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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



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.

'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

"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 vesterday. 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

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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MAHSA AMINI'S DEATH

Iran vows 'no leniency' against wave of protests

Summons British, Norwegian envoys for 'interference'; death toll rises to 41

AFP, Paris

Iran's judiciary chief has vowed no leniency against the wave of unrest that has rocked the country since the death of young Kurdish woman Mahsa Amini in the custody of the morality police.

Judiciary, Gholamhossein Mohseni tightly-fitted hijab head coverings Ejei, came after nine nights of protests and which ban, among other and street clashes and echoed earlier comments by ultra-conservative President Ebrahim Raisi.

At least 41 people have died so far, mostly protesters but including members of the Islamic republic's security forces, according to an official toll, although human rights groups say the real figure is higher.

The judiciary chief "emphasised the need for decisive action without leniency" against the core instigators of the "riots", the judiciary's Mizan Online website said yesterday.

Hundreds of demonstrators, reformist activists and journalists have been arrested amid the mostly night-time demonstrations that have spread to scores of cities since unrest first broke out after Amini's death on September 16.

Security forces have fired live

groups charge, while protesters have hurled rocks, torched police cars, set ablaze state buildings, and shouted "death to the dictator".

Amini, whose Kurdish first name was Jhina, was arrested on September 13 for allegedly The warning by the head of the breaching the rules that mandate

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things, ripped jeans and brightly coloured clothes.

Some Iranian women protesters have since taken off and burnt their hijabs in the rallies and cut off their hair, some dancing near large bonfires to the applause of crowds that have chanted "zan, zendegi, azadi" or "woman, life, freedom".

Iranian Academy Award-winning filmmaker Asghar Farhadi was the latest to add his voice of support for Iran's "progressive and courageous women leading protests for their

rounds and bird shot, rights human rights alongside men".

London-based rights group Amnesty International has warned of "the risk of further bloodshed amid a deliberately imposed internet blackout".

Protests abroad have been held in solidarity with Iranian women in Athens, Berlin, Brussels, Istanbul, Madrid, New York, Paris, Santiago, Stockholm, The Hague, Toronto and Washington, among other cities.

Iran's foreign ministry said yesterday it had summoned Britain's ambassador over what it described as an "invitation to riots" by Farsi-speaking media based in London, and Norway's envoy over "unconstructive comments" made by the parliament speaker.

The country's main reformist group inside Iran, the Union of Islamic Iran People's Party, has called for the repeal of the mandatory dress code and the winding down of the morality police.

The party -- led by former aides to ex-president Mohammad Khatami, who oversaw a 1997-2005 thaw with the West -- also called on the government to "authorise peaceful demonstrations" and release those

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

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

Evewitnesses 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

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Chinese scientists create world's first cloned arctic wolf



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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 SEE PAGE 6 COL 2

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

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.

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

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

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