

## Bangladesh post 297-6 against West Indies in third ODI



Bangladesh's captain Tamim Iqbal plays a shot

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Four players hit fifties as Bangladesh made 297-6 to set a stiff target in the third one-day international against West Indies in Chittagong yesterday.

Tamim Iqbal and Mushfiqur Rahim struck 64 runs each, while Shakib Al Hasan made 51 and Mahmudullah Ryad an unbeaten 64 off 43 balls.

Sent into bat and looking for a clean sweep of the three-match series against a weak-

ened opponent, the hosts suffered an early blow when Liton Das fell leg before to Alzarri Joseph in the first over.

Kyle Mayers dismissed Najmul Hossain in identical manner after the left-hander made 20 runs.

Tamim and Shakib put on 93 for the third wicket before Joseph ended their partnership, getting Tamim caught by Akeal Hosein at midwicket.

Shakib was bowled by Raymon Reifer shortly after his fifty ending a 48-run stand with Mushfiqur.

## Bahrain battle hard in loss to Japan

Nationals sign off from handball world championship in 21st place on the final classification

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Bahrain lost to Japan 25-29 last night as they signed off from the 27th IHF World Men's Handball Championship, being held in Egypt.

The first half ended with Bahrain trailing their Asian counterparts 12-19, with Japan's Jin Watanabe scoring six goals and at the other end of the court, keeper Yuta Iwashita saved nine goals to help set the tone.

Japan kept up the heat on the Bahraini side throughout the final 30 minutes and were able to narrow the deficit heading towards the final buzzer.

The player of the match was chosen as Japan's Tatsuki Yoshino, who scored nine goals.



Bahrain goalkeeper Mohammed Abdulhussain tries to save the shot of Japan centre back Yuto Agarie during their match yesterday

Skipper Hussain Al Sayyad and Mohamed Ahmed scored five goals apiece to lead Bahrain, while Komail Mahfoodh finished with four. Five others chipped in with two goals each, including Ali Mirza, Ahmed

Fadhul, Ali Salman, Hassan Al-fardan and Mohamed Habib.

With this result, Japan finished fifth in Group II of the main phase, ensuring a 19th place finish, while Bahrain sit at the bottom of the group and are

21st on the final classification. Their previous best was 20th at the 2019 world championship, which featured only 24 teams, while this year's competition had 32.

It was Bahrain's fourth appearance at the premier tournament of the International Handball Federation (IHF).



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