

## Giant killers Zim face perfect WI

AGENCIES

After knocking out Australia from the group stage and marching onto the second round as group champions, Zimbabwe will face off against fellow unbeaten side West Indies in their Super Eights Group 1 opener in Mumbai today.

Zimbabwe, who could not even qualify for the 2024 edition, sprung stunning victories against former world champions Australia and Sri Lanka in the first round to finish atop of Group B.

Under the inspiring leadership of all-rounder Sikandar Raza, Zimbabwe has already surpassed all expectations and will be daring to continue breaking new ground when they take on the Caribbean side, who also have been dominant so far, with four wins in the group stage, including a 30-run win over England.

Before the match, West Indies coach Darren Sammy spoke highly of Zimbabwe as opponents, and termed their star pacer Blessing Muzarabani an "X-factor".

"We plan for every single player. Not only him. He's an X-factor," Sammy told reporters yesterday about



Muzarabani, who had taken 4-17 in Zimbabwe's 23-run win over Australia.

"You've got to respect the opposition. We know the threat they bring against us but we also know what we have to do in order for him not to be threatening against us," he added.

India and South Africa are the other two teams in Group 1, who had also finished atop their respective groups in the first round. As the Super Eights were pre-ceeded before the tournament, all four group winners were placed in the same group while the runners-up were placed in Group 2.

The format has brought accusations of a lopsided second phase with two group winners certain to miss the semi-finals. However, Sammy spoke in support of the format. "I do understand from the logistic standpoint, trying to give the fans the surety, flights, whatever," said Sammy.



## JACKS OF ALL TRADES

Will Jakes rescued England with a decisive all-round display as they beat Sri Lanka by 51 runs in a low-scoring Super Eight match at the T20 World Cup in Pallekele yesterday. England struggled to 146-9 in the Group 2 clash, with Jakes contributing a quickfire 21 off 14 balls. Jakes then turned the match with the ball, taking 3-22 as England bundled out Sri Lanka for 95 in 16.4 overs.

● Sri Lanka's 95 was the lowest team total of this edition of the T20 World Cup.

● The win marked England's 12th straight T20I victory over Sri Lanka, a run dating back to March 2016, and their sixth win in seven T20 World Cup meetings between the sides.

## BCB bans Monjurul after harassment probe

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday banned former women's team selector and manager Monjurul Islam from all cricket-related activities following the findings of an Independent Inquiry Committee which probed the harassment allegations brought by women's team cricketer Jahanara Alam.

The decision was announced through a press release following a board of directors' meeting yesterday.

"Based on the findings of the Independent Inquiry Committee formed by the BCB to examine the complaint lodged by former Bangladesh Women's National Team Captain Jahanara Alam, the Board has decided to impose a

banned on former national cricketer Monjurul Islam from all forms of direct or indirect employment and/or cricket-related activities under the jurisdiction of the Bangladesh Cricket Board," the press release read. "The BCB is reviewing the recommendations of the Committee and will take any additional measures deemed necessary in light of the report."

The BCB, however, did not specify any duration of the ban.

The decision follows the findings of a five-member Independent Inquiry Committee formed to investigate allegations brought by the former Bangladesh women's team captain on last year's November.

The committee submitted its report to BCB president Aminul

Islam Bulbul on February 2 after reviewing four specific allegations raised by Jahanara.

While two of the allegations were not substantiated by available evidence, the committee found prima facie -- or sufficient initial -- evidence of inappropriate conduct concerning the remaining two.

Monjurul is currently not employed under the BCB. His contract had ended on June 30, 2025.

The board recently announced the formation of a complaint committee in accordance with a 2009 High Court Division judgment. The committee is headed by BCB director and women's wing committee chairperson Rubaba Dowla as part of efforts to strengthen institutional safeguards.



South Zone's Mustafizur Rahman, Ruyel Miah and Soumya Sarkar appear in a jovial mood during a practice session at the Rajshahi Divisional Stadium yesterday, ahead of the opening day of the Bangladesh Cricket League (BCL) today. The domestic tournament's ODI version returns after more than a two-year gap, aiming to help the national side -- which missed out on playing in the ongoing T20 World Cup -- prepare for next month's home ODI series against Pakistan. The opening day will see South Zone take on Central Zone in Rajshahi, while North Zone face East Zone in Bogura in the four-team tournament.

PHOTO: BCB

## 'Massive': City gain ground in Premier League title race

AFP, Manchester

Pep Guardiola labelled Manchester City's 2-1 win over Newcastle on Saturday as a "massive" moment in the Premier League title race.

Guardiola's second placed side closed the gap on leaders Arsenal to just two points with their tense victory at the Etihad Stadium.

Nico O'Reilly put City ahead in the first half and restored the lead before half-time after Lewis Hall had equalised.

City weren't at their best in the second half, but they held on to pile pressure on spluttering Arsenal, who played Tottenham away from home last night.

Guardiola knew it was essential to make Arsenal sweat.

"Massive. Newcastle is an incredible team, awesome in physicality and speed they have up front. Physicality in the middle. Really tough but the team was unbelievable," he said.

"It's coming in best part of the



season. Every single game will be similar to today."

After finishing without a trophy last season, City are back in the hunt for the seventh English title of Guardiola's reign.

They will have a game in hand on Arsenal after this weekend and are guaranteed to win the title if they win their last 11 league matches.

Guardiola has embarked on an

expensive overhaul of City's squad in the last 12 months, shedding ageing stars like Kevin De Bruyne, Ederson and Kyle Walker and bringing in the likes of Marc Guehi, Antoine Semenyo and Rayan Cherki.

The Spaniard is well aware that his new generation largely lacks the experience of winning under the pressure of a title race, which made their gritty success against Newcastle even more meaningful.

"70 percent of the players have never been in that situation, and I don't play. So we have to live it, they know that every game will be like this," he said.

"Especially at home, with five home games left. Today was the best crowd of the year, it was unbelievable with our people, really proud to be manager of these incredible people and fans.

"Of course in terms of points it's important, but we have to improve to have chance to compete until the end. Now we deserve three more days off. Then another battle in Leeds."

### MASTUL Foundation

# Zakat Calculator

And from their properties was [given] the right of the [needy] petitioner and the deprived.  
-Surah Adh-Dhariyat (51:19)

**On whom is Zakat obligatory?**  
Zakat is obligatory upon a Muslim adult of sound mind and freedom who possesses wealth equal to or above the Nisab, in excess of basic needs and debts, for one complete Hijri year. The prescribed rate of Zakat is 2.5%.

**Rules for Zakat Calculation:**

- If a person possesses only gold, the nisab is 7.5 bhori (87.48 grams)
- If a person possesses only silver, the nisab is 52.5 bhori (612.36 grams)
- If someone owns a small amount of gold (for example, 2 bhori) along with cash or business assets, the gold nisab is not applied; instead, the silver nisab is applied.

**Zakat Guideline**

- 1 Add up the current market value of gold, silver, cash on hand, and business goods
- 2 Subtract the amount of debt taken for your basic needs
- 3 If the remaining amount is equal to or exceeds the value of 52.5 bhori of silver, then give 2.5% (one-fortieth) of it as Zakat

**Those Who Are Entitled to Receive Zakat**

1. The Poor
2. The Needy
3. Those employed to collect and distribute zakat
4. Those Whose Hearts are to Be Reconciled
5. For the Emancipation of Slaves
6. The debt-ridden
7. In the Cause of Allah
8. The Wayfarer

**Types of Wealth**

- Cash (Cash in hand/Cash at bank)
- Gold/Silver: Market value of used or unused jewelry
- Investment: Stock market or goods purchased for business
- Receivables: Money guaranteed to be recovered

**Zakat Calculation**

Zakatable Assets = Total Assets - Debt

Amount of Zakat = Zakatable Assets x Rate of Zakat (2.5%)

Your Zakat =

**Zakatatable Wealth:**

- **Cash:** Cash in hand, bank deposits, GP funds, or prize bonds, all are included.
- **Gold and Silver:** Ornaments, bars, or pieces; Zakat must be paid in all cases, whether they are used or kept unused.
- **Business Assets:** Any goods or land/plots purchased with the intention of sale.
- **Grazing Livestock:** Animals that graze on pasture for most of the year and are kept for breeding or milk.

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