

## Miraz banking on seniors' experience at 2023 WC

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Bangladesh spinner Mehedi Hasan Miraz returned to the country yesterday after being adjudged player-of-the-match in first two ODIs as the Tigers swept the West Indies 3-0 in the ODI series.

The ODI series win will help the Tigers gear up for the Zimbabwe series, especially given they lost both the Test and T20I series in the Caribbean. Miraz said that they would have to make the most of the few days with their families to refresh themselves.

"We're professional players and that's how it's supposed to be," he said of the Zimbabwe tour coming so soon after the end of the West Indies sojourn. "It's important to mentally refresh ourselves and enjoy the time with our families."

He talked about the team's comfort in ODIs and said that if they could follow the template they had in ODIs, the seniors could make their experience count.

"The [50 over] 2023 World Cup [in India] is not far off. The way we are going forward, if we follow the same process, we can do well in the World Cup. Since we have a lot of experienced players. Tamim bhai, Shakib bhai, Mushi and Riyad bhai are very experienced. Even Mustafizur, Liton and I have played a World Cup. Those of us who are there have almost five years of international experience. So we can go to the World Cup with experience on our side," Miraz said when asked to comment on the World Cup dream.

Asked if the youngsters players had the responsibility to do something for the seniors in what might be their last World Cup, Miraz said: "It's everyone's responsibility. If we do something good in the World Cup, it will be good for us and the country. So as long as they [seniors] are there, we will try to achieve something big."



Bangladesh pacer Taskin Ahmed was delighted to be reunited with his son following a month-long tour of the West Indies, which the Tigers ended on a sweet note with a 3-0 ODI series win over the hosts after humiliating defeats in the preceding Test and T20I series.

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## Can Tigers sort out opening pair in Zimbabwe?

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With the upcoming ICC T20 World Cup in Australia later this year in mind, the upcoming tour of Zimbabwe presents the ideal platform for selectors to try something different to change the Tigers' dwindling fortunes in the shortest format of the game.

The Bangladesh team is scheduled to fly for Zimbabwe on July 26, just days after completing their tour of the West Indies, to take part in three-match T20I and ODI series.

Selectors are expected to announce the squad today ahead of Bangladesh beginning their tour of Zimbabwe with the first of the three T20Is in Harare on July 30.

Bangladesh's performances have been disappointing in the shortest format since the T20 World Cup in Oman and the UAE last year, when Mahmudullah Riyad's side lost to Scotland in the qualifier stage before losing all their group stage matches in the event proper.

Batting has remained the biggest area of concern in the shortest format, especially when it comes to utilising the Powerplay, when teams look to score runs and lay the platform for big totals.

Interestingly, Bangladesh have fielded five different opening pairs in eight matches since the last World Cup. The likes of Liton Das, Naim Sheikh, Najmul Hossain Shanto, Saif Hasan, Anamul Haque and Munim Shahriar have been shuffled around, but no duo has shown promise.

Bangladesh were whitewashed in the three-match T20 series in West Indies, with the team management trying two different opening pairs featuring Munim Shahriar, Liton Das and Anamul Haque but none made an impact.

Although Tamim did not feature in the Tigers T20I side in the past year or so, his retirement from the format should give the selectors a clearer picture as they aim to form a settled opening pair before the T20 World Cup.

"Our opening pair has definitely not been doing well. We tried a few players, including the latest in the lot, Munim Shahriar. We have already finalised 12-13 players for the upcoming Zimbabwe tour and we are in discussions before finalising the full squad. I think we need to look forward, especially in regards to the opening pair, which is very important for us," chief selector Minhajul Abedin Nannu told The Daily Star yesterday.

The chief selector had previously said that they would give another opportunity to Anamul, who made a comeback to T20I format after seven years on the tour of the West Indies. However, he also hinted that they would experiment by including someone new in the opening position for the Zimbabwe tour.

## Messi on course to fulfilling Khelaifi's promise?

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It probably is too soon to tell, but Lionel Messi seems to be on the right track to fulfilling his PSG club president Nasser Al-Khelaifi's promise made last month.

Messi netted just 11 goals in all competitions for PSG last season but the French club president said last month that in 2022/23 "we will see the best version of Messi ever."

Messi was among the scorers on Wednesday but PSG were made to work hard for a 2-1 win over Kawasaki Frontale in the first match of their pre-season Japanese tour.

Star forward Messi, Neymar and Kylian Mbappe all started in new PSG manager Christophe Galtier's first game in charge of his full squad in front of a crowd of 65,000 at Tokyo's National Stadium.

Messi opened the scoring with a 32nd-minute shot but a much-changed PSG line-up in the second half could manage only one more goal through substitute Arnaud Kalimuendo.

J-League champions Kawasaki pulled a goal back in the 84th minute when Kazuya Yamamura headed home unmarked to set up a nervy finish.



## Baridhara deny Ctg Abahani

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Uttar Baridhara secured a crucial point in their quest to stay in the top tier of professional football with a fighting 2-2 draw against Chittagong Abahani in their Bangladesh Premier League fixture at the Sheikh Fazlul Haque Moni Stadium in Gopalganj yesterday.

The draw lifted Baridhara to 14 points from 20 matches, two points clear of Muktiyoddha Sangsad and five ahead of Swadhinata KS, both of whom have played a match less.

Chittagong Abahani, on the other hand, stayed in seventh position with 27 points from 20 matches.

Shakhawat Hossain Rony gave the port city side the lead in the 10th minute before Arifur Rahman doubled the lead in the 36th minute.

Saiddoston Fozilov reduced the arrears for Uttar Baridhara five minutes after restart before Arif Hossain scored the equaliser in the 78th minute.



PHOTO: AFP

## Shafique scripts epic at Galle to down Sri Lanka

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It was a tense fifth day morning, with Pakistan needing 120 more with seven wickets in hand to pull off a record chase at Galle against Sri Lanka.

But even though three wickets fell, and Pakistan survived multiple close calls on a day when the play was halted briefly by rain, Abdullah Shafique's continued presence meant that Pakistan always had the chase in hand.

Shafique hit an epic 160 to anchor Pakistan's record chase of 342 at Galle as the tourists won a thrilling opening Test against Sri Lanka on Wednesday.

The opener capped his marathon display with the winning runs in the final session on day five, jumping for joy and pumping his fist as Pakistan triumphed by four wickets for a 1-0 lead in the two-match series.

Pakistan went on to accomplish their second highest successful chase of 342 riding Shafique's career-best knock, which included seven fours and a six.

"The way he [Shafique] plays, so clean and with his focus, he will get many, many more such knocks," said

### HIGHLIGHTS

● **The 342-run target chased by Pakistan against Sri Lanka is the highest successful chase by any side in Galle.**

● **Abdullah Shafique's 524-minute stay at the crease is the longest by any batter during a successful chase in Tests.**

● **Shafique's 408 balls are also the second most faced in a successful chase.**

● **Shafique amassed 720 Test runs after just six matches. Only three batters scored more runs than him in their first six matches: Sunil Gavaskar (912), Don Bradman (862) and George Headley (730).**

Pakistan skipper Babar Azam, who was involved in a key third-wicket stand of 101 with Shafique to set up the chase.

"I hope that he becomes one of the best openers in the world."

The 22-year-old batted for just under nine hours and five sessions against a spin attack led by the in-form Prabath Jayasuriya, who took a match tally of nine wickets.

"As a youngster, when you prove yourself and perform in tough conditions and difficult tracks, then it's good," Azam told reporters.

"His confidence was high after performing against Australia so he was on a different level. And to perform against quality bowling, your confidence goes up higher."

Shafique survived three dropped catches, on 70, 135 and 151, but deserved his luck and played the anchor's role to perfection as he surpassed his previous Test best of 136 not out.

Shafique, who was named man of the match, said: "It was difficult but with time it was easier. Babar is one of the best in the world. We have learnt so much from him. I enjoyed batting with him in the middle."

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### Invitation For Tender

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from recognized Contractors / Manpower Suppliers to supply **Outsourcing manpower** for CMCH in the fiscal year 2022-2023. As per PPA-2006 & PPR-2008 (Including all corrigendum); Terms and conditions are as follow(s):

KEY INFORMATION			
1 Ministry / Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.		
2 Agency	Chattogram Medical College Hospital, Chattogram.		
3 PE Name, Designation & Contact details	Brigadier General Md. Shamim Akbar, Director, Chattogram Medical College Hospital. Telephone: +88031630179, Fax No: 88-031-610022, E-mail address: cmch@hospi.dgbs.gov.bd		
4 Procuring Entity Code & District	GOB, Chattogram.		
5 Invitation for	Tender for procurement of supplying outsourcing manpower for CMCH in the fiscal year 2022-2023.		
6 Tender Ref. No & date	Memo No: CMCH/Tender/2022-2023/Outsourcing Manpower/9330 Date: 20-07-2022.		
7 Procurement Method	Open Tender Method (OTM).		
8 Budget and Source of Funds	GOB in Bangladeshi Taka.		
9 Tender Publication Date	20-07-2022.		
10 Tender Schedule Selling Starting Date and Time	23-07-2022 During office hours.		
11 Pre-Tender Meeting	06-08-2022, 11:00 A. M.		
12 Tender Last Selling Date and Time	20-08-2022, 12:00 P. M.		
13 Tender Dropping & Closing Date and Time	Dropping date: 21-08-2022, Dropping time: from 09:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Closing time: 12:01 P. M.		
14 Tender Opening Date and Time	21-08-2022 at 01:00 P.M.		
<b>Name and address of the Office's</b>			
(a) Selling Tender Documents	1 Cashier, Office of the Director, Chattogram Medical College Hospital.		
	2 Cashier, Office of the Civil Surgeon, Chattogram District.		
(b) Receiving Tender Documents	1 Office of the Director, Chattogram Medical College Hospital.		
	2 Officer In-charge, Panchalish Model Thana, Chattogram Metropolitan Police.		
Tender Documents Opening Place Office of the Director, Chattogram Medical College Hospital, KB Fazal Kader Road, Chattogram.			
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERS</b>			
16 Bidders Eligibility	Details in Tender Booklet.		
<b>Description of Group, Price of Tender Document, Tender Security etc.</b>			
17 Sl. No	Description of Group	Price of Tender Document in BDT (Only in Cash, Non Refundable)	Tender Security in BDT (Bank Draft / Pay Order to be submitted with the tender booklet in favor of The Director, CMCH). Bank guarantee is not acceptable.
1	Tender for procurement of supplying outsourcing manpower	2,500.00 (Two Thousand Five Hundred only)	6,00,000.00 (Six Lac only)
18 Description of Related Services	Detailed description in Tender Booklet.		

Note:  
(a) Corrigendum if necessary in future will be a part of this notice. The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.  
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