



Flower petals fly in the air as the SAFF Women's Championship winners Bangladesh team ride on an open-top bus following their arrival in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED



Homecoming of champions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh women's football team, winners of the SAFF Women's Championship 2022, were given a grand reception yesterday upon their arrival in the country from Kathmandu, where they made history by clinching their maiden SAFF title after a 3-1 win over hosts Nepal in the final on Monday.

The champions touched down at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport at 1:46pm yesterday.

The airport was abuzz with inquisitive media personnel as well as football fans and people in general, who thronged there to get a glimpse of the champions and the trophy.

Skipper Sabina Khatun, who emerged as the tournament's top scorer with eight goals from five matches and was also named the most valuable player of the tournament for her efforts, dedicated the trophy to the people of the country.

"We feel proud to see that people of the country love us so much. We are indebted to everyone for receiving us in such a grand manner. This trophy is for all the people of the country, be it 16 crore, 18 crore or 20 crore. We have achieved a good result. Now our target is to do better in the coming days," Sabina said during an impromptu media briefing at the airport.

Zahid Ahsan Russel, state

minister for youth and sports, along with BFF executive committee members received the team at the airport. They also accompanied the footballers and the coaching staff on their open-top bus parade to the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) House in Motijheel.

Thousands of excited fans cheered and waved national flags all through the streets of Dhaka during the parade as it took over four hours for the team bus to reach its destination after having started from the airport around 3:30pm.

But the hectic journey could neither dampen the mood nor the joyous vibe that persisted among the fans and the champion

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Build a home for goalkeeper Rupna

Hasina directs from NY

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has directed the authorities concerned to construct a house for Bangladesh Women Football Team Goalkeeper Rupna Chakma.

Rupna, of Rangamati, and her team members clinched the title of SAFF Women Championship 2022.

Right after the victory, her dilapidated house in Rangamati went viral on social media.

After the image came to the prime minister's notice,

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At least 50 hurt as BNP men, cops clash

Policemen among injured in running battles

STAR REPORT

At least 50 people including BNP leaders and activists, and police were injured during clashes between demonstrators and law enforcers in Mukhtarpur area of Munshiganj town yesterday.

Three people were admitted to hospitals in the capital with serious injuries they suffered during what BNP leaders said was an unprovoked attack by police.

Ruhul Kabir Rizvi, BNP senior joint secretary general, told a press conference last night that over 100 BNP activists and leaders were injured in the attack by police.

Locals said most of the BNP activists and leaders went into hiding after the violence, and police raided the houses of the opposition activists for hours and detained the ones they could find.

Contacted in the evening, Yasina Ferdous, additional superintendent of police in Munshiganj, said at least 15 people were detained in connection with the violence.

At Munshiganj Sadar Hospital, doctors treated 37 injured men and 32 of them were policemen, said Resident Medical Officer Sakhawat Hossain.

Witnesses said several hundred BNP activists and leaders attended a rally organised by the party's Munshiganj unit around 3:00pm.

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We maintain 'zero tolerance' for enforced disappearance

Dhaka tells UNHCR

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh told the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva that the government maintains a "zero tolerance policy" towards any misdeed, offence, or transgression by members of law enforcement agencies.

The government presented its position paper after the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances presented its annual report on Bangladesh to the 51st session of the Human Rights Council on Tuesday.

"Bangladesh has never shied away from embracing the international human rights obligations. In this spirit, we remain constructively engaged with the working group. We have shared information pertaining to almost all the

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QUESTION PAPER LEAKS Dinajpur edu board defers 4 SSC tests

STAR REPORT

The Dinajpur education board yesterday postponed the SSC exams on four subjects after question papers of the English exams, held on Monday and Tuesday, were leaked the nights before in Kurigram's Bhurungamari upazila.

The exams deferred are on mathematics, physics, agricultural science and chemistry.

In a notice issued yesterday, the Dinajpur Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board said it postponed the exams due to unavoidable circumstances, and the new dates for the exams would be notified in due time.

The exams on these subjects were supposed to be held between September 22 to 26, board officials said.

"We are going to hold the examination on these subjects soon," Professor Kamrul Islam, chairman of the board, told The Daily Star, adding that exams on other subjects will be held as per the schedule.

Meanwhile, police yesterday arrested three teachers of Nehal Uddin Pilot Girls' High School in the upazila for their alleged involvement in leaking the question papers.

The arrestees are Lutfar Rahman, the school's headmaster and an exam centre secretary; Russel Ahmed, the school's English teacher; and Jobayer Hossain, its Islamic Studies teacher.

They were arrested after Md Adam Malik Chowdhury, a member of the examination controller committee in the upazila, filed a case with Bhurungamari Police Station accusing four named, including the trio, and 12 unnamed people.

According to the police and some examinees, the question papers were leaked from the Nehal Uddin Pilot Girls' High School centre.

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