



Hasan 'let the ball do its job' on way to historic hattrick

SPORTS REPORTER

Hasan Mahmud took just one wicket on the opening day of Bangladesh's first Test against Afghanistan, but the pacer never felt the need to abandon his process. On the third day, bowling straight and trusting the ball to do its job earned him a maiden Test hattrick and a five-wicket haul as Bangladesh took control in Abu Dhabi.

"I took only one wicket the previous day, but I was not nervous at all. I was looking forward to the next day. I just felt I needed to bowl straight, hit the line of the stumps and let the ball do its job," Hasan said after the day's play.

The right-arm pacer's patience paid off spectacularly on Sunday morning. Afghanistan, resuming on 211 for four, lost their last six wickets for just 29 runs and were bowled out for 240 in 89.1 overs. Hasan finished with five for 55, while Ebadot Hossain claimed four for 56 as Bangladesh secured a first-innings lead of 106.

Hasan's hattrick came in the 83rd over, when he bowled Ismat Alam for one before Litton Das took a superb one-handed catch to dismiss Qais Ahmad for a duck. Zia-ur-Rehman then fell leg-before for another duck, with Bangladesh successfully

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Bangladesh batter Sobhana Mostary celebrates after reaching her maiden WODI century in the second match against hosts Australia in Brisbane yesterday. Mostary became the first Bangladeshi to score a ton against the current world champions, but her efforts went in vain as the Tigresses suffered a nine-wicket defeat to concede the three-match series 2-0.

PHOTO: COURTESY OF SOBHANA MOSTARY'S FACEBOOK PAGE

IN FOCUS

Beware of 'coverts' and 'fascists' aligning

Tarique tells BNP MPs



PHOTO: BNP MEDIA CELL

BNP Parliamentary Party meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban last night.

SAJJAD HOSSAIN

Prime Minister and BNP Chairman Tarique Rahman has instructed party leaders to strengthen the grassroots and stay united ahead of the upcoming local government elections, warning of a possible alignment between the "covert" and "fascist" forces.

Speaking at a three-hour BNP parliamentary party meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday evening, he also warned against extortion and land grabbing, stressed accountability, and urged vigilance during Durga Puja.

Several MPs said Tarique wanted election preparations to begin immediately, regardless of when the polls are held. Candidates should be selected locally based on grassroots support, organisational experience, and contributions to the party.

"No one will be picked from the centre for the local government elections. Qualified and acceptable candidates should be selected locally, and their names should be sent to the centre. The prime minister has instructed that there must be no disorder in this process," one MP said.

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Four placed on remand over defacing Tagore mural

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed Rashtra Sanglap Forum President ANM Ayas on a three-day remand in a case filed over criminal conspiracy, inciting enmity between classes and religious hatred.

Dhaka Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Jashita Islam passed the order after police produced him before the court with a 10-day remand prayer, said Additional Public Prosecutor Muhammad Shamsud Doha Sumon.

The court also placed Sakibul Hasan on a three-day remand and Sujon Mia and Marzia Khandaker Rimi on a two-day remand each in the case.

Earlier in the day, police filed the case against Ayas and his three associates with Shahbagh Police Station.

On Saturday, the four were detained over their alleged involvement in an attempt to deface a mural of Rabindranath Tagore on a wall opposite the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in Segunbagicha, Dhaka.

According to the police forwarding report submitted to the court, the Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC), as part of its ongoing drive to evict hawkers from pavements, cleared the footpath alongside the Public Works Department's boundary wall opposite the academy's gate. Subsequently, mural depicting Bangladesh's art, culture, and literature were painted on the wall.

"On October 9, Ayas announced that he would erase the mural on the boundary wall by whitewashing it," the report said.

"The next day, Ayas and the other

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INDIAN VOTER LIST ROW

Protests against polls chief continue

100 held from Connaught Place in Delhi; Dipke, two other CJP leaders released; internet services restored; metro stations reopen

AGENCIES

Police detained protesters in Delhi for the second day yesterday as sporadic protests broke out demanding India's election chief quit, and a court ordered the release of "cockroach" movement founder Abhijeet Dipke and two other senior leaders.

About 100 protesters, including CPI(M) leader John Brittas, were packed into two buses and taken away from the area, protesters said.

Dipke, Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka of Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) were detained when their plane landed in Delhi on Saturday, as the movement planned to gather thousands of people at Jantar Mantar in central Delhi.

The court yesterday ordered their release after they gave an undertaking to "maintain public peace for a year", the CJP said in an official statement. "Cockroaches never die," the group posted on its X account shortly after Dipke's release.

Activist and social media influencer Dhruv Rathee, who was also among those detained, was released at midnight on Saturday.

Youth protesters, many of them from students organisations affiliated with India's communist parties, launched sporadic protests around the city yesterday afternoon before police detained them and hauled them away in vehicles.

The All India Students' Association alleged in a post on X that those detained were assaulted by police inside the vehicles, reports Reuters.

Over 30,000 police and paramilitary personnel continued to be deployed across the city although metro stations reopened and mobile internet services were back up after the authorities locked down the city in an attempt to thwart Saturday's protests.

- Congress calls for mass mobilisation in Delhi today
- Delhi court asks released CJP trio to maintain peace for a year
- Over 30,000 police, paramilitary personnel deployed across capital

The Congress has asked all its Members of Parliament (MPs) to remain in Delhi today, as the opposition prepares for another round of protests, reports ANN.

With access to Jantar Mantar blocked on the first day Saturday, Neha Bora, emerged as a new face of the protests, urging people to regroup at Dilli Haat, a crafts market 10 km (6 miles) away.

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People travel along a road blocked by shipping containers amid ongoing protests by the opposition Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party demanding the release of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan in Peshawar, Pakistan, yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

ANTI-GOVT PROTESTS BY PTI

Pakistan imposes emergency in KP

Head of provincial govt arrested; ex-PM Khan's party chairman calls move 'extremely alarming'

AFP, *Islamabad*

Pakistan placed a northern province under emergency rule yesterday, the president's office said, following anti-government demonstrations by supporters of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan and militant violence in the northwest.

Thousands of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) supporters have been marching in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province to demand his release and airing anti-government criticism fuelled by harsh economic conditions.

The emergency move, invoked under two articles of Pakistan's constitution dealing with security, grants the federal government sweeping administrative powers over the province.

A provincial governor will take charge with an advisory council, Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar told a news conference in Islamabad, adding that the arrangement will initially be in place for six months.

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emergency," said Zulfikar Bukhari, Khan's aide and his party's spokesperson, adding that it risks leading to further bloodshed and instability.

President Asif Ali Zardari signed the order after recommendations "regarding the law and order situation, and the failure of negotiations with government delegations", his office said. An image issued by Zardari's office showed his signature affirming the measures.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's office said earlier the decision had been taken over the "deteriorating law and order situation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and... from the provincial government's deliberate indifference in the

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