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"The train derailed as it was overloaded with passengers. There was no space left unoccupied."

CABINET SECRETARY MOHAMMAD SHAFIUL ALAM



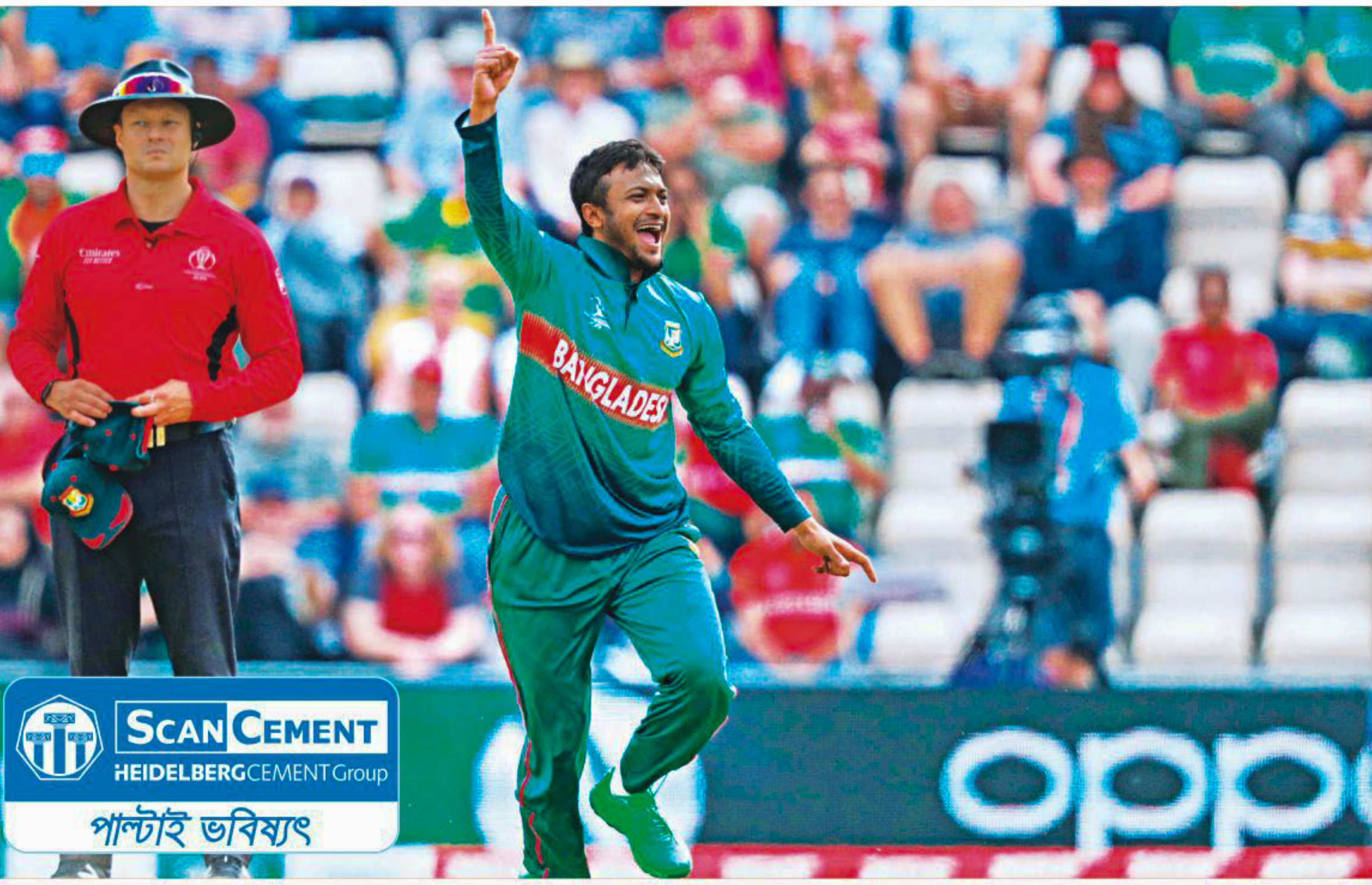
"Legal action against people involved in killing and repression of Rohingya people will play a vital role in resolving the crisis."

FOREIGN MINISTER AK ABDUL MOMEN TELLS JS



"Why are we protecting the shipping lanes for other countries (many years) for zero compensation?"

TRUMP ON GULF OIL SHIPMENTS AMID IRAN TENSIONS



Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan put up a truly all-round performance in yesterday's World Cup match against Afghanistan in Southampton. The left-hander notched his fifth fifty-plus total in the ongoing tournament before scalping five wickets for just 29 runs to hand the Tigers a 62-run win.

PHOTO: AFP

পদ্মা সেতুর মূল কাঠামোতে ব্যবহৃত হচ্ছে শুধুমাত্র স্ক্যানসিমেন্ট

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

Shakib bowls Afghans away

62-run win keeps Tigers' semifinal hopes alive

SAKEB SUBHAN from Southampton

The match took place at the Ageas Bowl in Southampton, but the pitch and the crowd were such that Bangladesh's method during yesterday's 62-run win against Afghanistan was straight from the Mirpur playbook. On a slow wicket, they overcame Afghanistan's spin threat with steady partnerships built around Mushfiqur Rahim's 83, and slowly but surely accelerated to a total of 262 for eight. Then, the bowlers, all raised on sluggish surfaces, choked the Afghan batsmen into making mistakes and one particular player drew blood five times as the required run rate ballooned and the wickets in hand shrivelled.

Also, like Mirpur, the support for Bangladesh was overwhelming. When the match was nearing its conclusion, loud chants of 'Shakib, Shakib!' went up when Bangladesh's highest scorer and highest wicket-taker in this World Cup was fielding at the deep square leg fence. He had just completed the quintessential star all-rounder's performance, scoring 52 in Bangladesh's innings and then returning spectacular figures of five for 29 from 10 miserly, incisive overs. If his contribution to Bangladesh staying relevant in the World Cup needed to be underscored, he

has been the player-of-the-match in the three matches that Bangladesh have won so far.

The win, with two World Cup matches left, moves the Tigers up to fifth position with the equation remaining much the same - having to win their last two matches against India on July 2 and Pakistan on July 5, as well as needing one or two other results to go their way, to make the semifinals.

Skipper Mashrafe Bin Mortaza had placed great importance on assessing conditions during play to win matches across the varying conditions and grounds of the UK. He could not have asked for more than a slowish wicket, a large outfield and Afghanistan skipper Gulbadin Naib's favour of batting last on a used wicket. Afghanistan had played India on the same surface on Saturday and held their mighty opponents to 224 for eight in an 11-run loss and so would have had a good idea of conditions. But being the superior team on paper, in rankings, on current form and in experience proved to be enough for Bangladesh who understood the Mirpur-ness of the situation and played accordingly.

But it was not all roses for Bangladesh. Their toughest tests are to come in crunch matches

against stronger subcontinental opposition, both of whom can be expected to largely negate their spin strength. In that regard, the pace department is a concern. All of them - Mustafizur Rahman (6.7), Mohammad Saifuddin (6.69) and Mashrafe (6.34) - have been expensive throughout the World Cup. Mashrafe has gone wicketless in five of the six matches so far, including yesterday. Mustafizur and Saifuddin are equal with Shakib on wickets with 10 each, but the two wickets that Mustafizur took - Rashid Khan in the 44rd over and Dawlat Zadran in the 46th - and Saifuddin's wicket of Mujeeb Ur Rahman to end the chase on 200 with three overs left were all taken when the result was beyond question.

It was Shakib who, in three spells of wily left-arm spin, won the match for Bangladesh. Coming on in the 11th over, he dismissed Rahmat Shah with a skidder that the batsman top edged to mid on. Mosaddek Hossain chipped in by having Hashmatullah Shahidi stumped, but Shakib was back in the 29th over to deal the decisive blow. Naib, the innings' top scorer with 47, was caught smartly by Liton Das at short cover and a ball later, Shakib bowled

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4.58 lakh unfit vehicles on road

Of them, 1.68 lakh in operation in the capital, says BRTA report submitted to HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

More than 4.58 lakh unfit vehicles are on the road and 1.68 lakh of them operate in the capital, according to a report of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA).

The vehicles are among 40.18 lakh registered with the BRTA, the report submitted to the High Court yesterday said.

As per the law, all vehicles, except motorcycles, must have their fitness checked and their certificates renewed from the BRTA every year. According to the report, 13.91 lakh vehicles are required to have the fitness certificates renewed annually. The report did not mention anything about the high number of vehicles that were not registered with the BRTA.

Unfit vehicles are considered as a key reason behind road crashes. Road safety came to the fore after students took to the streets twice over the last one year demanding safer roads.

BRTA's lawyer Moyeen Firozee submitted

the report before the HC during the hearing on a suo moto rule the court issued earlier.

The HC bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice KM Hafizul Alam, receiving the report, asked the BRTA to submit a detailed report with more information on the unfit vehicles, including their registration numbers and owners, within a month.

The HC also asked the BRTA to include particulars of drivers who do not have valid driving licences and furnish a report explaining steps the BRTA took against unfit vehicles and drivers without valid licences.

The bench also exonerated Mahbub-E-Rabbani, director (road safety) of BRTA, from appearing before the court in person. Rabbani was in the court yesterday.

The court fixed July 23 for further hearing on the matter.

During the hearing yesterday, the HC bench observed that unfit vehicles were being driven by drivers without valid licences under the very nose of law enforcers.

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“Road accidents are taking place in the country as the officials concerned have not taken appropriate action to stop running of unfit vehicles by the drivers without valid licence.”

Good punished, bad rewarded

HC observes citing tax hike for savings certificate profit, how loan money is being laundered abroad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Borrowing large amounts from banks, some people set up industries in the country with a portion and launder the rest to other countries, the High Court observed yesterday, adding that those people consider the countries to be their second home.

On the other hand, retired and poor people purchase savings certificates in most cases. But the government, in the proposed budget, has hiked the tax on their profits from five to 10 percent, the court said, adding that it was like punishing the good and favouring the bad.

The HC also said the Bangladesh Association of Banks had promised the prime minister a year ago that they would bring down the lending rate to single digit, but it was still 17-18 percent.

The banks have not kept the promise and the Bangladesh Bank has not taken any action against them, it observed.

The HC bench of Justice FRM Nazmul Ahasan and Justice KM Kamrul Kader came up with the observations while hearing a writ petition challenging the government's failure to stop various irregularities and corruptions in sanctioning loans.

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BUSINESS

FDI saw 68% rise in 2018

Says UNCTAD report

Bangladesh received net foreign direct investment (FDI) amounting to \$3.61 billion in 2018, its highest yet thanks to the one-off payment of \$1.47 billion by Japan Tobacco Inc. to purchase Akij Group's tobacco business.

The inflows are an increase of 67.94 percent from a year earlier, according to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. Ample scope to make profit accounted for such a big amount of FDI last year, said Kazi M Aminul Islam, executive chairman of the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority.

STORY ON B1

Misaligned wheels or faulty lines

Rail officials suggest as cause for Upaban Express derailment

MINTU DESHWARA and DWOHA CHOWDHURY

The derailment of Upaban Express in Moulvibazar was caused likely by faulty lines or misaligned carriage wheels, say officials.

Rail Secretary Mofazzal Hossain yesterday mentioned those two possible causes for the accident that killed four people and injured over 100 passengers on Sunday night.

Talking to reporters on the spot in Kulaura's Boromchal, he said the specific reason would be known after the probe bodies submitted their reports.

The railway ministry formed two probe committees that have been asked to submit their reports within three working days.

The first committee is a four-member body led by Mizanur Rahman, chief mechanical engineer (east zone) of Bangladesh Railway.

The second one is a four-member divisional probe committee led by Mainul Islam, divisional transport officer of Dhaka division.

While briefing reporters at the secretariat after the cabinet meeting at the Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretary Mohammad Shafiuul Alam said, "The train derailed as it was overloaded with passengers. There was no space left unoccupied," reports BSS.

However, the railway authorities denied the derailment caused by overcrowded carriages.

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Locals gather near one of the six carriages of Upaban Express that derailed in Moulvibazar's Kulaura on Sunday night leaving four people dead.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

SEVEN RINGS CEMENT

FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE

Friend turns foe as Archer faces Smith

AGENCIES, London

England spearhead Jofa Archer says his friendship with Australia batsman Steve Smith will be cast aside when the two sides face off in a crucial World Cup match at the Lord's Cricket Ground in London today.

Archer, the emerging fresh face of England's pace attack, and Smith are teammates for Indian Premier League franchise Rajasthan Royals. Australia's David Warner and Aaron Finch, enjoying a golden run as an opening combination, will be the crucial early wickets but Archer would then love a shot at batting plank Smith, whom the bowling all-rounder says is a friend.

"I'd like to consider he thinks of me the same way

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