

In-form Tigers leave for Asia Cup

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The Bangladesh team, led by skipper Litton Das, departed for the UAE yesterday in two groups to take part in the Asia Cup T20, a precursor to next year's T20 World Cup.

The first batch of players boarded their flight at 10:15 am, while the second group followed later in the evening at 7:30 pm.

Bangladesh will camp in Abu Dhabi where they will play all their Group B fixtures at the Sheikh Zayed International Cricket Stadium. The Tigers start their campaign against Hong Kong on September 11, before facing Sri Lanka on September 13 and Afghanistan on September 16.

Litton, who travelled with the morning group, struck a hopeful tone ahead of the tournament. "Mission Asia Cup 2025 begins! Seeking prayers from the best supporters in the world for me and my team. We promise to give our very best in the UAE, taking it one match at a time, with the ultimate dream of lifting the trophy," he wrote on his official Facebook page, sharing pictures of himself on the flight.

The mood in the camp has been overwhelmingly positive. Pacer Mustafizur Rahman echoed his captain's sentiment with a message of optimism on Facebook, posting

a picture of the fast bowling group inside the airplane, reflecting Bangladesh's strongest suit – the pace unit.

"We are leaving the country with lots of hopes. We are confident to give our level best, In Sha Allah. Remember us in your prayers," he wrote.

The Tigers' optimism comes at the end of a busy stretch in T20Is. Since May, Litton's men have played five series, featuring 15 matches. Their record stands even – seven wins, seven defeats, and one no-result – leaving them with a win percentage of 46.67 this year.

Despite the impressive numbers, it has been a mixed bag. Litton's captaincy began with a disappointing 2-1 series loss in the UAE followed by a heavy defeat in Pakistan. But the Tigers bounced back impressively, securing a surprise away series win in Sri Lanka, before recording morale-boosting home victories over Pakistan and the Netherlands.

The challenge in the Asia Cup, however, is expected to be a steep one. Bangladesh cannot afford any slip-ups against Hong Kong and may need to aim for a significant margin of victory in that fixture. Against Sri Lanka and Afghanistan, the Tigers will need to be at their very best to secure a spot among the two teams from the group who will qualify for the Super Four stage.



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RONALDO goes past Messi again

Portugal cruised past Armenia with a dominant 5-0 win away from home in a World Cup qualifier on Saturday, with superstar Cristiano Ronaldo leading the charge with a brace. Ronaldo's first was a poacher's finish followed by a thunderous right-footed volley from outside the box. Joao Felix also scored a brace and Joao Cancelo netted once in the thumping win. Here are a few records Ronaldo made on the night:

- Surpassed Lionel Messi (36) for most World Cup qualifier goals (38).
- Now just one goal behind Guatemala's Carlos Ruiz (39) for the all-time record in World Cup qualifiers.
- Extended his record as the highest men's international goal-scorer – 140 in 222 caps.
- Reached 942 senior career goals and the landmark of 1,200 goal contributions (942 goals + 258 assists).

BAF in talks with Chinese coaches for SA Games camp

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Bangladesh Athletics Federation (BAF) is trying to bring in two Chinese coaches for their preparation camp for next year's South Asian Games in Pakistan.

"We have had some correspondence with two Chinese coaches – one for the sprint event and another for jumping event –and the discussion is still going on a few terms and conditions," BAF general secretary Shah Alam told The Daily Star recently.

"We are hoping to finalise it in the sidelines of the World Athletics Congress during the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo," he said, adding that they have made the Bangladesh Olympic Association and the National Sports Council privy to all correspondences with the Chinese coaches, as they seek financial assistance from both organisations to rope them in.

The BAF's decision to chase the Chinese coaches follows the precedence set by a few other federations that have recently appointed foreign coaches to prepare their athletes for the next SA Games.

The BAF had begun its camp a couple of months ago with around 40 athletes. Recently, almost half of the athletes were dropped from the list and 18 new faces were added, including England-based sprinter Imranur Rahman, on the basis of performances in the recently-concluded Summer Athletics Championship (SAC).

Athletes of some men's events like pole vault, discus throw and marathon were added while shotput players were excluded.

Following the break after the SAC, the BAF preparation camp resumed last week at the National Stadium. However, service team athletes have not joined the camp and are expected to join after next month's Inter-Service Athletics Championship.

Alam also added that the federation has decided to send 400m hurdles' gold-winner Nazimul Hossain Rony to the World Athletics Championships to be held in Tokyo from September 13 to 21 after sprinter Imranur withdrew due to injury risk.

Imranur, who had suffered a hamstring injury during the 200m event in the (SAC), will be training in London for the SA Games in January with the federation likely to provide him financial support.



PHOTO: BANGLADESH KHO KHO FEDERATION

Action from the men's final of the National Kho Kho Championships at Paltan Ground yesterday where Bangladesh Ansar reigned supreme by winning both the men's and women's titles. The men's team defeated Chattogram District by eight points, while the women's side edged past Nilphamari District by just one point and six minutes.

Hockey team finish sixth

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Bangladesh finished sixth in the Men's Hockey Asia Cup following a 6-1 defeat against Japan – their biggest defeat of the campaign – in a place-deciding fixture in Bihar on Sunday.

The defeat leaves Bangladesh with the daunting task of facing a best-of three-match series against three-time Asia Cup winners Pakistan, who had opted out of the competition, for the lone remaining spot in World Cup Qualifiers. According to a source, that series might be held in Dhaka in October, although the official is yet to come.

Bangladesh had never faced Japan before in the Asia Cup but lost to them 5-0 in the 2021 Asian Champions Trophy and 7-2 in the 2023 Hangzhou Asian Games.


Japan scored two goals each in the first, third and fourth quarters while Bangladesh pulled one back five minutes from time,

with Amirul Islam scoring the consolation goal for Moshir Rahman Biplob's charges. Ryosuke Shinohara scored a hatrick for Japan, who finished fifth in the competition.

Bangladesh played five matches in the competition overall, losing three – against Malaysia (1-4), South Korea (1-5), Japan (1-6) while beating Chinese Taipei (8-2) and Kazakhstan (5-1).

While the eventual outcome kept Bangladesh's tradition of finishing sixth for the third Asia Cup on the trot, it must be mentioned the tournament did not feature former champions Pakistan as well as Oman, one of the rivals of Bangladesh.

In fact, Bangladesh were not supposed take part in this competition after having failed to qualify for the first time, but they were allowed entry following Pakistan's withdrawal.



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