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**What to WATCH**

**T SPORTS**
Futsal League
Warrior SA VS Ansar & VDP (Women)
Live from 2:30 pm
Warrior SA VS Ansar & VDP (Men)
Live from 4:45 pm
Bangladesh Army vs Xenon FC (Women)
Live from 7:00 pm
Bangladesh Army vs Xenon FC (Men)
Live from 9:15 pm


PHOTO: BCB

# TIGERS READY TO COMPETE

**Bangladesh captain Najmul Hossain Shanto poses alongside Australia captain Pat Cummins in Darwin on Wednesday as the Tigers prepare for the first of the two Tests starting today. After a 23-year wait since their last Test tour of Australia, Bangladesh return with Shanto confident they can rise to the challenge.**

**It's a very good opportunity. I hope we will play some good cricket, and we want to compete with them.**

Bangladesh captain **Najmul Hossain Shanto**

**I don't reckon I have ever played an easy Test match, so I am sure they will be strong. A few of the guys we haven't really ever seen before, so that always brings a few unknowns going into the Test match.**

Australia captain **Pat Cummins**

# No local TV coverage

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Bangladesh's two-match Test series against Australia will face a local television blackout, with no channel set to broadcast the matches.

While T Sports and Nagorik TV traditionally provide coverage of Bangladesh's matches, it was learnt that neither channel will show the two-Test series this time.

According to a BCB press release yesterday, the matches will be available on digital streaming platforms -- Tapmad, for instance. Across South Asia, the series will be broadcast on Star Sports.

# 'Don't know how to move forward'

**REUTERS**

Lionel Messi said on Wednesday he is having doubts about continuing his career following the death of his father last week.

Messi's father, Jorge, died last week aged 68 at a medical clinic in the Argentine city of Rosario after a long illness.

"I don't know what I'm going to do without you. I don't know how to move forward. I only played football and now I have quite a few doubts about whether I'm going to keep doing it for much longer," Messi wrote in a tribute on Instagram.

"You were by my side from the beginning; there was so little left until the end. Why couldn't you hold on just a little longer so we could finish it together?"

Jorge closely accompanied his son Lionel throughout his career, beginning with his early years at Barcelona. He acted as a crucial pillar of support and, for several years, served as his representative.

The 39-year-old Argentina captain revealed that one of the reasons he played in the World Cup, where they finished runners-up to Spain after an extra-time loss in the final, was because it was his father's wish.



**"A huge hug to you and yours in these tough times, Leo. Much strength."**
-- **Cristiano Ronaldo's** comment on Messi's post

"You always asked me to play in the last World Cup and a few days before it started was when you got worse," Messi said.

"It was the first time you weren't going to be at a tournament... Every time a match ended, I would wait and hope for your message. That's when I realised how real the situation was."

During the World Cup, the Argentine captain experienced mixed emotions after scoring a hattrick in the opening match against Algeria, breaking down in tears while celebrating his first goal.

He later explained that his tears were due to "something unrelated to football" after going through "a few difficult, complicated days."

Messi said he wanted to win the final for his father, but he had no energy left to bring home a second World Cup title.

"My legs couldn't go on anymore. This time I tried to push myself beyond my physical limits, but I couldn't. I never felt well... We weren't champions, but you don't know how much we enjoyed every match. Once again, you were right: I had to be there and play it," Messi added.

Despite his grief, the Inter Miami forward pledged to honour his father's memory through parenting his own children.

"I'm going to miss you so much, but you will always be present, especially in the upbringing of my children, because I will teach them and raise them the way you raised me," he said.



# RONALDO AND GEORGINA TIE THE KNOT

**Cristiano Ronaldo and longtime partner Georgina Rodriguez have tied the knot in a private civil ceremony in Cascais, Portugal, on Tuesday. The couple announced their marriage on Instagram with a picture of their hands wearing matching gold wedding rings and the caption "C [heart] G". Their five children were reportedly present at the intimate ceremony.**

PHOTO: **INSTAGRAM**



# Root scraps England curfew

**REUTERS**

England captain Joe Root said there would be no team curfew during next week's home Test series against Pakistan, backing players to act responsibly despite recent off-field incidents.

The 35-year-old's remarks



come amid the intense scrutiny surrounding England's dressing room culture over the past year under former coach Brendon McCullum and former captain Ben Stokes.

Root returned to the captaincy following Stokes' retirement in June amid the Test series against New Zealand, during which the all-rounder was suspended for a Test along with pacer Gus Atkinson for breaching a team curfew during a night out in London.

McCullum, too, stepped down following England's 2-1 series loss, and was replaced by former teammate Stephen Fleming.

"There's not going to be a curfew. I don't think this needs to be a big deal, to be honest," Root said on the Sky Sports Cricket podcast on Wednesday.

"My view is that if players are expected to take responsibility on the field, they should be trusted as grown adults to make good decisions off it as well.

"That's something we, as a team, have to manage properly and police ourselves, alongside Stephen Fleming."

## SHORT CORNER

### Shamit Shome joins Pele's NY Cosmos



Bangladesh midfielder Shamit Shome will join New York Cosmos after ending his three-year spell with Canadian Premier League club Cavalry FC, the club confirmed through a social media post on Wednesday.

### Dickwella replaces Mendis against India

Sri Lanka wicketkeeper Kusal Mendis has been ruled out of two Tests against India due to injury as selectors named the squad for the home series on Wednesday. Wicketkeeper-batter Niroshan Dickwellamakes the 16-member squad in place of Mendis.

***Read The Daily Star website for the full stories.*

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**INVITATION FOR TENDER**

Memo No: PRNGAC/Cowater/884/2026 Date: 12.08.2026

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| 01. | Procuring Entity | | ProNurse Project |
| 02. | Procurement Method | | Open Tendering Method (OTM) |
| 03 | Invitation for Tender | | The Procuring entity invites tender for procurement of items of following description for Nurse Teachers Training Centre (NTTC), Mohakhali, Dhaka. in 4 (Four) separate tenders. |
| 04. | Tender Packages | 1 | Supplying, installation, testing and commissioning of THREE PHASE GENERATOR WITH ATS AND SOUND ATTENUATED ACOUSTICALLY TREATED CANOPY(Maximum sound level : 75 dBA at 7m distance in the generator room). |
| | | 2 | Supply and Installation of (a) 640 Kg 08 Person Capacity and (b) 800 Kg 10 Person Capacity Passenger Lift, complete system including all standard accessories. |
| | | 3 | Supply,installation,testingandcommissioningof11kVHTSwitchgear, 315KVA Transformer,LT&ELTSwitchgear,PFIPlant, ATSsystemincludingotherrelatedworks. |
| | | 4 | Split Type (Wall-Mounted/Ceiling-Mounted Indoor Unit) Inverter AirConditioner. |
| 05 | Eligibility of Tenderers: This tender is open to all eligible Tenders as per criteria mentioned below: | | |
| | a) Manufacturer's authorized dealer/agent/supplier with at least 05years of general experienceand minimum specific experience of completion of at least 3contractsin a single tender within the last 3 (three) years with a value of at least Tk. 50 lac for each supply, installation and providing after sales service of Generator/Passenger Lift/Sub-Station and Air conditioner under any Govt./Semi-Govt. /Autonomous body/Private Organizations.<br>b) Work completion certificate to be submitted along with the tender.<br>c) Sole Agent/Distributorship certificate must be submitted. A supplier must submit authorization certificate from Sole Agent/Distributor or Manufacturer for confirmation of after sales service.<br>d) The tenderers shall have a minimum average annual sales turnoverof Tk. 100 Lacs during the last 3 (three) for each package. | | |
| 06. | Price of Tender Document | | Tk. 1,000/- (Taka One thousand) only in cash for each package. The original money receipt must be enclosed with the tender. |
| 07. | Amount of Tender Security | | Tk. 2 Lac for each package, to be submitted in the form of a Bank Draft/Pay Order/Bank Guarantee. |
| 08 | Name and address of theOffice selling, submission and opening of tender. | | ProNurse Project, Cowater International House-100, Road-25, Block-A, Banani, Dhaka. |
| 09 | Tender submission and opening date and time | | Submission: 20.08.2026 up to 11.00 AM<br>Opening: 20.08.2026 at 11.15 AM |
| 10 | Contact details for tender clarification purpose | | Telephone: 01819245607 |
| 11. | The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders or annul the tender proceedings at any stage of the tendering process. | | |

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