

## *BCCI Clarifies Stance on Playing Pakistan in Asia Cup, Cites Government Policy*

New Delhi (News Desk) – The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has issued a clarification regarding India’s participation against Pakistan in the Asia Cup, with BCCI Secretary Devajit Saikia stating that as far as the board is concerned, it follows the central government’s directives, and according to India’s current policy, there is no restriction on the national team’s participation in international tournaments; Saikia explained that the BCCI must abide by whatever the central government decides, adding that the new policy does not prohibit participation in any multi-nation or international tournament, and it clearly states that the central government has not imposed any ban on playing against countries that do not have friendly relations with India; he further said that therefore India will have to play all matches in any multi-nation tournament, including the Asia Cup, which is why they are participating, and the same applies to ICC tournaments where India may have to play against countries with which it has strained relations, but when it comes to bilateral ties, India will not play against any adversary nation; Saikia emphasized that the BCCI is acting strictly in accordance with the policy framed by the Indian government and the Sports Department, which covers not only cricket but all other sports as well, and he warned that if India refuses to play against any specific country in a multinational sporting event, sanctions could be imposed, for example, if the Athletics Federation were banned, star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra would be unable to compete in international events, which would be damaging for the athlete, stressing that the Indian government has carefully formulated this policy to avoid such consequences .

## *Bunyan Al-Marsous National Badminton Championship 2025 Concludes in Muzaffarabad*

Muzaffarabad (News Desk) – The Bunyan Al-Marsous National Badminton Championship 2025 concluded in the capital of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Muzaffarabad, with a grand closing ceremony held at the Jalalabad Sports Complex, attended by Chief Secretary AJK Khushhal Khan and General Officer Commanding (GOC) Chinara Division Major General Zarar Mehmood as chief guests. The event was organized jointly by the AJK Badminton Association, the Department of Sports, Youth and Culture, and the Pakistan Army, featuring renowned players from across Azad Kashmir who entertained spectators with outstanding performances, while the chief guests also witnessed the final match. The closing ceremony was attended by Secretary Forests Ansar Yaqoob, Secretary Sports Tehzeeb-un-Nisa, Secretary Religious Affairs Amir Mehmood Mirza, Special Secretary Interior and President Badminton Association Raja Tahir Mumtaz, TEVTA Chairman Naeem Bismil, local Army Brigadier Qaiser Iqbal, ISPR Brigadier Tariq Sohail, Sector Commander SCO, DG Sports, Deputy Commissioner, government officials, sports figures, and a large number of citizens. During the ceremony, the GOC Chinara Division, Chief Secretary, Secretary Sports, and Special Secretary Interior distributed trophies and prizes among the winning teams and players, while special shields were also presented to those who delivered exceptional.

## *Player Dies of Heart Attack During Vehari Match*

Vehari (News Desk) – Kabaddi player Makha Jutt from Jahanian Mandi passed away after suffering a heart attack during a match in Vehari. The President of Pakistan Kabaddi Federation, Shafiq Hussain, and Secretary Muhammad Sarwar Rana expressed deep sorrow over the incident. Secretary Muhammad Sarwar said that the tragic incident has come to their knowledge, adding that he prays for patience for the bereaved family. He further remarked that it is deeply saddening to lose a player on the field.

## *Army Wins Women’s Team Title at National Amateurs Golf Championship in Colombo*

Colombo (News Desk) – The Army team clinched the women’s team event title at the National Amateurs Golf Championship. In the senior amateur category, Umar Ijaz secured first position, while in the men’s amateurs competition, a tough contest is underway between Sri Lanka and Pakistan. At DHA Golf Club, two more events concluded, with the Army team winning the ladies’ team event by finishing at 46 over par, WAPDA securing second place at 53 over par, and Punjab Golf claiming third at 67 over par. In the senior amateur category, Islamabad’s Umar Ijaz took first position with 10 over par, followed by Ahmad Zafar Hayat with 12 over par in second place, and Muhammad Manan at third with 20 over par. In the men’s amateurs, Pakistan’s Nauman Ilyas and Sri Lanka’s Danusha Kumar are locked in a tight battle, both leading with 4 over par, while Bangladesh’s Shahabuddin stands at 11th position. In the women’s category, Anya Farooq leads with 19 over par, followed by Zaib-un-Nisa in second place. The finals in both women’s and men’s amateur categories will be played tomorrow.



## *Zimbabwe Defeat Sri Lanka by 5 Wickets to Level T20 Series*

Harare (News Desk) – Zimbabwe defeated Sri Lanka by 5 wickets in the second T20 match. Played in Harare, Sri Lanka were bowled out for just 80 runs due to Zimbabwe’s destructive bowling attack. For Sri Lanka, Kamil Mishra scored 20 runs while captain Charith Asalanka added 18. From Zimbabwe, Sikandar Raza and Brad Evans took 3 wickets each, while Blessing Muzarabani claimed 2. In reply, Zimbabwe chased down the 81-run target in the 15th over with 5 wickets in hand, as Musa Kiya scored 21 and Ryan Burl made 20 runs. For Sri Lanka, Dushmantha Chameera picked up 3 wickets. Sikandar Raza was named Player of the Match for his outstanding bowling and fielding performance. The three-match series is now level at 1-1.

## *Pakistan Head Coach Mike Hesson Anticipates Thrilling Final Against Afghanistan*

Lahore (News Desk) – Pakistan cricket team head coach Mike Hesson said the final of the tri-nation series between Pakistan and Afghanistan will be an exciting contest. Ahead of the final, Hesson shared an interesting post on social media, noting that since his appointment as head coach, Pakistan has shown significant improvement, winning 9 out of 13 T20 matches so far, which he termed a positive sign. He further revealed an interesting fact for cricket fans, mentioning that 20 years ago he gave current Afghanistan head coach Jonathan Trott his first opportunity in New Zealand domestic cricket with Otago Volts, where Trott delivered an impressive performance. Hesson remarked that now, once again, both are together but in different roles. He added that although Pakistan is not in a perfect situation, the team is in a fairly good position with their T20 form.



## *Pakistan Knocked Out of AFC U23 Asian Cup Qualifiers After Defeat to Cambodia*



Cambodia (News Desk) – Pakistan’s under-23 football team suffered another defeat in the AFC U23 Asian Cup Qualifiers, losing 1-0 to hosts Cambodia at the Olympic Stadium in Group G. This marks Pakistan’s second consecutive loss in the tournament, following an 8-1 defeat against Iraq in their opening match, resulting in their elimination from the qualifying round for the 2026 AFC U23 Asian Cup. Pakistan will play their final group stage match against Oman on September 9. In the group standings, Iraq lead with 6 points while Cambodia hold second place with 4 points.

## *Asia Cup 2025 Captains’ Press Conference to Be Held in Dubai Ahead of Tournament*



Dubai (News Desk) – Ahead of the Asia Cup 2025, captains of all eight participating teams will address a press conference at the Dubai International Stadium. The event, scheduled from September 9 to 28, will feature Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, UAE, Oman, and Hong Kong competing in the T20 format. The most anticipated clash between Pakistan and India will take place on September 14. All matches of the tournament will be played in Dubai, with the final set for September 28. Meanwhile, the Pakistan T20 squad will hold its first practice session at 8 p.m. local time at Dubai International Stadium.

## *Former Cricketers and Celebrities Pay Tribute on Pakistan’s Defence Day*

Lahore (News Desk) – Former Pakistan cricket captains Shahid Khan Afridi and Sarfaraz Ahmed, actor Ijaz Aslam, and other notable figures shared messages on Defence Day, September 6. Taking to social media platform X, Shahid Afridi said that September 6, 1965, is written in golden words in Pakistan’s history, when the fearless soldiers of the Pakistan Army thwarted the enemy’s malicious designs with unmatched courage, bravery, and patriotism. He added that the day is not just a historic event but an eternal tale of Pakistan’s unity, resilience, and determination. Afridi recalled that when the enemy attacked the borders, the Pakistan Army not only defended the homeland but also inflicted a historic defeat that remains etched in history. Actor Ijaz Aslam said that on Defence Day, the entire nation pays tribute to the armed forces .