung Oval wicket. There were no deliveries that were shooting past the nose off a good length. Bouncers remained bouncers, and good balls outside off stump remained run-scoring chances that were impossible to resist.

It is the mental aspect -- although there were technical ones aplenty -- that undid Bangladesh. And it has been plaguing them throughout this tour, from Potchefstroom's 90 all out to the debacle yesterday. South Africa had declared on 573 for four just half an hour after lunch, which was taken an hour late after early-morning rain caused a 90-minute delay to the start. All the top four needed to tell themselves and set their stall out to do was to reach tea with minimal loss. It was still a good batting wicket, and South Africa's bowling minus Dale Steyn, Vernon Philander and Mome Morkel was not extra special.

After tea, which started with Bangladesh losing Imrul Kayes and Sabbir Rahman to tone-deaf shots outside off stump, wicketkeeper Liton Das saved Bangladesh from utter embarrassment by stroking a 77-ball 70. Liton's batting, as well as left-arm spinner Taijul Islam's 12 off 38 balls served to prove that the pitch was not a minefield. Taijul was eventually castled by an in-dipping beauty from Duanne Olivier in the 32nd over. The 70-runs notwithstanding, Liton, who

brought up his second Test fifty off 53 balls, was living by the sword and perished by it. He unleashed an ungainly pull off Kagiso Rabada for the skier to be caught by du Plessis running back from slip to leave Bangladesh at 143 for eight in the 39th over.

Mustafizur Rahman was then caught off bat and pad off Keshav Maharaj, and Rubel Hossain, after hanging around for an impossible 33 deliveries was bowled by Rabada to give the fast bowler his fifth wicket and bring a merciful end to the innings.

Before that, after the declaration, Soumya Sarkar displayed his intentions by chasing after a wide delivery in the second over. He played two square cuts for four before being bowled round his legs by Rabada for nine in the seventh over. Mominul Haque lasted seven deliveries before failing to get his hands away from a Olivier -- the first-change option in Potchefstroom but now an opening bowler in the absence of Morkel -- lifter to be caught behind for four in the 10th over.

While Mominul was the only specialist batsman not to fall to an irresponsible shot, Mushfiqur Rahim's innings was most culpable because as a leader, he is supposed to lead by example -- which was his speciality before this tour. Instead, he started trying to run rising deliveries outside off four through the vacant third man region. Although it was a catch for the ages by Temba Bavuma, who dived to his right at gully to pluck a speeding ball off a glide inches from the turf, that sent Mushfiqur packing off his eighth ball for seven in the 12th over from Olivier, a dismissal in the cordon was very much on the cards.

The person walking in at 36 for three no longer inspires confidence. Mahmudullah Riyad hit a four through cover in Wayne Parnell's first over, the 15th of the innings. The very next ball, to a completely innocuous delivery outside off stump Mahmudullah hung his bat out, edged to the keeper and walked off for all the runs the previous shot had fetched him, leaving Bangladesh on 49 for four.

The Tigers took tea on 61 for four. Before the break, Imrul Kayes did what he always does. He hooked well to reach 26, but observers of Bangladesh

cricket would have known what was around the corner. In the third ball after tea he wafted at a Rabada away-swing and edged behind to leave his team on 61 for five.

Sabbir Rahman, the man who in his own words makes no distinction between T20s and Tests if there is a ball to be hit, left a few deliveries to give the impression that he was indeed playing a Test, before chipping Rabada straight to extra cover for a duck.

Earlier, it was the polar opposite as Hashim Amla and Faf du Plessis took the overnight score of 428 for three to 530 for three in the rain-shortened first session. Bangladesh's bowlers neither threatened nor challenged the batsmen. Amla soon reached his hundred off his 113th delivery with a checked punt through the vacant backward point region off Mustafizur Rahman in the 97th over. With this hundred he moved past Smith on 27 hundreds and is behind only Jacques Kallis's 45 in South Africa's all-time stakes. Bangladesh skipper Mushfiqur Rahim had tried all four of his specialist bowlers by the time the fourth-wicket partnership had crossed 200, and that was soon followed by Du Plessis's seventh ton when, in the 107th over, he flicked Mustafizur for four off his 147th ball.

After lunch, Amla, seemingly bored with the utter lack of challenge from the opposition, walked across his stumps to Subhasish Roy and was bowled around his legs without adding to his lunchtime score. It just set the stage for Quinton de Kock to come in and sweep and reverse-sweep left-arm spinner Taijul Islam to distraction in his 27-ball 28, thus allowing Du Plessis to declare the innings closed after the half hour since lunch produced 43 runs from seven overs.

SCBA to stage

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but the head of the judiciary, the chief justice, himself doesn't have any freedom now," he said.

SCBA General Secretary Mahub Uddin Khokon said those who have taken stance against the CJ actually "don't want independence of the judiciary".



Rohingya refugees in Teknaf get into other boats to go to the main land yesterday. They arrived from Myanmar Friday night on boats. PHOTO: REUTERS

A cruel mockery of 'Never Again'

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Meanwhile the UN continued to talk and failed to take any decisive action until Rwanda descended into a period of unbridled atrocity.

In Myanmar's case, the same thing happened. In May, an independent analyst appointed by the UN Myanmar office had reported of "serious deterioration" in the next six months and urged the UN to undertake serious contingency planning. The analyst had sought the UN to apply its human rights upfront initiative strategy to avoid a mass atrocity.

The UN high-ups did not bother to look through the report. Then the massacre of the Rohingyas began. The atrocity in Myanmar unleashed in August 25 has been termed "textbook case of ethnic cleansing" and the "fastest growing humanitarian catastrophe" by the UN itself.

But this should not have been after the case of Rwanda.

Because the UN fully recognized its complete failure in the Rwandan genocide. UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali repudiated his failure. "all of us are responsible for this failure. It is a genocide which has been committed". A commission was appointed to get deep into the matter and it found the UN system had totally failed to prevent the Rwandan genocide and that new systems were needed to prevent future atrocities.

Soul searching began and reforms were made after the commission's report in 1999.

An Office of Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect was set up with the task of early warning role. A Framework of Analysis for Atrocity Crimes was drawn up for methodological early warning.

The Secretary General had drawn an action plan to prevent genocide involving the whole UN system.

A Human Rights Upfront Initiative strategy was adopted for early warning on genocide and atrocity.

Sadly, all these initiatives and commitments stumbled in the case of

Myanmar, 23 years after Rwanda.

There was an internal call for applying Human Rights Upfront Initiative strategy. It was not done.

Early warning reports were suppressed. And worse still, the UN office in Myanmar had tried to stop human rights activists travelling to Rohingya areas, attempted to shut down public advocacy on the subject and isolated staff who tried to warn that ethnic cleansing might be in the offing.

Bosnia's bloody period of civilian massacre in July 1995 has faded now where the UN had again failed to sound alarm bells. Secretary General Kofi Annan's report in November 1999 said, "...a deliberate and systematic attempt to terrorise, expel or murder an entire people must be met decisively with all necessary means."

And now with Myanmar as the latest case that matches the words of the report to a tee, the promise -- 'Never Again' -- that the world made after the Holocaust, sounds like a cruel mockery.