



## HAMZA'S WONDER GOAL NOT ENOUGH

Jaws dropped and hands landed on heads as Bangladesh star Hamza Choudhury produced a moment of sheer brilliance that left spectators breathless – not only at the National Stadium but also in front of TV screens, bringing Bangladesh back into the game in their FIFA friendly against

Nepal yesterday. In a match that had offered little to cheer for the home side, the Leicester City midfielder delivered a one-man show, drawing Bangladesh level at 1-1 just a minute after the restart with an outrageous bicycle kick. Hamza then followed it up with an audacious Panenka penalty

in the 50th minute to give the hosts a 2-1 lead, but ultimately, Bangladesh were deprived of their second win of the year as Nepal's Ananta Tamang found an equaliser in the third minute of stoppage time. Earlier, Rohit Chand fired Nepal into the lead with a thunderous strike in the 29th minute.

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## NSC orders all federations to form anti-harassment committees

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The National Sports Council (NSC) has instructed all federations and associations under its jurisdiction to form five-member committees to prevent sexual harassment of women.

In a press release issued on Wednesday, the NSC stated that each committee would have to have at least three women and the list of members will have to be submitted to the NSC by November 19.

Female athletes and others involved with the sports body can file complaints of sexual harassment with the committee, who will be responsible to take appropriate actions.

The press release further read that if a complainant is not addressed or if the complainant is not happy with the verdict, they can approach the NSC. The directive follows the recent allegations of sexual harassment made by former Bangladesh cricket team captain Jahanara Alam, which have shaken the country's sports fraternity, and has raised calls for independent inquiry committees and other measures to ensure the safety of female athletes.



**"Alhamdulillah, it feels wonderful to win Bangladesh's first-ever medal in the compound event of the Asian Archery Championships."**

**Bonna Akter,** silver medalist, compound mixed team event

**"They [Olympic gold medallist opponents] can hit 10s, and so can I. I've only been playing for two years; they're much more experienced. But I never felt intimidated."**

**Kulsum Akter Moni,** bronze medalist, women's compound individual event



**Bangladesh shone brightly at the 24th Asian Archery Championships 2025, securing both silver and bronze on an inspiring Thursday in Dhaka. Bonna Akter and Himu Bachar won silver in the compound mixed team event after a thrilling 151-153 final loss to India -- Bangladesh's first-ever medal in the compound category. [Inset] Later, Kulsum Akter Moni added to the glory with a bronze in the women's compound individual event, edging Chinese Taipei's Si-yu Chen 145-144.**

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## A two-match Test series between India and world champions South Africa begins at Kolkata's Eden Gardens on Friday.

South Africa have a poor recent record in India, having lost their previous two series 3-0. Their last series win came under Hansie Cronje in 2000. But under Bavuma, South Africa have a leader with a top success rate – winning nine and drawing one of 10 Tests as captain.

For the first time in decades, South African cricket will move away from their tradition of

playing a Boxing Day Test at home to accommodate an SA T20 competition.

India's recent 2-0 sweep of West Indies took them past South Africa to become the third-most successful team at home in Test cricket. They have 122 wins in the five-day format in India, behind only Australia, who have 262 home wins, and England, who have 241.



**"Whenever we play in India, more or less the spinners decide the game. The better the quality of the spin attack you have, the better your chances of winning the match."**

— South Africa skipper Temba Bavuma

— India captain Shubman Gill

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