



## Bangladesh to Play Bilateral Series Against Afghanistan After Asia Cup; Full Schedule Announced



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The Asia Cup T20 will begin on September 9 in the United Arab Emirates. The 20-over tournament will run until September 28. After the tournament, Bangladesh will play a bilateral series against Afghanistan at the same venue.

On Saturday (August 16), the Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) announced the full schedule for the series. According to the schedule, the first T20I will be held on October 2, followed by the second and third matches on October 4 and October 6, respectively. The ODI series will start on October 9, with the second and third matches scheduled for October 11 and October 14.

ACB Chief Executive Naseeb Khan expressed his excitement about the series, saying, “We are proud to host Bangladesh for this series. It strengthens the mutual relationship between our boards and demonstrates that world-class cricket can be delivered even at neutral venues.”

Bangladesh and Afghanistan will face each other earlier in the Asia Cup as well. The two teams are scheduled to play in Group B on September 16. If Bangladesh qualifies for the Super Four stage, the team will return home after playing back-to-back tournaments.

This bilateral series was originally part of the postponed 2024 series. Last year, Bangladesh and Afghanistan were scheduled to play two Tests, three ODIs, and three T20Is in July 2024, but the series was delayed due to scheduling conflicts. It is now set to take place in the UAE.

Following the Afghanistan series, Bangladesh will host the West Indies at home, playing three T20Is and an equal number of ODIs against the Caribbean side.