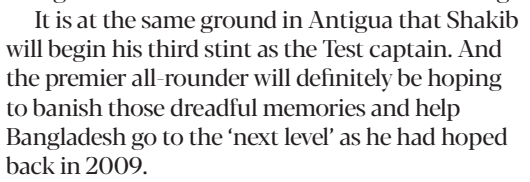




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However, Shakib's hopes of Bangladesh reaching the 'next level' in Tests unfortunately never materialised as the Tigers' trajectory in the format trended downhill, with only a few achievements in between.



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"The squad is very excited and everyone is looking forward to tomorrow's match. I think it's a completely different wicket. It's completely different to what it was four years ago. It looked a better wicket to me and I think it will be

"I am in a good position but I am not too worried about form because I had a good game against Sri Lanka in the last

Shakib pointed out that the Tigers would start to get the

"It will be a very good thing for Bangladesh cricket. At this moment, it seems like we are playing so much cricket but not with a big number of players. But within a year and a half, a lot of players will come up because of injuries and that it will help us. If they start performing, then there will be a healthy competition," Shakib added.

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