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Kiwis dash Tigers' hopes

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On Monday, Ravindra hit 112 off 105 balls, his fourth ODI ton, and found good support from Tom Latham (55 off 76) and Devon Conway (30 off 45) as the Black Caps chased down the 237-run target in 46.1 overs.

Pacers Taskin Ahmed and Nahid Rana put New Zealand under pressure up front with some early wickets but Ravindra dealt with the early jitters expertly and formed a 57-run partnership for the third wicket alongside Conway and then a 128-run stand with Latham to take them near

the finish line.

Ravindra's sparkling knock, which included 12 fours and a six, ended in the 39th over when he holed out to long on off Rishad Hossain and Latham also got run out in the 42nd over but that didn't affect the outcome as Glenn Phillips (21 off 28) and Michael Bracewell (eight off 13) remained unbeaten to safely take them into the semifinals.

Rachin was also favoured by the Bangladeshi fielders thrice. Tanzid Tamim missed an opportunity to run him out when he was on 25,

then Mehedi Hasan Miraz dropped him on 93 off Rana and then finally Mahmudullah dropped him on 105 off Mustafizur Rahman.

Earlier, sent to bat, Bangladesh's strategy to attack all-rounder Michael Bracewell backfired tremendously as the innocuous looking off-spinner claimed career-best ODI figures of 4/26 to restrict the Tigers to 236-9.

Tanzid (24 off 24), Towhid Hridoy (seven off 24), Mushfiqur Rahim (two off five) and Mahmudullah (four off 14) – all of them got caught off Bracewell while trying to take

him on, squandering any hopes of Bangladesh posting a fighting total.

Skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto top scored with 77 off 110 balls while Jaker Ali (45 off 55) and Rishad Hossain (26 off 25) made handy contributions down the order, pushing the total beyond 200 but it was never enough. Bangladesh will end their Champions Trophy campaign with a dead rubber game against Pakistan on Thursday at the same venue while India and New Zealand will face off on March 2 in Dubai to decide who will top Group A.

Bangladesh has the potential to diversify into man-made fibre-based products.

Diversification should extend beyond garment into labour-intensive sectors, complex products and skill-intensive goods production.

"There is no coordinated investment and industrial policy in the country. Moreover, policies are fragmented and do not align with each other. These should be coordinated," said Raihan, also a professor at Dhaka University's economics department.

Regulatory barriers need to be resolved, he said, while calling for implementing the recommendations made by a task force formed on September 10 last year to develop strategies for boosting the economy and mobilising resources for equitable and sustainable development. Raihan is a member of the 12 member task force committee that submitted its report on January 30.

Mohammad Abdur Razzaque, chairman of Research and Policy Integration for Development, said the government needs to focus on the export sector to revive the crisis-ridden economy.

However, the country's trade policy is distorted as it incentivises entrepreneurs to sell products locally instead of exporting.

He called for streamlining the trade policy and improving corporate compliance and standards, even for local sales.

Razzaque also recommended

strengthening domestic revenue mobilisation, attracting FDI, improving the investment climate and engaging proactively with the EU to secure enhanced GSP Plus benefits, including duty-free access to garment products from Bangladesh.

He stressed the need to establish a World Trade Organisation-compatible export support mechanism, implement a smooth transition strategy and secure a free trade agreement with Japan.

BNP Standing Committee member Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury said his party supports deregulation and liberalisation.

"We will pursue serious deregulation and liberalisation while reducing the government's role."

Export growth will remain stagnant until import liberalisation occurs, he said, adding that back-to-back letters of credit and bonded warehouse facilities should be extended to industries beyond the garment sector.

"If 10 sectors receive these opportunities, they will also be able to grow."

The foreign ministry should focus on trade negotiations in foreign offices to expand exports, said Chowdhury, who is also a former commerce minister.

Mustafizur Rahman, a

distinguished fellow at the CPD, said Haiti and Singapore are among the most liberalised countries in the world but one is poor and the other is rich.

"So, I don't think import

liberalisation alone is the solution to increasing exports."

The focus should be on industrialisation, providing a conducive business environment, diversifying products and export destinations, and streamlining industrial policies, he added.

Mohammad Zaved Akhtar, president of the Foreign Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry, recommended prioritising the task force committee's proposals and developing a plan for 30-day, 60-day and 90-day implementation periods.

KAS Murshid, chairman of the task force committee, chaired the event, while Amrita Islam, deputy managing director of Picard Bangladesh, and Abdulla Hil Rakib, managing director of TEAM Group, also spoke.

Carry out duties with restraint

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We must carry out this duty with patience until then."

The army chief said, "Disorderly conduct will not be tolerated during deployment. We must keep an eye on this. No use of force will be allowed to prevent any kind of unruly behaviour. Sometimes, in the process of doing this work, there is some use of force. However, if force must be used, it should be strictly proportionate and as minimal as possible."

"If we all work together, we will be able to restore peace and order in our country and get a beautiful, prosperous nation," he added.

1 killed in clash near air base in Cox's Bazar

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Police sources and witnesses identified the motorcyclist as Jahedul Islam Jahed, an apprentice lawyer of Kutubdia Para.

They said the clash began around 11:00am after the argument over wearing a helmet.

At one stage, Jahed was taken inside the base camp. Hearing this, his associates, relatives and others arrived at the scene and started hurling brick chips at the under construction base and its personnel.

The witnesses added that the clash lasted for about half an hour, during which gunshots were heard.

Nahid was taken to the emergency of Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital around 12:30pm. Minutes later, doctors declared him dead.

Sabuktagin Mahmud Sohel, resident medical officer of the hospital, said Nahid's skull was severely damaged in the back. The body was sent for autopsy, and the cause of his death would be known later.

Motorcyclist Jahed was also taken to the hospital around 3:00pm for treatment, hospital sources said. He is involved in a movement to protect locals' land in the area.

As the news of Nahid's death spread, people wielding sticks began gathering near the air force base.

Former BNP lawmaker Lutfar Rahman Kajal came to the scene around 1:30pm and managed to calm things down, said witnesses.

Kajal said he had talked to the locals and air force personnel and hoped that the issue would be settled.

ISPR STATEMENT

Detailing the incident in a statement, the ISPR said a local man had been brought to the air base for questioning from a checkpoint, as he did not have the necessary documents for his motorcycle.

Then, as some 200 people from Samitipara advanced towards the base, air force personnel blocked their path.

As the number of locals swelled, a clash ensued between the air force personnel and local miscreants near the checkpoint.

The statement said the miscreants, "instigated by some vested interests", threw brickbats at the air force personnel.

Several people, including four from the air force (one officer and three airmen), were injured, according to the statement.

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Salman Shah-Shabnur starrer 'Jibon Songsar' returns to theatres

Salman Shah, Dhallywood's iconic '90s star, remains a beloved figure nearly three decades after his tragic passing. With his magnetic presence, and natural acting, he left a lasting legacy despite his short career.

Now, fans have reason to celebrate as one of his most beloved films, *Jibon Songsar*, returns to theatres, bringing nostalgia for long time admirers and a rare big-screen experience for the new generation.

Jakir Hossain Raju's directorial *Jibon Songsar*, a 1996 commercial hit, is now screening at Dhaka's BGB Cinema Hall, which recently re-released another Salman Shabnur classic, *Chawola Thake Paowa*.

WHAT'S THE HAPS?

'Moar-e Jabo' Comedy Night



Festive Rocks is all set to present tomorrow's open mic comedy show *Moar-e Jabo Comedy Night*. Open to aspiring comedians upon registration, the event promises an evening filled with laughter and fresh humor from both rising and new comedy talents. This lively gathering, with a Tk 50 entry fee, is sure to lift your spirits after long meetings, endless emails, and workplace stress.

Date: Wednesday | **February 26**

Time: 8pm onwards

Venue: Moar, Gulshan Link Road

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