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India march into final

AFP, Providence
India hammered defending champions England by 68 runs in Guyana on Thursday to set up an ICC T20 World Cup final showdown against South Africa.

England, chasing 172 for victory, collapsed to 103 all out with spinners Axar Patel, who was later named player of the match, and Kuldeep Yadav taking three wickets apiece.

India will now face South Africa, who overwhelmed Afghanistan by nine wickets in the first semifinal on Wednesday to book their place in Saturday's final in Barbados.

Earlier, Rohit Sharma hit his third fifty of the tournament as India posted a challenging total of 171-7.

India, sent into bat by England captain Jos Buttler, were 40-2 in the powerplay after Virat Kohli (nine) and Rishabh Pant (four) both fell cheaply.

But a third-wicket partnership of 73 between Rohit (57) and Suryakumar Yadav (47), spanning a rain delay of over an hour, took India to 113-3 in the 14th over of a stop-start innings.

England, however, removed both the well-set batsmen before Hardik Pandya (23) and Ravindra Jadeja (17 not out) added useful runs late.

Axar then took India past 170 with a one-handed six off Chris Jordan in the last over.

Jordan took 3-37, including two wickets in two balls, while leg spinner Adil Rashid had fine figures of 1-25 in his maximum four overs.

Both Rohit, fresh from his blistering 92 in a victory over South Africa in the semi-final, and Axar Patel, who took three wickets, were named man of the match.



Axar Patel celebrates one of his three wickets of the day with captain Rohit Sharma, whose half-century set the stage for India's commanding 68-run win over England in the second semifinal of the ICC T20 World Cup at the Providence Stadium in Guyana on Thursday. India will now face off against South Africa in the final on June 29.

Arundhati Roy wins PEN Pinter Prize



THE HINDU ONLINE

Booker Prize-winning author Arundhati Roy, currently facing the threat of prosecution over historic comments on Kashmir 14 years ago, was yesterday honoured with the prestigious Pen Pinter Prize 2024 for her unflinching and unswerving writings.

The prize, established in 2009 by the charity English PEN, defends freedom of expression and celebrates literature in memory of Nobel-Laureate playwright Harold Pinter.

Roy expressed her delight at being named this year's winner amid an

Two AL leaders, teacher killed in C'nawabganj, Narayanganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two people, including a local Awami League leader and a schoolteacher, were shot and hacked to death in Chapainawabganj's Shibganj upazila last night.

The deceased are Abdus Salam, a zilla parishad member and also the general secretary of Noyalavanga union AL, and Matin Ali, a teacher of Harinagar High School.

Saidul Hasan, superintendent of police in Chapainawabganj, said criminals carrying guns and machetes launched the attack in front of Ranihat Degree College around 8:30pm when Salam, Matin, and his brother Titu Ali were sitting there. Salam died on the spot, while the other two got injured.

Locals later took Matin and Titu to the district hospital, where doctors declared Matin dead around 9:00pm.

Sajjad Hossain, officer-in-charge of Shibganj Police Station, told The Daily Star that there was a long-standing feud between two groups over establishing supremacy in Noyalavanga union.

"Salam, who led one of those groups, might have been killed over the dispute."

Israel storms Gaza City neighbourhood

Orders Palestinians to go south; 47 more Palestinians killed

REUTERS, Cairo

Israel stormed a neighbourhood in Gaza City yesterday, telling Palestinians as the tanks moved in that they must move south, and bombed the southern city of Rafah in what it says are the final stages of an operation against Hamas fighters there.

Residents of the Shejaia neighbourhood in Gaza City said they were taken by surprise by tanks rolling in and firing in the early afternoon, with drones also attacking after overnight bombing.

"It sounded as if the offensive is restarting, a series of bombings that destroyed several houses in our area and shook the buildings," Mohammad Jamal, 25, a resident of Gaza City, told Reuters via a chat app.

The Palestinian Civil Emergency Service said there were reports of people killed and wounded in Shejaia but their teams were unable to reach them because of the ongoing offensive. Three people were reported killed there in the earlier bombing, with five killed in the Sabra neighbourhood.

The armed wing of Hamas ally Islamic Jihad said it had detonated a pre-planted explosive device against an Israeli tank east of Shejaia.

"To all residents and displaced people in the Shujaiya area and the new neighborhoods ... For your safety, you must evacuate immediately south on Salah al-Din Street to the humanitarian

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Conduct probe into wealth of ex-DMP chief SC lawyer appeals to ACC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Supreme Court lawyer yesterday submitted an appeal to the Anti-Corruption Commission seeking an investigation into the wealth statement of former Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia.

The 14-page plea was submitted to the ACC chairman by lawyer Salah Uddin Reagan.

The prime minister has declared zero tolerance against corruption in the country. Still, the ACC has not taken any action despite reports of huge wealth amassed by the former DMP commissioner published in various media, Reagan said.



Asaduzzaman

How shutki pizza is winning American hearts



K TANZEEL ZAMAN

We have all been there, surviving the smell of shutkis while growing up. The beloved varieties of dry fish have always been a staple in Bangladeshi households for their distinctive, rich flavour. Usually seen and enjoyed in dishes like bharta and curry, this delicacy has recently made an unexpected yet triumphant journey across the globe, landing on the menu of a pizzeria in Detroit, USA.

"Amar Pizza", located in Detroit, has garnered significant acclaim for its maverick, innovative shutki pizza. Before you scrunch your nose, shutki-filled pizza has intrigued and delighted food enthusiasts beyond the Bangladeshi community. The pizzeria's bold bet of putting shutki into a universally loved dish like pizza has

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Court appoints more officials to look after Benazir's assets

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday appointed more administrators to look after the confiscated immovable properties of former IGP Benazir Ahmed and his family members.

The director of the Anti-Corruption Commission's property management unit will look after the assets in Dhaka and Rupganj. The deputy commissioner of Bandarban will look after the land in the district.

Judge Mohammed Ash-Shams Joglul Hossain of the Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka passed the order after ACC Deputy Director Md Hafizul Islam submitted a petition in this regard, said ACC lawyer Mahmud Hossain Jahangir.

The immovable properties are 24 kathas



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OH, MY DEER!

A red muntjak or barking deer, locally known as "maya horin", drinking from a watering hole at the Satchari National Park in Habiganj. Despite being native to south-central and southeast Asia, the red muntjak remains one of the least known mammals in the region. Until recently it was believed that all red muntjaks across Asia belonged to the same species. However, taxonomists now believe there may be several distinct species within the group. These nocturnal herbivores are known to be shy and solitary in nature and upon being approached or startled will make a "barking" noise, hence the name "barking deer". Along with the sound they make, their size is also roughly that of an adult dog. Though it is listed as "Least Concern" by the IUCN due to its large distribution and presence in protected areas, such as the Satchari park, degradation of habitat and hunting for body parts and meat remain a threat to their population.

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