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Tigers' time to get back on track

SAKEB SUBHAN from Taunton

Although the Bangladesh team in Taunton were not involved in a World Cup match yesterday, the result in another match in Taunton would have dampened spirits a bit in the Tigers camp. The match between India and New Zealand in Nottingham was washed out due to persistent rainfall and that could potentially make Bangladesh's progress to the semifinals more difficult than it seemed after their match against Sri Lanka was washed out on Tuesday.



The Tigers -- at seventh position with three points from four games -- were enjoying a two-day break from cricket in Taunton ahead of their next game here against West Indies on Monday. The ongoing World Cup, with 10 teams playing each other before the top four move to the semifinals, is a zero-sum game of sorts. New Zealand's fortune -- India are one of the strong favourites -- may be Bangladesh's misfortune, and skipper Mashrafe Bin Mortaza did not seem too happy when he came to their hotel lobby at about the time when the match in Nottingham was abandoned. New Zealand, who beat Bangladesh by two wickets on June 5, are now at the top of the table having taken a point from a match that many expected them to lose.

The equation for Bangladesh does not change much, however. A couple of hours before Mashrafe came to the lobby, head coach Steve Rhodes said during an informal chat with reporters that while he was happy with where the team is, it was time to start winning. Despite the result in

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In what seems to be a trend in this edition of the World Cup, yesterday's match between India and New Zealand at Trent Bridge in Nottingham was called off due to rain. This is the third fixture to be abandoned without a ball being played.

PHOTO: REUTERS

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India-NZ split points

AFP, Nottingham

India and New Zealand were awarded a point each after persistent rain in Nottingham forced the abandonment of their match yesterday -- the fourth no result of this World Cup so far.

After several inspections the umpires finally called the game at Trent Bridge off at 3:00 pm (1400 GMT).

The tournament in England and Wales started in dry conditions but three of the past four matches have been no results.

New Zealand top the table with seven points after three wins and a no result while India are third on five points, with two wins and one point from Thursday's washout.

"Obviously you turn up hoping to compete for two points but we've been here for four days and not seen any sun so it's no surprise," said New Zealand captain Kane Williamson.

"They will get some sun at some point but not on our trip here. With training indoors you just try and get what you need out of it. It's not ideal but having a bit of time off is also important in these competitions."

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21 SP-ranked cops get transferred

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a major reshuffle in the police department, 21 SP-ranked officials including the SPs of 11 districts and nine DCs of the metropolitan cities were transferred yesterday.

The home ministry in an order signed by Mohammad Hossain, deputy secretary of the Public Security Division, made the transfer.

The transfer came just two days into a major reshuffle in the field administration in which the government transferred 19 officials as deputy commissioners to as many districts.

In yesterday's order, Deputy Commissioner of Tejgaon Division of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Biplob Kumar Sarkar was transferred as the superintendent of police of Rangpur, DC Mohibul Islam Khan of DMP's Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit was made the SP of Kurigram, DC Wari Division of DMP Mohammad Farid Uddin was transferred as the SP of Sylhet, DC of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police (RMP) Alamgir Hossain as the SP of Noakhali, DC of DMP Hayatul Islam Khan as the SP of Pirojpur, DC of Detective Branch of DMP Khandaker Nurunnabi as the SP of

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HK PROTEST OVER CHINA EXTRADITION BILL

Beijing defiant as int'l alarm grows

Protesters plan weekend rally after violent clashes

AFP, Hong Kong

Beijing yesterday described the mass protests against Hong Kong's extradition bill as "riots", and said it supported the local government's response despite international pressure to respect the rights of Hong Kongers.

Police used rubber bullets and tear gas to break up crowds Wednesday after demonstrators -- angry over legislation they say would leave people vulnerable to China's politicised justice system -- blocked roads and brought the city to a standstill.

Videos of Hong Kong police beating unarmed protesters have also sparked accusations of brutality.

Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said Hong Kong's chief executive Carrie Lam and other city officials "have already spoken on the latest state of affairs, pointing out that what happened in the Admiralty area was not a peaceful rally, but a riot organised by a group."

"I think that any act that undermines Hong Kong's prosperity and stability goes against Hong Kong mainstream public opinion," Geng said at a regular press briefing.

"We support the Hong Kong government's dealing with the situation in accordance with the law."

Wednesday's violence left 79 people hurt, with two in serious condition, in the biggest political unrest since Hong Kong was handed back to China in 1997.

NEW RALLY

Sporadic demonstrations broke out again yesterday, with occasional scuffles with police, but crowds were much smaller and there was no

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10-yr-old girl killed in arson attack

Mother 80pc burnt; 'arsonist stepfather dies by suicide'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A 10-year-old girl was killed and her mother suffered serious burn injuries in a house fire at Patharghata upazila in Barguna early yesterday.

The dead is Sakhina Akhter, a grade-III student of a local primary school.

Sakhina's step father Belal Hossain and his cohorts doused the house with petrol and set it on fire, alleged Sajenur Begum, 30, mother of the victim who suffered 80 percent burns all over her body.

"The house was burnt to ashes within 15 minutes," a teary Sajenur said, adding, "They killed my only child. I demand justice."

According to police sources, Sajenur and her second husband Belal used to live in the house after

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Macron offers Trump replacement oak



AFP, Paris

French President Emmanuel Macron will send a replacement oak tree to US President Donald Trump after the original was dug up from the White House garden and died.

The French leader offered the young oak to Trump during a state visit to Washington in 2018, and the two shovelled dirt around it under the watchful eyes of their wives -- and cameras from around the world.

It was a symbolic gesture: the tree came from a northern French forest where 2,000 US Marines died during World War I.

But after the cameras left, the young oak was dug up and placed in quarantine -- where it died soon after, with many seeing it as symbol of US-France ties, which have since frayed over issues ranging from Iran to trade.

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AL hails budget; BNP, CPB not so kind

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ruling Awami League yesterday termed the proposed national budget "pro-people" and "realistic" but the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) were critical.

Tofail Ahmed, a veteran leader of the ruling party, in his instant reaction to the proposed budget at parliament, said the budget

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PRAYER TIMING JUNE 14

Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-05	12-45	5-00	6-50	8-15
JAMAAT 4-40	1-15	5-15	6-55	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



HUNTER IN THE SKY

A blue-tailed bee-eater flies away with a dragonfly in its mouth in Chattogram city's Salimpur Bajid area. The richly coloured, slender bird mainly eats insects, especially bees, wasps and dragonflies, which are caught during flight. The photo was taken a couple of days ago.

PHOTO: RAJIB RATHAN

'Most shoddy food items taken off shelves'

BFSa all set to claim before court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Food Safety Authority (BFSa) has prepared a report claiming that it has removed most of the 52 substandard food items from the market across the country and filed 52 cases against the companies concerned as per the High Court directives.

The report will be submitted to the HC on June 16, BFSa lawyer Mohammed Faridul Islam told The Daily Star yesterday.

"Bangladesh Food Safety Authority has worked to confiscate the 52 food items which were found to be substandard by the Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution after the High Court had directed to do so. Bangladesh Food Safety Authority has handed over its report to me for placing it before the High Court," the lawyer said.

But he refused to disclose the contents of the report and the names of the confiscated products and the companies concerned.

Replying to a question, the lawyer said BFSa Chairman Mahfuzur Rahman would appear before the HC on June 16 and offer unconditional apology for not fully complying with its May 12 order.

Following a writ petition, the HC on May 12 directed the BFSa and the Directorate of National Consumer Rights

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