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Bebeto's wish

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 20: Brazilian striker Bebeto said he wants to dedicate the World Cup to his 150 million countrymen who confront poverty and suffering, the Jornal do Brasil reported Sunday, reports AP.

"My wife has already alerted me to not come home without bringing the world championship trophy with me," Bebeto was quoted as saying.

Bebeto was relieved that his wife, Denise, was unharmed when her car was stolen earlier this week in Rio. Denise is eight months pregnant with the couple's third child.

Bebeto, who alongside Romario forms Brazil's scoring line, was a world champion in the junior division in 1983.

"Romario and I both like to score goals and working together should increase our normal output," Bebeto said.

No stopping Zia in nat'l chess

Sports Reporter

International Master Ziaur Rahman of Biman beat Abdullah Al Rakib of Narayanganj in the eleventh round to consolidate his position atop the points table of the 20th national chess championship at the chess room of National Sports Council yesterday.

Zia, playing with white pieces adopted the English opening and forced his opponent Abdullah Al Rakib to withdraw after the 43rd move.



Delighted Belgian players ride on Marc Degryse who has just scored a goal, the only goal in their inaugural Group F encounter against Morocco on Sunday.

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