



# Govt gifts houses to B,CB officials after players BEAT NEW ZEALAND

Batters to play with one stump in board’s next revolutionary move

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The government has gifted the officials of Board, Cricket Board (B,CB) houses and land in recognition of their service after the Chapasthan national team notched its greatest achievement by beating New Zealand in a Test in the southern-hemisphere nation. B,CB President Kamrul Hashan Phapa was given a grand mansion in the capital’s Foolshan, right next to his six-storey apartment complex. “The government has recognised the B,CB’s untiring criticism behind the players’ development, which led

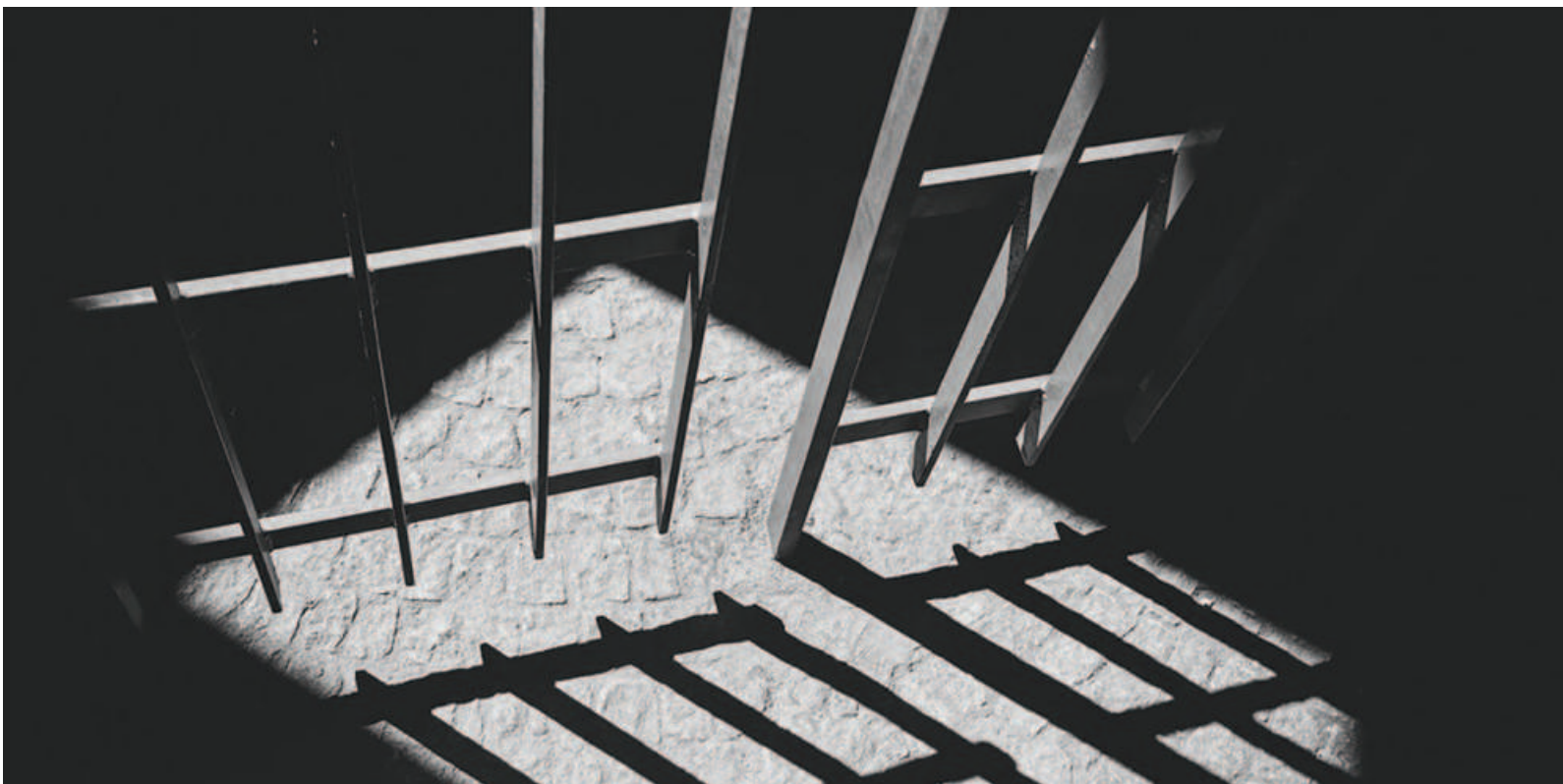
to this grand result,” read a sports ministry press release. All board directors were given houses in the capital and land in their home districts. All of their home districts are in the capital, as it so happens. Speaking at a press conference at 6:30am, 10 minutes after the team won in New Zealand, Phapa said, “All you people only find fault in us, but never see the good that we do. You say we don’t prepare our players for overseas conditions, we never build our team, and this gets my goat the most... you say we don’t have long-

term plans. “Ever since I took office I was planning this. We weren’t going to give fast bowlers friendly conditions here because we did not want to spoil them, we wanted them to be desperate, hungry. If they play on bad pitches here and perform, imagine how good they will be on good pitches. That was the thinking, although it took nearly a decade for the plan to work, because the cricketers are not very good. “We also kept the domestic players hungry in a more literal sense because we wanted them to be desperate. Finally, it has borne fruit, and we

promise to never give players the fruit.” BC Malik, a very influential board director, said, “Remember when the players went on strike? They wanted respect from the board. We said we would agree to their demands... but did we? No! “We didn’t give them respect. Because you have to earn the respect by playing cricket,” said the director who, like the president, never played cricket. “If we had given them respect, they would have climbed on top of our heads. But since they were disrespected, they went out to earn respect. They earned the world’s

respect but this is my promise to the nation, we will never respect cricketers.” Speaking at the same press conference, Phapa said from now on, batters in domestic cricket will be given a single stump instead of bats to hone their skills further. To even the scales, bowlers will also have a single stump to bowl at. “This will be our second phase of development,” Phapa said. “Our aim is 2040... I have to be in power till then, I guess. I will be 93, but these are the sacrifices one makes for cricket.”

# Parents arrested after using newborn to escape dawats



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Local police yesterday arrested the parents of a newborn after a barrage of complaints were lodged against them by their friends for using their child to escape social niceties. The arrest was made last night, according to Sub-Inspector Torbaap Ahmed, after the couple’s friends lodged the complaints. According to the statements, ever since the baby was born the couple has been saying that they need to be with him all the time. This led the friends to lodge the complaint on the basis that the new parents weren’t taking good enough care of the baby, which must be why the “thing” was crying all the time and needed their undivided attention. “I am her best friend and kept calling her to attend my holud but she didn’t even pick up. She just left me a message saying the baby was crying,” said one of the complainants, wishing not to be named. The father’s friends too lined up with complaints. “I just returned from bidesh and it’s important he makes

time for me. We have been friends for decades. Yet, it’s been over two weeks, I have not seen my friend. His excuse: the baby of course. “I’ve seen other people have babies. They meet their friends.” Meanwhile relatives of the couple too have been flustered by the ongoing absence of the new parents from dawats. “We usually spend 20 to 30 minutes at the door while saying goodbye after any social gathering. But the new mom hurried us out of the door saying her baby was crying. We didn’t hear any baby cries. How come they didn’t engage in the customary long-drawn-out bye-bye at the door?” asked another complainant. NGO Baby Welfare visited the couple’s apartment after the complaints were filed and found that the parents were not giving the exact prescribed amount of tummy time to the baby, and also that their room was not a hundred percent dark when the baby went to sleep at night. The arrested parents were not able to make any comments regarding the matter as they have been sleeping non-stop in the prison cell.