



LIONEL MESSI TO SIGN FOR DHAKA FC

Whitened black money to be used to secure the coveted signature

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Lionel Messi, a serial diver considered to be the greatest player of all time in one of the most mediocre teams in the world, may be on his way to Dhaka.

A source who saw Messi play against Nigeria that one time told this newspaper that he had seen the desire to play in Bangladesh in the star striker's eye.

In what would be the biggest coup for Bangladesh football after the far better acquisition of Sony Norde, the greatest international export to have booted up for a Bangladeshi club, Messi's arrival has also excited fans, a redundant sentence to spruce up the word count.

"I remember when he played in our national stadium against Nigeria. What a player. The COW," an overly-enthusiastic Bangladeshi fan said.

The rumoured arrival, however, has raised questions on how Messi's 700-million-euro transfer fee could be afforded by a Bangladeshi

football club.

Dhaka FC Manager Abdul Jafri said, "Yes it is expensive. But we are talking to the government about legalising all the black money we earned from our illegal casinos. Look, everyone is doing it anyway and us spending that 700 million can only help inflate Bangladesh's gross domestic product which was the dream of our nation-maker."

Contacted, Finance Minister Mukhta Shamal said there was no scope to question the legalisation of black money in the country. "How do you think we are all so well-paid? If Fifa can allow blood-stained oil money, then why not our black money? Yes, we are considering allowing Dhaka FC to go ahead with the move. But they must tell us how they earned all this black money. For research purposes."

Messi, who scored like a lot of goals for the team that cheated Chelsea out of a Champion's League victory, may help revive

the football scene in Bangladesh. He will also prove tough competition for Zahid Hasan Emily, the most prolific striker in the league, who won the Golden Boot last year by scoring an astounding seven goals.

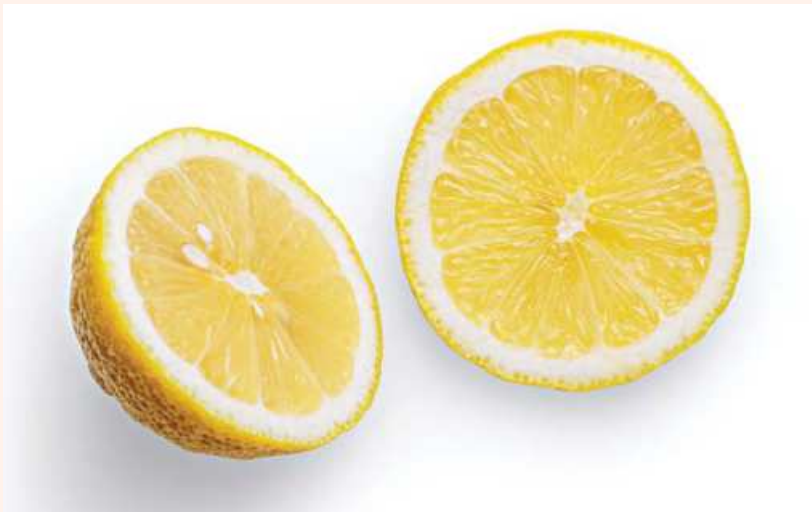
A problem may arise after the country's football federation decided to pay players 20 percent of their contracted fee due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Federation President Yusuf Ali said, "Everyone is using the pandemic as an excuse to not pay their employees. Why should we not? Plus, we will offer Messi the highest salary of Tk 25,000. It is not much but he does not have a university degree which is mandatory for higher-paying jobs in this country."

Lionel Messi could not be contacted for this report as he has gone into hiding ever since being found out to be a fraud during the 8-2 rout Bayern meted out to Barcelona recently.

'When wife throws you lemons, make lemonade'

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Arif Alias, whose real name is just that because of a Gmail unavailability, is currently fighting in court for custody of his two children. The husband and wife spilt up over a glass of lemon juice made at home.

The altercation arose when Arif broke many plates while washing dishes because the maid is gone for the pandemic holiday.

The tired wife, Jeorejina, one day grabbed lemons and threw it at him, injuring his left eye. As a result, he often accidentally logged himself out of Zoom meetings with his boss because of a lack of visual coordination.

"When wife throws you lemons, make lemonade," said Arif.

He gave that lemonade to his wife but forgot to add sugar. She was enraged and countered with lemon juice so sour, it shrunk many of his parts to the size and shape of raisins.

It's a sad tale that goes back to pandemics across hundreds of years. Kingdoms have toppled because of the souring of relationships as no one had any sugar to spare. In 2012, the duckface became popular because everyone was sucking on lemons as a fad. It was a terrible year for social media photos.

Arif complains that his eye injury has cost him his job and sugar is now a luxury along the lines of the need to have a fan in the toilet.

Their children are quite happy because now that the parents are fighting, no one is asking them to pay attention to online classes.



Beka City South dogs form gangs BCSC says 'I told you so!'

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Beka City South has recently been under attack from dog gangs that have recently started forming within the area. The gangs in question, as claimed by eye witness accounts, have been accused of performing martial arts moves on innocent citizens of Beka City South while howling, "Awuu Tang".

This comes mere months after Beka City South Corporation (BCSC) had attempted to conduct mass cullings, but were denied by the efforts of local residents. Now, however, the BCSC finds itself in the unique position of being able to say "I told you so" – a first for any government agency of Beka City.

"We knew this was inevitable. But when we warned the citizens, they all pointed to Beka City North and said 'look how cool they are with dogs. Why can't we be the same?'

"Well, now you can see that it isn't really that cool. When left alone, these dogs are rebellious in nature and will slowly cull us instead," said a representative from BCSC. "It pains me to bring it up. But we told you so."

Right after this interview this particular BCSC representative fled to Beka City North for safe harbour.

I reached out to the biggest gang with around 120 canines called 'Barkhampton' but received a reply from their human communications officer reading: "We, the dogs of Beka South are done. We've been mocked, hit with stones and neutered. No more. They wanted to cull us, now we rebel."

"PS: Our next album which features 25 tracks and 50 dogs from Beka North drops on March 15.

"Awuu Tang!"

