



Spain players celebrate Jose Gaya's last-gasp equaliser against Germany in their UEFA Nations League opener in Stuttgart on Thursday. Goalkeeper David de Gea, often maligned for his fumbles for both Spain and Manchester United, made a string of stunning saves during this match.

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€700m release clause not valid, Jorge Messi says

AGENCIES, Madrid



Jorge Messi, the father and agent of Lionel Messi, published a response to La Liga on Friday, insisting the Barcelona striker's 700-million-euro release clause no longer applies.

La Liga released a statement on Sunday saying Messi's contract was still valid, days after his shock announcement that he wanted to leave the club and hours after he failed to attend a pre-season medical.

The ruling body said the only way a club can sign the forward is if he triggers a release clause of 700 million euros but Jorge Messi's letter to La Liga president Javier Tebas states that clause is no longer applicable.

But lawyers of Cuatrecasas, a law firm that represents Messi and that until recently worked with Barcelona,



and Messi senior consider that LaLiga has made "an obvious mistake".

"We do not know which contract they have analysed and on what basis they have concluded it would have an applicable 'termination clause' in the event that the player decides to unilaterally revoke the contract after the conclusion of the 2019-20 season," Jorge Messi wrote in a letter published on social media.

"This is due to an obvious error on your part... This compensation will not apply when the termination of the contract by unilateral decision of the player takes effect from the end of the 2019-20 sports season'," he added referring to the clause in the contract.

"It is obvious that the compensation of 700 million euros, provided for in the previous clause... does not apply at all."

After the initial bombshell burofax from Messi to club stating his intention to unilaterally break his contract and leave for free, indications from Catalonia were that the player was beginning to reconsider his position, given that the club had decided to play tough and were arguing the player could only leave if his €700 million buy-out clause was paid.

But Jorge Messi's bullish response indicates his son remains committed to leaving Barca this summer.

Serena thru', Murray out

AFP, New York

Serena Williams continued her hunt for a record seventh US Open title with a straight-sets win on Thursday as Andy Murray crashed out in the second round at Flushing Meadows.

Williams, the tournament's third seed, dispatched unseeded Russian Margarita Gasparyan 6-2, 6-4 under the roof of a near-empty Arthur Ashe Stadium on a wet New York evening.

The 38-year-old closed out the first set with ease before a slight wobble in the second when she was broken twice by Gasparyan, before progressing into the third round.

"I'm just happy to get through it and try to focus on the next round," said Williams, who will take on 2017 champion Sloane Stephens in the last 32.

Williams is seeking a record-equaling 24th singles Grand Slam title at a subdued, spectator-free Billie Jean King US National Tennis Center in New York.

In the men's draw Andy Murray, slumped to a 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, defeat against a dominant Felix Auger-Aliassime.

The 15th seed Canadian smashed 24 aces and 52 winners in a one-sided affair that saw Murray muster just two and nine respectively.

"I just felt like everything was coming in, my toss, my rhythm. Everything was going well through the whole match," said Felix Auger-Aliassime.

In early men's matches, second seed Dominic Thiem celebrated his 27th birthday with an easy straight-sets win against Sumit Nagal, who became the first Indian man since 2013 to reach the second round of a Grand Slam.

Enrique hails De Gea as Spain deny Germany

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Spain manager Luis Enrique has stressed David de Gea deserves plenty of praise after playing a key role in his nation's 1-1 draw with Germany on Thursday in the UEFA Nations League.

While unable to prevent Timo Werner from opening the scoring in the 51st minute, De Gea made seven saves, ensuring Spain could grab a late equaliser via Jose Gaya.

De Gea has been subject to increasing criticism for his performances for both Manchester United and Spain, with Enrique adamant his good games should be getting just as much attention.

"When De Gea makes a mistake we always make a big deal out of it, so when he plays like this we should be hailing him," Enrique said post-match.

"It would be great to see him on the front page saying 'What a great keeper we have!' but since that won't happen I am saying it. Sadly it is his cross to bear, every time he makes a bit of a mistake it is on all the TV shows."

As De Gea impressed between the sticks, Barcelona youngster Ansu Fati made his debut for Spain as a substitute in the 45th minute at the age of just 17. Enrique clearly likes what he sees in the teenager, while also singling out two lesser-known names for praise.

"Ansu has shown what we all already know him to be. He is special and different," Enrique added.

"Mikel Merino is getting better and better, one of the best midfielders in La Liga, and I love Oscar Rodriguez, he brings together many things."

'Not a single player can attract spectators'

One of the country's most famous footballers has been at the helm of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) for the past 12 years and BFF President Kazi Salahuddin is now set to contest another term at the helm in the upcoming elections on October 3. However, with Bangladesh football's regression dominating conversations, The Daily Star's Anisur Rahman spoke to different stakeholders, asking them their thoughts on the future and how the outcomes of the elections could take the sport forward. For the fourth part, football fan Soyeab Hossain Shamim -- who had been attended matches since 1975 by selling pigeons in his younger days to buy tickets -- tells us how poor performances have kept him away from the sport.



Soyeb Hossain Shamim with former national booters Jewel Rana and Ataur Rahman Khan during a match in Tokyo in 1993.

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"There were no academies but players' individual skill was really good. They had sincerity and had matured through district football leagues, which are not held regularly now. I think footballers are overvalued now and are getting more money than their ability [deserves]," he said, blaming organisers for football's downfall.

"Organisers are responsible for this dreadful situation. I can't provide evidence, but I believe officials fixed matches, with the players well aware of the results. So, how will football go forward? Clubs are not even as strict about discipline as they were."

He also believes the Bangladesh Premier League is a barrier to development because officials are more focused on the BPL than other leagues. Shamim is also disappointed by the BFF committee led by Kazi Salahuddin despite holding a placard in support of Salahuddin during the voting day of 2008 BFF elections.

"When Salahuddin Bhai came to contest the BFF polls in 2008, I held a placard in his support on the day of the polls because we, the football fans, had big expectations that football activities would be strengthened when the right person was going to sit on the hot seat. He knew all the disputes and problems that stood in the way of football's development. He not only failed to fulfil our expectations but pierced our balloon of expectations with a needle," said the frustrated fan.

"I haven't seen any positives being inserted into football in the recent past. Instead, the BFF brought low-standard teams for the Bangabandhu Gold Cup in a bid to get results, but the national football team could not give any output," Shamim said. "I don't want to give any marks to the current BFF committee. I think the BFF should invest at the grassroots level instead of bringing Argentina and Lionel Messi. It should focus on 90 years instead of the 90-minute entertainment provided by Messi."

"There may remain a path for football to get out of this position but such a revival needs a long time. I believe I will not be able to see the good day of football again in my lifetime. However, I want to keep hope intact that someone will come and get football out of this bad condition," said Shamim, who urged authorities concerned to return spectators to those glorious days.

"As a spectator, I want the revival of Bangladesh football so that spectators, who were once forced to leave the gallery due to poor showings, return to stadia. I believe it is not possible overnight and the BFF must have a proper plan to bring spectators back to the gallery," concluded Shamim.

'It's a war we are waging'

BCB chief physician says after support staff show coronavirus-like symptoms

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The resumption of cricket in Bangladesh amid the coronavirus outbreak initially seemed to be simple enough, but unfortunately things have become complicated with a few of the support staff -- including a trainer -- displaying coronavirus-like symptoms.

Individual training sessions had been taking place over the past month and a half but the symptoms forced the Bangladesh Cricket Board to suspend training for three days.

According to BCB's chief physician Debashish Chowdhury, the development reflects the difficulties in coping with the pandemic and operating within it. He said that they will increase the vigilance when the individual training resumes.

"Obviously, it was never that easy to maintain all the safety measures in such testing times and I think we were lucky to some extent. It's like a war which we are waging every single day and it is difficult to maintain distancing if we think practically. But still, we are planning to have someone in the training session to monitor the distancing of players as at times players are unable to follow the protocols," Debashish told The Daily Star.

While individual training was thought to be the first step towards group training, Debashish said the medical team will be able to monitor better if they get the team for the upcoming Sri Lanka tour within a few days.

"It will depend on the situation, whether

we can go for individual training in the coming days after a couple of days'break. It will be easier for us to monitor and start group training if we get the team for the upcoming tour. We are planning to have one more round of Covid-19 tests as previously we were supposed to have three but now, we are thinking of an early round of tests as well," he said.

The cricketers have already had an online meeting on Thursday with the presence of two Covid-19 specialists where they were briefed not just about the medical aspect but also training issues.



"Look, it's always going to be difficult to adapt to the new normal as this is a highly contagious virus which the entire world is struggling with at the moment. It is not something you can fight against simply with force or sheer will; instead, we have to be more careful. As a player, obviously I want to return to the field but the fact is that things are not as simple as we are thinking," said a national cricketer, requesting anonymity.

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সেতুর ইজারা কোটেশন আহবান বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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- ০১। ইজারা কোটেশন নং- : ০১/বাসবি/২০২০-২০২১
- ০২। ইজারার বিবরণ : ২০২১-২০২২; ২০২২-২০২৩ ও ২০২৩-২০২৪
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- ০৩। ইজারা চুক্তির মেয়াদ : ৩ (তিন) বছর (১০৯৬ দিন)।
- ০৪। ইজারা কোটেশনের : টাকা ৫০০০.০০ (পাঁচ হাজার টাকা মাত্র)।
সিডিউল মূল্য
- ০৫। বায়নার টাকার পরিমাণ : উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ১০% (শতকরা দশ ভাগ) ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে।
(নিরাপত্তা জামানত)
- ০৬। ইজারা কোটেশন : ২৮/০৯/২০২০ খ্রিষ্টাব্দ তারিখ বিকাল ৫.০০ পর্যন্ত।
বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়
- ০৭। মুখবন্ধ অবস্থায় ইজারা : ২৯/০৯/২০২০ খ্রিষ্টাব্দ তারিখ দুপুর ১২.৩০ পর্যন্ত।
কোটেশন গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়
- ০৮। ইজারা ডাকে : ভ্যাট ও আয়কর সনদধারী প্রতিষ্ঠান/নাগরিক, সরকারি/বেসরকারি/স্বায়ত্বশাসিত সকল প্রতিষ্ঠানের ঠিকাদার।
- ০৯। যে সকল কার্যালয়ে : বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, খুলনা বিভাগ, খুলনা/তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, খুলনা সড়ক সার্কেল, সড়ক ভবন, বয়রা, খুলনা/তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, খুলনা ফেরি সার্কেল, সড়ক ভবন, বয়রা, খুলনা/জেলা প্রশাসক, বাগেরহাট/পুলিশ সুপার, বাগেরহাট/নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক বিভাগ, খুলনা/সাতক্ষীরা/বাগেরহাট/ফেরি বিভাগ, শিরামনি, খুলনা/উপ-বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক উপ-বিভাগ-১/২/বাগেরহাট/সহকারী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, ১ম সারি কারখানা উপ-বিভাগ, বাগেরহাট।
- ১০। যে সকল কার্যালয়ে : (ক) তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, খুলনা সড়ক সার্কেল, সড়ক ভবন, বয়রা, খুলনা।
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- ১১। ইজারা কোটেশন : স্থান : নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, সওজ, খোলার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময় : ২৯-০৯-২০২০খ্রিঃ।
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- ১২। ইজারা আহবানকারী যে কোন সময় যে কোন কোটেশন/সকল কোটেশন বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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