

Sohan captain for Zim T20Is

Mahmudullah, Mushfiquer rested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday named 28-year-old wicketkeeper-batter Nurul Hasan Sohan captain for the T20I series in Zimbabwe after deciding to rest regular skipper Mahmudullah Riyad for the T20Is. With Shakib Al Hasan having already been granted a break from the T20 series, the BCB also confirmed that two other seniors, Riyad and Mushfiquer Rahim, would be rested for the T20 series.



SOHAN

Rumours had been rife that members of the team management would sit with Riyad yesterday afternoon and cricket operations chairman Jalal Yunus, team director Khaled Mahmud and all three selectors briefed the media following that meeting, which was slated to shed light on the immediate future of Riyad's T20I captaincy.

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"We held discussions with Riyad and told him that we wanted to send a new team to Zimbabwe. A few seniors won't be there so we wanted to have a look at new players. We named Nurul Hasan to lead the side and informed Mahmudullah. We also notified Shakib and Mushfiquer that we were going to try some new players in their place."

Newly-appointed skipper Nurul said that his vision would be to get the team to play as a unit. "Obviously it is a big challenge, but I am up for it. I will try to keep the team together and make sure we play as a unit. I have some experience of captaining in the Dhaka Premier League, but obviously an international assignment as captain is a big challenge," Nurul, who had a good series with the bat in the West Indies following match-winning knocks in the DPL for Sheikh Jamal, told The Daily Star yesterday.

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From left, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu, Turkish Defence Minister Hulusi Akar and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan attend a signature ceremony of an initiative on the safe transportation of grain and foodstuffs from Ukrainian ports, in Istanbul, yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

GRAIN EXPORTS VIA BLACK SEA

Ukraine, Russia sign deal

UN to monitor implementation of the accord; war rages on in Donetsk region

REUTERS, Istanbul

Russia and Ukraine yesterday signed a landmark deal to reopen Ukrainian Black Sea ports for grain exports, raising hopes that an international food crisis aggravated by the Russian invasion can be eased.

The accord crowned two months of talks brokered by the United Nations and Turkey aimed at what UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres called a "package" that would both restore Ukrainian grain exports while easing Russian grain and fertiliser shipments despite tough Western sanctions on Moscow.

Guterres said the accord opens the way to significant volumes of commercial food exports from three key Ukrainian ports – Odesa, Chernomorsk and Yuzhny, and the UN would set up a coordination centre to monitor implementation of the deal.

"Today, there is a beacon on the Black Sea. A beacon of hope..., possibility...and relief in a world that needs it more than



ever," Guterres told the gathering.

The United States welcomed the deal and said it was focusing on holding Russia accountable for implementing it.

But fighting raged on unabated in Ukraine's Donetsk region in east and, underlining deep-seated enmity and mistrust driving the worst conflict in Europe since World War Two, Russian and Ukrainian representatives declined to sit at the same table at the ceremony, and the display of the two countries' flags was adjusted so that they were no longer next to one other.

"In case of provocations, (there will be) an immediate military response" by Ukraine, Kyiv presidential adviser Mykhailo Podolyak tweeted before the ceremony.

Russia and Ukraine, both among the world's top exporters of food, sent their defence and infrastructure ministers respectively to Istanbul for the signing ceremony, also attended by Guterres and Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan.

A blockade of Ukrainian ports by Russia's Black Sea fleet, trapping tens of millions of tonnes of grain in silos and stranding many ships, has worsened global supply chain bottlenecks and, along with sweeping Western sanctions, stoked galloping inflation in food and energy prices around the world.

Moscow has denied responsibility for the worsening food crisis, blaming instead Western sanctions for slowing its own food and fertiliser exports and Ukraine for mining the approaches to its Black Sea ports.

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10 injured as BNP, police clash in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

At least 10 people, including policemen, were hurt in a clash between law enforcers and local BNP leaders in Baghail area of Dhanbari, Tangail, yesterday.

Police fired 17 empty shells and used three tear gas shells to take control of the situation, officials said.

Locals said Dhanbari Upazila BNP was holding its council around 5:00pm when a group of party leaders and activists went to Madhupur-Dhanbari road and began a protest against the council.

When a team from Dhanbari Police Station went to the spot and asked the BNP men to leave the area, the law enforcers and the protesters engaged in a clash, locals said.

Sarkar Shaheed, former general secretary of Madhupur Upazila BNP, said three BNP men got shot and two others were injured in the incident.

Chand Miah, officer-in-charge of Dhanbari

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Astronomers solve mystery of Jupiter's missing rings

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Scientists have discovered why Jupiter does not have rings like its neighbouring gas giant Saturn.

Saturn's rings are largely made of ice, some of which may have come from comets that are also made of ice.

"It's long bothered me why Jupiter doesn't have even more amazing rings that would put Saturn's to shame," said University of California, Riverside astrophysicist Stephen Kane.

"If Jupiter did have them, they'd appear even brighter to us, because the planet is so much closer than Saturn."

The reason for Jupiter's absent rings is relatively simple: its enormous moons prevent them from forming. The planet does in fact have smaller rings – as do Neptune and Uranus – but are not as substantial as Saturn's and therefore are difficult to see with traditional stargazing equipment.

Researchers ran a computer simulation of both Jupiter's orbits and the four main moons that

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Greece to regularise 15,000 undocumented Bangladeshis

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Greece will regularise some 15,000 undocumented Bangladeshis, said Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen yesterday.

Under a new deal signed between Bangladesh and Greece, he said, Bangladesh can also send yearly some 4,000 Bangladeshis to the European country.

The minister was addressing a seminar on energy crisis in the wake of Russia-Ukraine War organised by Bangabandhu Foundation at the Supreme Court Bar Association Auditorium yesterday.

Momen said he recently met Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen who offered that Bangladeshi investors could invest in the food industry by leasing land there.

"Cambodia is a huge country and they have vast land but less than one tenth of our population. So, I will convey this to our businessmen to go there and

take lease of land and produce crops."

The businesses can then send the crops home or sell to other countries, he said.

Foreign Minister Momen said Cambodia had planned building 10 bridges but could not do it due to Covid-19 pandemic. "I said we have built the Padma Bridge even during the pandemic. So, we have engineers and technicians. We can help you build the bridges even. We hope we can find a new avenue in Cambodia," he said.


Momen also said that following the sanctions after the Russia-Ukraine war, the whole world is in trouble, even those who imposed sanctions. "As a result, there are challenges in food and energy. We are also suffering," he said.

He said Bangladesh doesn't have problem with power at this moment but has taken advanced measures of austerity to prevent acute problems in the future.

"All of us should be aware of this and

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