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Bangladesh women handball team player Misty Khatun leaps in the air to launch a jump shot during their opening match of the Begum Khaleda Zia IHF Nations Trophy 2026 Asia Zone-2 against Nepal at the Shaheed Captain M. Mansur Ali National Handball Stadium yesterday. Misty scored six goals as Bangladesh avenged their 2019 SA Games defeat to Nepal with a 33-20 victory. The hosts will face India, who beat Maldives 40-8, in their second match today. PHOTO: **FIROZ AHMED**



"Lamine today, when you see the first goal he scored, unbelievable... at the moment, he is the best player in the world. I think it was an amazing match for the fans, and all the people who love football, it was amazing.

Coach **Hansi Flick** on Lamine Yamal after Barca's 5-2 win over Real Betis in LaLiga yesterday.

Tigers caught in ODI transition

SAMSUL AREFIN KHAN

Bangladesh's 99-run defeat to Zimbabwe in the UAE tri-series opener exposed a familiar weakness in their 50-over cricket. After reaching 96-3 in pursuit of 272, the Tigers collapsed to 129-8, turning a promising position into another heavy defeat. Such batting meltdowns have become an alarming routine for a side that once made ODIs their strongest format.

From late 2014 to early 2023, Bangladesh established themselves as a formidable team at home while also registering notable victories abroad. The middle-order reliability provided by Shakib Al Hasan, Mushfiqur Rahim and Mahmudullah was central to that success. With the experienced trio no longer part of the setup, the next generation has struggled to fill the void, leaving Bangladesh's ODI decline rooted in a middle-order crisis as well as inconsistency away from home.

Shakib, Mushfiqur and Mahmudullah offered experience under pressure, the ability to rebuild after early wickets and the temperament to turn promising starts into substantial totals. Their departures have left Bangladesh searching for players capable of providing the same assurance, but the current crop has yet to establish a dependable middle order.

The lack of substantial individual contributions has compounded the problem. Since the beginning of 2024, Bangladesh have played 33 ODIs but recorded only four centuries. Najmul Hossain Shanto scored two, against Sri Lanka and New Zealand, while Tanzid Hasan Tamim and Towhid Hridoy scored one each, against Pakistan and India respectively.

Bangladesh have also gone without a successful chase of 250 or more since reaching 256 against Sri Lanka in Chattogram in March 2024. They have lost eight of their last 10 chases involving targets above 240, underlining their difficulty in building or completing substantial run chases.

Taskin Ahmed acknowledged the team's struggles to handle pressure, identifying consistency and game awareness as areas that need improvement.

"The problem lies in consistency. We need to build that consistency and game awareness. Sometimes, you will see that as a team, we collapse very quickly under pressure," Taskin said after the defeat.



PHOTO: **ACB**

The fragility is particularly frustrating because Bangladesh's pace attack has improved considerably. Nahid Rana, Taskin Ahmed, Shoriful Islam and Mustafizur Rahman are among the 10 leading wicket-takers from Full Member nations this year, with 27, 23, 17 and 16 wickets respectively. Yet their efforts have not been matched by a batting unit capable of consistently delivering under pressure.

AWAY FORM DEEPENS THE DECLINE

Bangladesh's struggles overseas provide another measure of how far they have fallen. From late 2014 to mid-2023, they lost only two of 16 bilateral ODI series at home, both against England. Although they lost consecutive home series against Afghanistan and New Zealand before the 2023 World Cup, they have since won five in a row against Sri Lanka, West Indies, Pakistan, New Zealand and Australia.

Away from home, however, they have not won a bilateral ODI series since beating Ireland 2-0 in May 2023. They have since lost six consecutive series, against Afghanistan twice, and Zimbabwe, West Indies, New Zealand and Sri Lanka once each. The West Indies series ended in a whitewash.

Including Saturday's loss to Zimbabwe, Bangladesh have managed only four wins in their last 21 away ODIs. Their inability to produce competitive totals or recover from setbacks has made them increasingly vulnerable on foreign soil.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES ADD TO THE UNCERTAINTY

Since the 2023 World Cup, Bangladesh have had three full-time ODI captains: Shanto, Mehidy Hasan Miraz and Litton Das. Tawhid Hridoy also stepped in to lead against Zimbabwe. Litton's recent absence through injury has further disrupted continuity at a time when the side needs a settled combination.

With a South Africa tour, a proposed five-match series against Pakistan and the Asia Cup among the assignments before the 2027 World Cup, Bangladesh have limited time to find answers.

Narrowly avoiding the World Cup qualifiers was a relief, but it does not resolve the underlying problems. Unless Bangladesh rebuild a dependable middle order and improve their performances away from home, their 2027 campaign could become another painful reminder of how far their ODI standing has slipped.

Nahida handed T20I captaincy for a year

SPORTS REPORTER

Spinner Nahida Akter has been appointed captain of the Bangladesh women's T20I team for a year, with batter Sobhana Mostary named her deputy, Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) women's wing chairman Rafiqul Islam Babu told The Daily Star on Sunday.



Nahida is set to begin her tenure in November at the Emerging Nations Trophy in Thailand.

"We have held discussions with key personnel and decided to give Nahida the captaincy in T20Is. Sobhana Mostary will be the vice-captain. Nahida has been given the role for a year, after which we will assess the situation and decide on the next step ahead of the ICC T20 World Cup in 2028," Rafiqul said.

Former T20I captain Nigar Sultana Joty congratulated Nahida on her appointment in a post on her official Facebook, saying she "stands by Nahida and will continue to do so".

The BCB had been caught by surprise when Joty communicated her desire to step down as T20I captain. It is understood that Joty felt her captaincy had been questioned unjustly, while the BCB maintained that it had no intention of making a change. Amid the confusion, Joty relinquished the T20I captaincy after last month's Asian Games, although she will continue to lead the side in ODIs.

The 25-year-old Nahida has been one of the team's standout performers, having played 65 ODIs and 113 T20Is and claimed 81 ODI and 132 T20I wickets, respectively. She had also been serving as vice-captain since Joty took over the T20I captaincy in 2022.



FIFA president Gianni Infantino made a brief two-hour stopover in Dhaka on Sunday while travelling from Morocco to Bhutan, meeting Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) president Tabith Awal and other officials at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport. Tabith said an official visit by Infantino could follow once the country makes tangible progress on football development projects.

PHOTO: **BFF**

SHORT CORNER

Rana doubtful for SA Tests

ABDULLAH AL MEHDI



Bangladesh speedster Nahid Rana still has a long way to go before making a full recovery, following a medical assessment that is currently ongoing in Australia. He will need at least another four to six weeks before he can resume practice sessions and bowling, Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) sources told The Daily Star.

Rana has been out of action for around three months.

BCB sources said Rana would need at least six to eight weeks before he could "start bowling sessions". However, resuming bowling would not immediately make him match-fit, putting his participation in the upcoming WTC Tests against South Africa in doubt. The series is scheduled to begin in Johannesburg on November 15.

Bowlers come to the fore in NCL third round

SPORTS REPORTER

After two rounds dominated by batters, bowlers made their mark in the third round of the National Cricket League (NCL) 2026-27, which began across four venues on Sunday, although Mymensingh Division's Mahfizul Islam Robin continued his impressive form with another century.

In Chattogram, pacer Mehedi Hasan and leg-spinner Shadhin Islam claimed three wickets apiece, while left-arm spinner Abu Hasim took two as Rangpur bowled Sylhet out for 179 in their first innings after the latter opted to bat.

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