

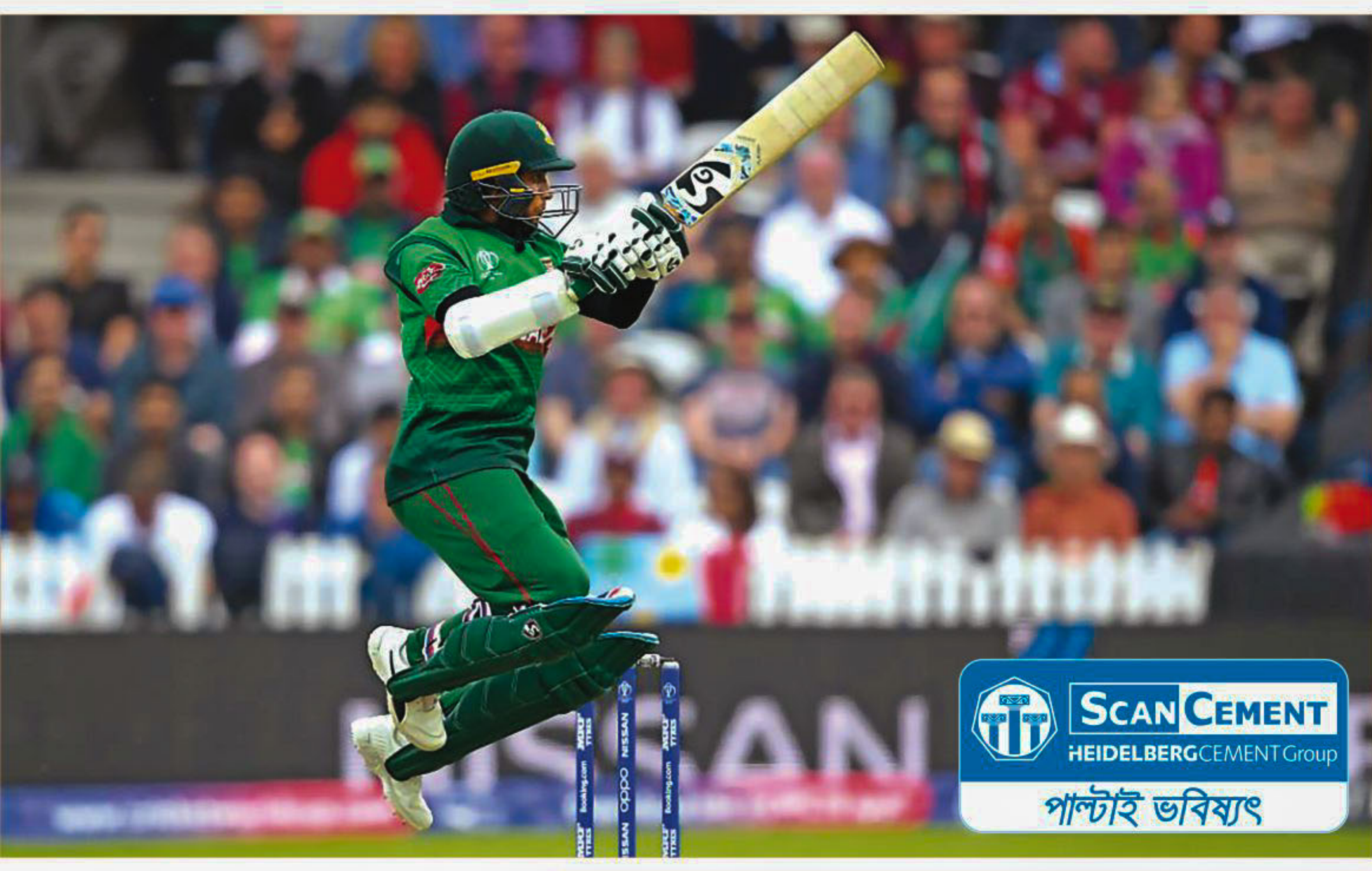
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After hitting two half-centuries to start the World Cup followed by a magnificent century -- albeit in a losing cause -- against England, Bangladesh's ace all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan continued his purple patch with an unbeaten match-winning 124 against West Indies yesterday.

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VOYAGE TO EUROPE 64 stranded Bangladeshis agree to return home

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 64 Bangladeshi migrants who have been stranded in the Mediterranean Sea off Tunisian coast of Zarzis for 17 days have finally agreed to return home.

The development comes after Bangladesh Ambassador to Libya Sheikh Sekander Ali had gone to the boat that was 10km off the coast and convinced them to come home.

Chiranjib Sarker, director general of the foreign ministry's consular wing, yesterday told The Daily Star over phone that it took hours of discussion with the migrants to convince them.

"The Bangladeshi migrants will be brought to the Tunisian land first, and will be flown to Bangladesh later," he said.

The International Organisation for

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Money in banks not for looting: PM



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said there is enough money in banks but that's not for looting.

While delivering the closing speech in parliament yesterday before the passage of the supplementary budget for fiscal 2018-19, the prime minister also said the government knows who looted banks in the past.

Hasina, the leader of House, was speaking on behalf of ailing Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal.

Some opposition lawmakers, taking part in the discussion on supplementary budget on Sunday, came down heavily on the government for its failure to check money laundering, soaring loan defaults and black money.

They also alleged that banking sector is suffering because of corruption.

"Many say there is no money in banks. Why there should be no money there? Of course there is money in banks," Hasina said.

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Magnificent Shakib MAJESTIC TIGERS

Tigers complete second-highest chase in World Cups with 7 wickets and 51 balls to spare

SAKEB SUBHAN from Taunton

Three sixes off three successive balls, two of them hooked off bouncers delivered by a genuinely fast bowler. 15 minutes later, the score read 305 for three after 40 overs. Nine balls later, a total of 321 was chased down in just 41.3 overs. The batting team were none of England, India or Australia. In a performance that consummately upended perceptions, Bangladesh beat West Indies by seven wickets playing a style of cricket that has not been associated with the Tigers. The second-highest

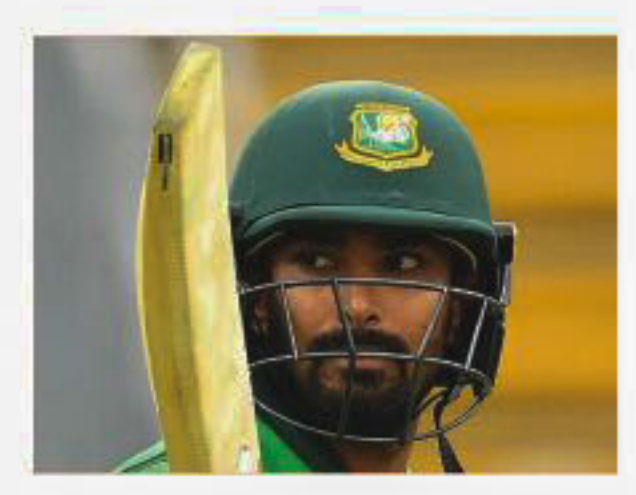
successful chase in World Cup history brought the Tigers' campaign roaring back to life at the County Ground in Taunton yesterday in the presence of a delighted, sloganeering crowd of Bangladeshi expatriates.

The style of play may have been a surprise, but the man spearheading the win was not. As Liton Das swivel-pulled the last of a plethora of bouncers to the square leg fence, Shakib Al Hasan crossed over to the striker's end and, with a fist-pump and a smile, calmly uprooted the stumps much like he had extracted the sting from a stubbornly aggressive West Indies attack

over the past three hours. He had to put it back because, as he said later, 'they do not let you keep the zinc balls', but there was no going back from the notion that Bangladesh had served further notice of their prowess.

Shakib regained top spot in the 2019 World Cup run charts with his second successive ton -- yesterday's unbeaten 99-ball 124 following the 121 he struck against England on June 8 -- but more importantly, helped lift Bangladesh to fifth in the 10-team World Cup table. Liton, replacing Mohammad Mithun in the eleven as Bangladesh's first change

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Liton's perfect second fiddle

ABDULLAH AL MEHDI

In the end it was an easy seven-wicket victory for the Tigers against the West Indies that keeps them in contention for something significant at this World Cup after an amalgamation of improvement in every cricketing department.

They reached the 322-run target -- equaling their highest-ever successful chase in ODIs and also

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CIRCULATING NUSRAT'S VIDEO OC Moazzem sent to jail

Court rejects his bail prayer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A tribunal in Dhaka yesterday rejected the bail petition of former Sonagazi Police Station OC Moazzem Hossain and sent him to jail over recording Nusrat Jahan Rafi's statement on his phone and circulating the video clip on social media without her consent.

Dhaka Cyber Tribunal Judge Ash Sams Joglul Hossain passed the order after police produced Moazzem before the court in a case filed under the Digital Security Act.

The tribunal also fixed June 30 for hearing on charge framing against him.

Nusrat, a student of Sonagazi Islamia Senior Fazil Madrasa in Feni's Sonagazi upazila, was set ablaze on April 6 allegedly for refusing to withdraw a case filed against the madrasa principal, Siraj Ud Doula, for sexually harassing her.

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Smith takes obsession to shower

REUTERS, Manchester

Practising cover drives in the shower is just one manifestation of Steve Smith's batting obsession but the Australian has assured his anxious team at the World Cup that he is not overdoing it.

The 30-year-old has returned from a ball-tampering scandal with his hunger for runs intact as his three half-centuries in five innings would attest. The 12-month absence has not diminished Smith's dedication to his craft which took the right-hander to the top of Test batting rankings before his exile.

Assistant coach Ricky Ponting, 10 rooms down the hotel corridor, has heard him shadow practising in England and coach Justin Langer said Smith hones his cover drives in shower.

"I don't know how he's spying on me in the shower!" an amused Smith, who relishes long hours in the nets, told reporters. "Yeah, I'm known to play a few shots here and there."

"I always have a bat in my room and Ricky was actually rooming about ten rooms up from me the other day and said, 'Were you batting at seven o'clock

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A CANAL KILLED

Due to mindless littering, a section of Khilghaon-Bashabo canal near Manda Intersection is completely clogged. A notice from Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority states that garbage dumping, constructing bridges, and encroachment on the canal are punishable offences. The photo was taken recently.

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