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Bangladesh crash out of Asia Cup

India, Pakistan set for first-ever final

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A shambolic batting display saw Bangladesh fall to an 11-run defeat against Pakistan in their Asia Cup Super Four clash in Dubai yesterday, crashing out of the tournament and paving the way for a first-ever India-Pakistan final.

Chasing a modest 136-run target, Bangladesh's batters showed needless urgency, losing wickets at regular intervals before being restricted to 124 for nine in 20 overs at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium. The same venue will now host the much-anticipated India-Pakistan final on Sunday – the first title clash between the two politically charged neighbours in the tournament's 41-year, 17-edition history.

With skipper Litton Das missing his second consecutive game due to injury, stand-in captain Jaker Ali opted to bowl first. The Tigers dominated the early stages, with

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Pakistan pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi celebrates the wicket of Bangladesh opener Parvez Hossain Emon in their 11-run win in an Asia Cup Super Four fixture in Dubai yesterday. Chasing a paltry 136-run target, the Tigers limped to 124 for nine, leading to Pakistan setting up the title decider against India on Sunday.

PHOTO: AFP

Outrage grows over shaving of fakir's hair
Legal experts, Bauls, rights activists term it a serious rights violation

ARAFAT SETU

A viral video of three men forcibly shaving the hair of a 70-year-old fakir in Kodalia Kashiganj village of Mymensingh's Tarakanda upazila has triggered nationwide outrage and condemnation.



The video, widely shared on social media, shows Halim Uddin Akand walking down a road when three men in grey vests chase him, drag him aside, and pin him down. As he struggles and cries out "Allah, tui dehi!" (Allah, You see!), they shave off his hair.

The incident happened just before Eid-ul-Azha, said Rezaul Karim Aslam, general secretary of the Mymensingh Baul Association.

Speaking to The Daily Star, he said

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SMUGGLING ALONG THE BAY Rice goes out, yaba comes in

Myanmar's AA involved with syndicates; nightly trawler movements tracked by radar, says BGB

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Essential goods like rice, fertiliser, and medicines are being quietly smuggled into Myanmar by a syndicate working with the Arakan Army (AA). In return, yaba, crystal meth, and other narcotics pour into Bangladesh, according to BGB and home ministry sources.

An intelligence report says four to five heavy trawlers depart daily from jetties in Chattogram and Cox's Bazar for AA-controlled areas in Myanmar's Naikondia to deliver the goods. They come back with narcotics.

Rohingyas, who know the routes, reportedly act as carriers.

The matter came up at a recent law and order meeting at the home ministry.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Home Adviser Lt Gen (retd) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury said the goods are trafficked not only from Cox's Bazar and Chattogram but also from Barguna, Patuakhali and Bhola.

"As much of the trafficking takes

place through the sea, the navy and coast guard have been instructed to stop it at any cost."

On August 29, a Bangladesh Navy warship intercepted a suspicious trawler but missed three others believed to be smuggling cement. On September 15, the navy stopped another trawler 12 nautical miles off Saint Martin's Island, carrying 11 traffickers and potatoes, garlic and lentils.

BGB officials said that with strict monitoring along the Naf River and land borders, traffickers have shifted to maritime routes. Nearly 80% of smuggling along the Bangladesh-Myanmar frontier now takes place by sea and is tracked using radar surveillance.

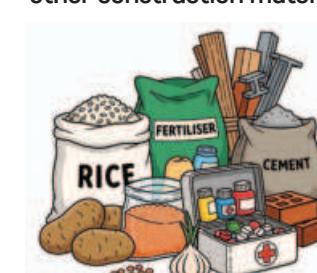
Radar footage also revealed suspicious movements of Bangladeshi trawlers in Myanmar waters, BGB sources said.

A senior official said sometimes even around two dozen trawlers bypass Saint Martin's in a single night to deliver goods.

He explained that since fighting

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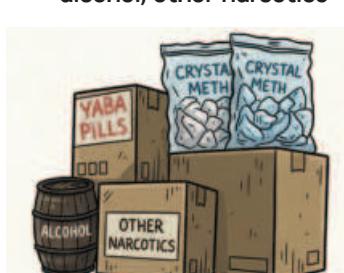
WHAT GOES OUT
Rice, fertiliser, medicines, potatoes, lentils, garlic, cement, other construction materials



"Around 80 percent of these drugs are trafficked by sea. We now have strong digital footprints of these smuggling operations."

Col Mohiduddin Ahmed, BGB Ramu Sector Commander

WHAT COMES IN
Yaba pills, crystal meth (ice), alcohol, other narcotics



Netanyahu again says there will be no Palestinian state as he heads to US

West readies plan for post-war Gaza

Macron says Trump against annexation of West Bank

No role for Hamas in future state
Palestinian leader Abbas tells UN, rejects antisemitism

AGENCIES

Palestinian leader Mahmud Abbas yesterday rejected any future role for Hamas and condemned antisemitism, as he appealed for full global support for a state in the face of Israeli annexation threats.

Days after France led a special summit and several Western powers recognised a state of Palestine, the veteran 89-year-old leader was forced to address the UN General Assembly by video after the United States took the unusual step of denying him a visa to come to New York.

Abbas took a moderate tone in his speech as he directly took up key concerns of Israel and the United States – notably on Hamas, which is based in Gaza and is the rival to his Fatah movement.

"Hamas will not have a role to play in governance. Hamas and other factions will have to hand over their weapons to the Palestinian National Authority," Abbas said in a speech that received loud applause from

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WINGED WARRIORS

Faridpur's wetlands came alive in a flash of wings and water as a Bronze-winged Jacana lunged at an Indian Pond Heron, fiercely defending its vulnerable chicks hidden among the floating leaves. Known locally as "Jol Pipi", jacanas tread delicately across lily pads on impossibly long toes, foraging for insects, snails, and seeds. Pond herons, by contrast, stalk fish, frogs, and other small prey. This charged moment is a portrait of parental instinct -- a reminder that Bangladesh's wetlands are both battleground and sanctuary, where survival plays out in raw, breathtaking drama.



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রিবেট সুবিধাসহ পৌরকর (Holding Tax) পরিশোধ, সারচার্জ ব্যতীত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স নবায়ন ও দোকান ভাড়া সংক্রান্ত

ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশনের সম্মানিত করদাতাগণের (বাড়ি/ফ্ল্যাট/ইমারতসমূহের মালিক ও ব্যবসায়ীগণের) অবগতির জন্য জনাবো যাচ্ছে যে, ৩০ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৫ এর মধ্যে:

- ২০২৫-২৬ (হাল) অর্থবছরের ৪ (চার) কিস্তি পৌরকর একত্রে পরিশোধ করে ১০% রিবেট গ্রহণের সুযোগ রয়েছে।
- বকেয়াসহ হালসনের পৌরকর পরিশোধ করে শুধু ২০২৫-২৬ (হাল) অর্থবছরের উপর ১০% রিবেট সুবিধা গ্রহণ করুন।
- ২০২৫-২৬ অর্থবছরের জন্য সারচার্জ ব্যতীত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স নবায়ন করা যাবে।
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