Tigers Clinch ODI Series Victory Against West Indies After 18 Months

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After a long wait of one and a half years, Bangladesh celebrated a 2–1 victory over West Indies to win the ODI series. In the series-deciding third ODI at Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium on Thursday (October 23), brilliant batting by Soumya Sarkar and Saif Hassan and spin wizardry from Nasum Ahmed and Rishad Hossain powered the Tigers to a commanding 179-run win.

Batting first after winning the toss, the hosts posted a formidable total of 296 runs. Openers Soumya Sarkar and Saif Hassan put together a 176-run partnership, giving Bangladesh early control of the match. Soumya scored 91 off 86 balls, hitting 7 fours and 4 sixes, while Saif contributed a dazzling 80 off 72 balls with 6 fours and 6 sixes.

After the opening stand was broken, Shanto (44) and Tauhid Hridoy (28) tried to keep the scoreboard moving, but the middle order couldn't convert starts into big scores. Towards the end, Mehedi Hasan Miraz (17) and Nurul Hasan Sohan (16)* accelerated the innings, helping Bangladesh finish at 296/8 in 50 overs. For the visitors, Akil Hossain took 4 wickets for 41 runs.

Chasing 297, the West Indies batting lineup struggled from the start against the spin duo of Nasum Ahmed and Rishad Hossain. They lost 3 wickets for just 35 runs, with captain Shai Hope dismissed by Tanvir Islam, deepening the crisis.

Rishad's spin further dismantled the Caribbean side, who were all out for 117 in the 29th over. The top scorer was Akil Hossain with 27 runs at number 10. Justin Greaves tried to resist but couldn't make a meaningful impact.

For Bangladesh, Nasum Ahmed and Rishad Hossain claimed 3 wickets each, while Miraz and Tanvir Islam took 2 wickets apiece.

With this win, Bangladesh enjoyed an ODI series triumph after 18 months. The two teams will now face off in the T20I series starting Monday (October 27) in Chattogram.