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T20 WC QUALIFIERS

Tigresses unbeaten champions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh emerged as unbeaten champions in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup Qualifiers, beating Ireland by seven runs in the final at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi on Sunday.

Opener Fargana Hoque's 55-ball 61 and an all-round performance from Rumana Ahmed saw the Tigresses restrict Ireland to 113 for nine after posting a modest 120 for eight on the board.

Irish all-rounder Arlene Kelly threatened to take the game away from the Tigresses with an unbeaten 24-ball 28 late in the final but Nigar Sultana's troops managed to hold their nerves and get the job done.

Defending a small total, Bangladesh got off to a flying start as spinners Sanjida Akter and Nahida Akter got early breakthroughs.

Rumana got the crucial wickets of Eimear Richardson (18 off 15) and Ireland skipper Laura Delany (12 off 22) in the middle to leave then reeling

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Syrian Kurdish women take part in a demonstration in Syria's northeastern city of Hasakeh yesterday, to express their support for 22-year-old Mahsa Amini (portrait), who died while in the custody of Iranian authorities.

PHOTO: AFP

'I was abducted'

Claims Rahima Begum upon return after 29 days; the PBI contradicts her statement

STAR REPORT

Rahima Begum, who was found on Friday after remaining missing for 29 days, claimed she was abducted but police yesterday said this was probably not what had happened.

Officers have found a shopping bag with her which contained clothes, eyeliners, medicines and some other items that are not likely to be with an individual who has been abducted, said Syed Mushfiqur Rahman, superintendent of police at the Police Bureau of Investigation in Khulna.

In Facebook posts that reached thousands of followers, Moriom Mannan, Rahima's daughter, repeatedly wrote over the last one month that her mother went missing on August 27. On Friday, she said an unidentified body which was buried in Mymensingh was her mother's.

"It seems this was not a kidnap," Mushfiqur told a press conference.

Rahima also said her captors forced her to sign a non-judicial stamp.

"We investigated a land-related case in the past. There is a dispute over property with her neighbours. We can't say at the moment whether this is happening around that dispute or not."Rahima was sent to a Khulna court after being interrogated for about an hour by Khulna PBI yesterday. She made a statement at the court and was then handed over to the custody of her younger daughter Aduri Akhter, who filed the abduction case.

Rahima was rescued from the house of Abdul Quddus, a resident of Saidpur village in Boalmari, Faridpur, on Saturday night.

Mushfiqur said Rahima first went to Bandarban after she went missing and stayed there for a few days. Then she stayed in Chattogram for a few days before going to the house of her former tenant Quddus.

During interrogation, she claimed that her husband witnessed the moment she was picked up by three or four

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ZILA PARISHAD CHAIRMEN

27 backed by AL elected unopposed

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

Twenty-seven Awami League-backed chairman candidates have been elected to zila parishads uncontested, which was six more than the number of unopposed winners in 2016 polls.

Ruling party chairman contenders for 34 other districts will have to face party dissidents as it failed to deter them. Party insiders said in 19 districts, AL nominees will compete against multiple rebel candidates.

Sixty-one districts are slated to go to the zila parishad (district council) elections on October 17.

SM Asaduzzaman, joint secretary of the Election Commission, yesterday said after the withdrawal of candidatures, there was only one candidate for chairman posts in 27 district councils. "All of them are elected unopposed."

According to the EC data, the 27 district councils where chairman candidates have been elected unopposed are: Cumilla, Kurigram, Gopalganj, Chapainawabganj, Jamalpur, Jhalakathi, Tangail, Thakurgaon, Dhaka, Naogaon, Narayanganj, Noakhali, Pabna, Pirojpur, Feni, Barguna, Barishal, Bagerhat, Bhola, Madaripur, Munshiganj, Moulvibazar, Laxmipur, Lalmonirhat, Shariatpur, Sirajganj and Sylhet.

Besides, 68 member hopefuls and 15 aspirants for member reserved for women in 61 district councils are also elected uncontested.

Ninety contenders are vying for the chairman posts in elections to the remaining 34 district councils, and 1,505

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Chand Mia, a fish farmer, giving feed in a floating structure made of drums and nets in a canal to rear different types of fish like ruhi, katol, puti and tilapia. Fish farmers are profiting through this method of rearing. The photo was taken in Nodmula village of Pirojpur's Bhandaria upazila on Friday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

EDEN MOHILA COLLEGE

BCL president assaulted by rival faction

DU CORRESPONDENT

The president of Eden Mohila College Chhatra League was assaulted by some of its leaders during a press conference on the college premises yesterday.

She was declared "unwanted" over allegations of seat-trading, extortion and torture.

Eyewitnesses said college unit President Tamanna Jasmine Riva and some of her followers held a press conference in the evening. As they were replying to questions about the allegations, some leaders and activists of the same unit were chanting slogans against her and the unit's General Secretary Razia Sultana.

In a late-night development, the BCL Central Committee suspended all activities of the Eden College BCL unit until further notice. It issued a statement in this regard.

Earlier at the press conference, Riva said the allegations against her came up because many did not get the posts they expected in the committee, which was announced in May. "Since then, they have been trying to conspire against the top leaders."

At one point, some of the activists confined those holding the press conference, and a clash ensued.

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Chinese scientists

create world's first cloned arctic wolf



DAILY MAIL ONLINE

An Arctic wolf has been cloned for the first time by a Beijing-based gene firm that took a donor cell from a wild female Arctic wolf and combined it with an embryo that was grown inside a beagle, which shares genetic ancestry with ancient wolves to ensure the process was successful.

The pup, named Maya, was born in June but Singogen Biotechnology waited to announce her birth until she was 100 days old with the hopes the clone would be in good health, and it is.

Arctic wolves are not endangered like other breeds, but Singogen hopes to use this process to save other species that are at risk of extinction.

Although this is a scientific breakthrough, the cloning of animals is met with controversy as activists say the animals involved suffer in surgeries necessary to obtain donor cells and transfer embryos.

Another argument against the process that some see producing animals by cloning is whether this technique is violating some moral prohibition, such as people are "playing God" by producing

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Man picked up

by 'detectives' in the capital

Family says no trace of him even after a week

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 25-year-old man has been missing since he was allegedly picked up a week ago by several men claiming to be officers of the Detective Branch of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

On September 19, Dilwar Hossain, an office assistant (of a private organisation), was picked up from his home in Bosila Garden City by a group of armed men, his wife Jakia Akhter Mitu told The Daily Star.

"It was around 7:30am when a group of men knocked on our door. The landlord was with them. When my father-in-law opened the door, they came in and handcuffed my husband," she said.

Contacted, the landlord Shah Alam Talukdar said, "They came and identified themselves as DB police. One of them showed me a gun and an identity card, which had DB written on it."

Mitu said the men were in plain clothes. "But they all wore boots.

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