



"The pilot shouldn't have made such a mistake as it was the prime minister's flight."
 HOME MINISTER ON BIMAN PILOT FLYING WITHOUT PASSPORT



"Terrorism is a global problem. Bangladesh is not an isolated country. Nor do we live on an isolated island. Such incidents may happen."
 QUADER ABOUT RECOVERY OF BOMB-LIKE SUBSTANCE AT BSMMU



"They [Nasa] should be focused on the much bigger things we are doing, including Mars (of which the Moon is a part)!"
 US PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP



Hosts dominate timid Tigers

SAKEB SUBHAN from Cardiff

Bangladesh are the seventh-ranked team and England are ranked number one, so it would have been overly optimistic to expect the Tigers to beat the form team in world cricket. It would have been a little more realistic to expect that Bangladesh would put up a fight and stay in the contest for a majority of the match, because the Tigers have shown the will to fight against steep odds in the past. Even with Shakib Al Hasan's sterling century that took him to the top of the run charts in the ongoing World Cup, it would be hard to pinpoint a stage where Bangladesh were actually keeping pace with their rampant opponents during a 106-run loss at the Cardiff Wales Stadium yesterday.

Bangladesh skipper Mashrafe Bin Mortaza talked about defence being the best offence when it came to absorbing the aggression from England's batting. In opting to field first at the toss he showed that he was also defensive about England's bowling, presumably protecting his batsmen from facing Jofra Archer and Co on a pitch that was under covers for more than the last 24 hours. In doing so, he allowed England's strong suit to meet Bangladesh's weak link and, on the back of a raucous 121-ball 153 from opener Jason Roy and a powerful 64 off 44 balls from Jos Buttler, pile up 386 for six. Long before Mustafizur Rahman was the last man out with seven balls left in the innings, the match was all but over at the halfway stage as Bangladesh's ODI best had been 330 for six in the tournament opener against South Africa, and that is how it remained.

In chase of the daunting total, England's highest in World Cups, England's pacers proved to be too daunting as, instead of the early moisture, they had ample scoreboard pressure with which to bully the Tigers. The express Jofra Archer bowled Soumya Sarkar with a peach that flew for straight over the boundary off the left-hander's off stump. Tamim Iqbal, having gotten to 19 off 28 balls, was beaten by pace as he tried to force the issue against Mark Wood, with the ball hitting bat halfway through his attempted, advancing pull and looping to cover.

With the score reading 63 for two in the 12th over, it was once again Shakib and Mushfiqur who repaired the damage with their second century partnership and third 50-plus stand in three matches.

Shakib proved to be the only Bangladesh player who successfully adapted to the situation and conditions. After a difficult start, he batted relatively untroubled and in the company of Mushfiqur, brought up his

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Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan continued his fine form at the World but this time went one better as he converted a third half-century in as many games into his maiden World Cup century. He also climbed to the top of the run-getters' list in the tournament, but his efforts went in vain as England cruised home by a massive 106 runs.

PHOTO: AFP

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মূল কাঠামোতে ব্যবহৃত হচ্ছে শুধুমাত্র

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MOSQUITO CONTROL DEPT

IN ABSOLUTE SHAMBLES

HELEMUL ALAM

In Dhakeshwari area in the old part of the city, a signboard reading "Moshok Nibarani Daptor" stands out, especially for citizens tired of the mosquito menace that shows no signs of ending.

This is Dhaka's Mosquito Control Department, which was established back in 1948 to eradicate the insects.

Entering the building, one will be struck by a blatant irony: the entire compound itself serves up the perfect environment for mosquitoes to breed in.

There are around half a thousand empty insecticide drums hugging the sides of the premises. The two-storey building has 17 rooms, some of which remain locked.

A quiet atmosphere prevails in and around the building due to a lack of activities.

"Dhaka Mosquito Control Scheme was established in order to eradicate malaria at that time. It was vibrant with a strong workforce [back then] and played an effective role in eradicating mosquitoes since its inception," said Gasuddin, storekeeper of the department.

Some 338 contingency workers, appointed under the mosquito control scheme, were regularised under the ministry of health in 1972, he said. Back then, extensive work, including conducting drive against mosquito, its larva and breeding grounds, along with research work relating to mosquito control activities in Dhaka, were carried out.

However, once the department was brought under the Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives (LGRD) in 1981-1982 and subsequently under the direct preview of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC), it lost the essence it was empowered for.

"We are the department to battle mosquito, but we have no power now. We just distribute insecticides [both larvicide and adulticide] to all the zones under Dhaka South City Corporation and Dhaka North City Corporation on their instructions.

"Now we have 281 staffers; only 13 of them do official work and the rest 269 do field work under the supervision of the two city corporations," he said, adding that their office premises were now being used as a warehouse of insecticide

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Imran writes to Modi for talks

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Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, in a letter to PM Narendra Modi, on Friday said that Islamabad wants talks with New Delhi



to resolve all reconcilable problems, including the Kashmir issue, according to a media report, a day after India said there will be no bilateral meeting between the two leaders on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

In a letter to Narendra Modi congratulating him on his second term as the prime minister of India, Imran Khan said talks between the two nations were the only solution to help both countries' people overcome poverty and that it was important to work together for regional development, the Geo TV reported.

Imran Khan said Pakistan desires the resolution of all problems, including that of the Kashmir issue, it said.

This is the second time after Narendra Modi was re-elected to power that the Pakistani premier has expressed his desire to work together with India for the betterment of their peoples.

Tensions between the two countries worsened after the Pulwama terror attack and both the countries were almost on the brink of war after India's military planes struck a

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RIVER EROSION

Govt plans to allocate Tk 100cr for victims

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The government is planning to allocate Tk 100 crore to rehabilitate the victims of river erosion across the country.

A finance ministry official said they would make the proposal in the upcoming budget following the prime minister's directive.

If approved, it will be the first such allocation although it is not yet clear how the money will be disbursed.

Annually, river erosion destroys households of some 50,000 people, who comprise around 30 to 40 percent of the homeless in the country, the then water resources minister Anisul Islam Mahmud said in 2016.

Some 13 percent rural people migrate to other parts of the country or abroad every year. Of them, 3.59 percent are internal migrants, according to the latest survey of Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS).

A major portion of the domestic

migrants are victims of river erosion, said a BBS official.

The Centre for Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS) forecasts rivers may devour 4,500 hectares of land next year, which may make 45,000 people homeless.

Riverside areas of Madaripur and Shariatpur may face the worst erosion, the organisation said.

However, their predictions are only for the Padma, the Jamuna and the Ganges (upper flow of the Padma before meeting with the Jamuna) river. So the actual number of victims may be much higher.

Although thousands of people fall victim to river erosion every year, the government often takes ad hoc measures such as distributing relief.

There is no permanent allocation for rehabilitation of these victims, many of whom migrate to the capital and other cities.

The issue came to the fore last year, after the mighty Padma devoured a vast

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সৌর যন্ত্রাংশ আমদানীর অনুমতি (IRC) প্রাপ্তির লক্ষ্যে বাংলাদেশ স্ট্যান্ডার্ড (BDS) নিশ্চিত করে শ্রেডার NOC গ্রহণ করুন

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২.	ইনভার্টার	BDS IEC 62109-2
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		IEC 61727:2004* IEC 62116:2014*
৩.	চার্জকন্ট্রোলার	BDS IEC 62509
৪.	ব্যাটারী	BDS IEC 61427-1
		IEC 61427-2:2015* BDS IEC 60086-4

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