

# DREAM START

Bangladesh beat South Africa by 21 runs in WC opener; post their highest ever total in ODIs and the highest in the 2019 World Cup so far



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**Ace all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan struck an 84-ball 75 to help Bangladesh post 330 for six before picking up a crucial wicket as the Tigers registered a brilliant 21-run win against South Africa in their first ICC World Cup 2019 fixture at the Oval in London yesterday.**

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SAKEB SUBHAN from London

As Mustafizur Rahman ran up to bowl to South Africa number 10 Imran Tahir, with the Proteas needing an unlikely 44 runs from the last 16 balls, Bangladesh skipper Mashrafe Bin Mortaza's smile from his position at backward point told the story. That tale was also well narrated by the rapidly emptying sections of the stands where not 15 minutes ago South African fans were seated, hoping for one last surge. Faced with the third-best team in the world, who had bullied them in their last three encounters, Bangladesh's World Cup opener could hardly have been a tougher proposition. Yet, about a quarter of an hour after Mashrafe was seen grinning, seventh-ranked Bangladesh had completed

the perfect start to their 2019 World Cup campaign by beating South Africa by 21 runs at The Oval in London yesterday.

It was the perfect start because it would have settled a lot of nerves for a team

that in a tournament where big scores are forecast to be the norm, they are worthy participants. It was also a match that saw the Tigers follow to the letter their captain's instruction of not reinventing the wheel

World Cup stand of 142 between player-of-the-match Shakib Al Hasan and Mushfiqur Rahim -- and they bowled as a unit. It was all the more auspicious for Bangladesh because they dominated playing their own game and that means they can hope to repeat it in the coming games, starting with their next match at the same venue on June 5.

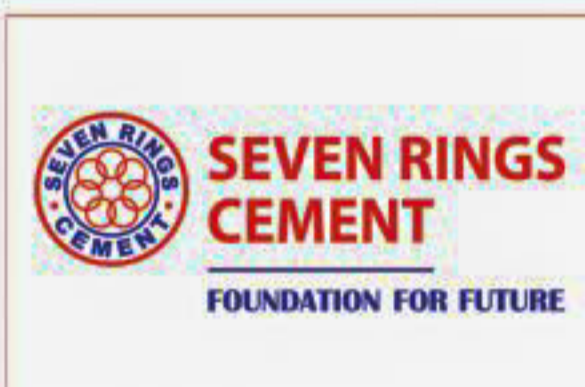
It was Mustafizur who ushered many South African fans towards an early exit, and induced the army of Bangladesh fans to further exert their already frayed voices and toss their stuffed Tigers ever higher, when he had the big-hitting Chris Morris caught at deep midwicket off a full toss in the 46th over to have South Africa on 275 for seven. The Fizz then brought a smile to

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পদ্মা সেতুর মূল কাঠামোতে ব্যবহৃত হচ্ছে শুধুমাত্র

**স্ক্যানসিমেন্ট**

ভিত্তিসহ পুরো বাড়ি তৈরিতেই ব্যবহার করুন স্ক্যান সিমেন্ট মজবুত হোক আপনার বাড়ির ভবিষ্যৎ



"Bangladesh are re-confirming what we've known for a few years now. They are a team showing that they are a genuine force in the world game."

IAN BISHOP, FORMER WEST INDIES FAST BOWLER

that rises and falls on momentum, and in scoring their highest ODI score of 330 for six -- which was also the highest score in the five World Cup matches so far -- they would have proven to themselves

and playing like they would in different conditions at home. They played as a unit with all eleven members playing a part, instead of going hell for leather they built partnerships -- including their highest

## PADDY PROCUREMENT SYSTEM Farmers lose out due to moisture



PINAKI ROY and MOSTAFA SHABUJ

The required level of moisture content set by the authorities has become another big headache for Boro growers hit by falling prices, as it makes most of them ineligible to sell their produce to the government.

Under its ongoing procurement programme, the government is buying 1.5 lakh tonnes of paddy from farmers across the country. One of the prerequisites for selling paddy is the moisture content must not exceed the

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## 19 die on roads

16 of them killed in accidents involving human hauliers on busy highways

STAR REPORT

At least 19 people, including a child, were killed and 12 others injured in road accidents in four districts yesterday.

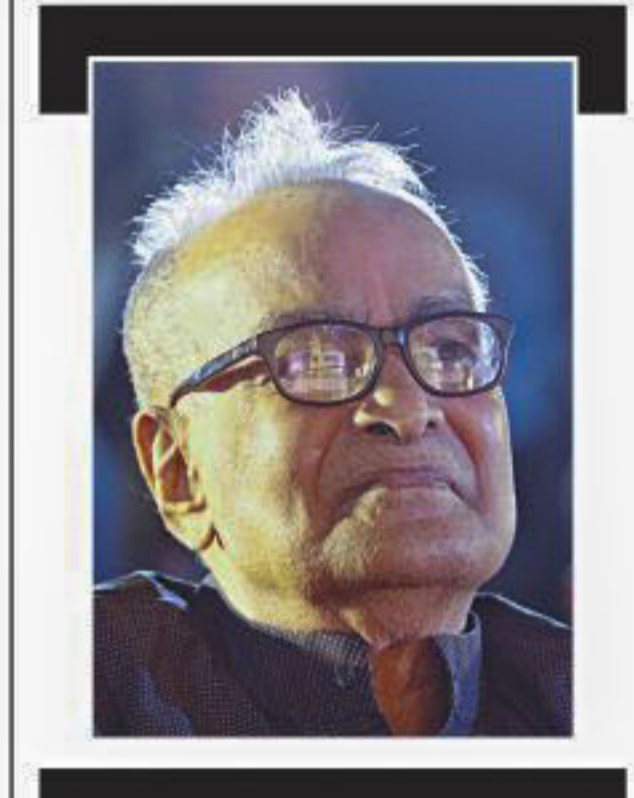
As Eid-ul-Fitr is just a few days away, almost all the highways have heavy traffic.

Of the dead, nine were in Sirajganj, seven in Sunamganj, two in Gazipur and one was in Natore.

Meanwhile, a non-government organisation -- National Committee to Protect Shipping, Roads and Railways (NCPSRR) -- yesterday said 1,890 people were killed and 3,543 others wounded in 1,792 road accidents in the first five months of this year across the country.

In a press release, the NCPSRR said it got the figures after monitoring reports of 22 national dailies, 10 regional newspapers, and eight online news portals and news

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## Momtazuddin no more

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Renowned theatre personality, language movement activist and Ekushey Padak recipient Momtazuddin Ahmed passed away at 3:48pm in the Intensive Care Unit of Apollo Hospital in the

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### চূড়ান্ত প্রতিযোগিতা

কারিগরি শিক্ষাঙ্গনের জনপ্রিয় প্রতিযোগিতা স্কিলস কম্পিটিশন ২০১৮ এর চূড়ান্ত পর্ব আগামী ১৬ জুন ২০১৯ তারিখে বঙ্গবন্ধু আন্তর্জাতিক সম্মেলন কেন্দ্র, আগারগাঁও, ঢাকায় অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

কারিগরি শিক্ষার্থীদের মেধা ও উদ্ভাবনী শক্তি বিকাশের লক্ষ্যে শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়ের কারিগরি ও মাদ্রাসা শিক্ষা বিভাগের কারিগরি শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তরের অন্যতম প্রকল্প স্কিলস গ্যাড ট্রেনিং এনহ্যান্সমেন্ট প্রজেক্ট (STEP) ২০১৪ সাল থেকে এ প্রতিযোগিতা আয়োজন করে আসছে।

শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়ের মাননীয় মন্ত্রী ডা. দীপু মানি, এম. পি. প্রধান অতিথি হিসেবে উপস্থিত থাকতে সদয় সম্মতি জ্ঞাপন করেছেন। বিশেষ অতিথি হিসেবে উপস্থিত থাকবেন জনাব মহিবুল হাসান চৌধুরী, এম. পি., মাননীয় উপমন্ত্রী, শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়।

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