

Arafat warns richest nations

ME peace process will collapse without funds

NAPLES, Italy, July 9: Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat today warned the world's richest nations the Middle East peace process would collapse unless they provided financial help for his people, reports Reuters.

"Without their support, no doubt we can give some promises to our people, but they the Palestinians also want to live and without real support the peace process will be collapsing," Arafat told Italian radio in a message for the G7 summit.

Arafat said he had sent his warning last week to US President Bill Clinton and the other leaders of the world's biggest industrialised democracies through their embassies in Tunis, just before his triumphant return to the Gaza Strip.

"We have to speak frankly, without help for the Palestinians to bypass these very critical circumstances, these circumstances will give more

opportunity for extremists on the two sides to spoil the peace process," Arafat said.

"I hope that the Group of Seven countries and the leaders of the seven countries will not forget the holy land and Palestine, the people of the holy land and the Palestinians," Arafat said.

"Without their support it would be very difficult to continue the peace process, he said.

Arafat said the Palestinians needed a harbour, an airport, communications and television. "The water which we are drinking in the Gaza Strip is unhealthy because the drainage has been spoiled," he said.

The Naples summit has brought together the leaders of the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Canada, Britain and Italy. Russia, although not a G7 member, is taking part in the political part of the summit on Sunday.

Brazil reach semifinals

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just wide off the fast post.

The Brazilians came out of the break looking dangerous with Bebeto and Romario at the end of two threatening moves into the Dutch areas.

They put Brazil ahead in the 52nd minute on a slick move down the field, set off by a misdirected pass from Dutch veteran Frank Rijkaard. In Brazil's half, Bebeto's cross to the foot of the fast post into the net beyond De Goey's fingertips.

TEAMS

Netherlands: Ed de Goey, Stan Valckx, Ronald Koeman, Frank Rijkaard (Ronald de Boer, 65th), Rob Witschge, Jan Wouters, Wim Jonk, Aron Winter, Peter van Vossen (Bryan Roy, 56th), Dennis Bergkamp, Marc Overmars.

Brazil: Taffarel, Jorginho, Alcides, Marcio Santos, Branco (Cafu, 91st), Mauro Silva, Dunga, Mazinho (Rai, 81st), Bebeto, Romario.

Referee: Rodrigo Badilla, Costa Rica.

Italians in semis

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home from an angle as Abelardo raced back to try to clear.

Italy play defending champions Germany or Bulgaria, for a place in the final.

Spanish second half substitute Julio Salinas made the miss of the match in the 82nd minute. Caminero's chip put him clean through but he shot against Italian goalkeeper Gianluca Pagliuca's legs.

Pagliuca then tipped a dipping 25-metre shot from Fernando Hierro, who had surprisingly not started the match, over the bar as Spain's mounting pressure began to tell.

Italy had been two minutes away from being knocked out by Niger in the second round when Roberto Baggio equalised in the 89th minute and then scored a penalty winner in extra-time.

Temper flared at the end of the match and Hungarian referee Sandor Puhl could have sent off one or two players.

Spain had looked far the better side in the second half and thoroughly deserved their equaliser.

Luis Enrique started the move 40 metres out and exchanged passes with Sergi before Ferrer stepped over the winger's low cross for Caminero to send a lopping shot over Pagliuca.

The shot took a deflection off Paolo Maldini and gave the Italian goalkeeper no chance.

Jon Andoni Goikoetxea had chances to increase the lead but Pagliuca made a good save from one shot and then the Spanish forward's weak header from a Ferrer cross let Italy off.

Italy brought on Signori, a striker, for midfielder Demetrio Albertini at the start of the second half and replaced Antonio Conte with Nicola Berti midway through the half.

Conte appeared to pull a hamstring as he stretched to tackle Luis Enrique from behind three metres out. The Spaniard appealed unsuccessfully for a penalty.

Spain brought on Salinas and Hierro as they went looking for a winner in the second half but were saved by a one-handed save from Zubizarreta in a rare Italian attack.

Berti's volley from a Mauro Tassotti cross bounced awkwardly and the Spanish goalkeeper had to be quick to tip it over.

Dino Baggio, who saved Italy in a vital group game against

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Referee: Sandor Puhl (Hungary)

Yellow cards:

Spain — Abelardo (4), Jose Caminero (20).

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The leaders of the top industrialised nations participating in the G-7 Summit in Naples, Italy yesterday pose for a group picture outside the Palazzo Reale prior to their first session this morning. (L-R) EU Commission President Jacques Delors, Jean Chretien (Canada), Helmut Kohl (Germany), Francois Mitterrand (France), Silvio Berlusconi (Italy), Bill Clinton (USA), John Major (Great Britain) and Japanese Foreign Minister Yohei Kono who replaced Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama after he was taken to hospital last night.

— AFP photo

9 student bodies observe 'religion peddling resistance day' today

By Staff Correspondent

The Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya, an alliance of nine left-leaning student organisations, observes a 'religion peddling resistance day' in the country today.

Brando himself forced the 81st-minute free kick that proved decisive. He took it himself from 25 metres out — a perfect spinning shot that zoomed around the Dutch defensive wall and smacked off the foot of the fast post into the net beyond De Goey's fingertips.

Another press release said an emergency meeting of the combine's central steering committee would be held at 2:00 this afternoon at the central office of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front.

Tension mounts

Sylhet JP, JCD convene meet at same venue

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, July 9: Tension has gripped the town as both the district units of the Jatiya Party and the ruling party backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) have convened meetings at the same venue tomorrow (Sunday).

The district unit of the Jatiya Party (JP) announced holding its conference at the Sarada Hall prior to the JCD announcement of a workers' rally at the same venue.

It was the first time Spain had fallen behind in the tournament.

Roberto Donadoni passed across the lace of the penalty area and Baggio hit a superb right-footed drive.

Dino Baggio is fast turning into a new version of Marco Tardelli, the midfield driving force in Italy's 1982 triumph.

Spain went close to equalising from the re-start but Italian goalkeeper Pagliuca plunged on Caminero's downward header from Ferrer's corner.

And Italy scored from their one real attack of the second half to reach the semi finals for the seventh time, three times in the last four tournaments.

Spanish coach Javier Clemente said: "It was a very even game. Very unfortunately a mistake by my defence led to the deciding goal since we were pressing for a goal ourselves."

"In our effort to win the game, we lost it."

Italian coach Arrigo Sacchi said: "The team was very tired towards the end of the match and we suffered greatly until the 87th minute."

Pagliuca, back after a two-game suspension, said: "This was my chance for revenge and I feel now I've got my satisfaction."

Roberto Baggio said Spain played well and he was not concerned about who their next opponents might be.

"It doesn't matter. We will see what happens next," he said.

TEAMS

ITALY: 1-Gianluca Pagliuca, 9-Mauro Tassotti, 4-Alessandro Costacurta, 5-Paolo Maldini, 3-Antonio Benarrivo, 15-Antonio Coite (14-Nicola Berti, 66), 11-Demetrio Albertini (20), Giuseppe Signori (46), 13-Dino Baggio, 16-Roberto Donadoni, 10-Roberto Baggio, 19-Daniele Massaro.

SPAIN: 1-Andoni Zubizarreta, 2-Albert Ferrer, 5-Abelardo, 3-Jorge Otero, 18-Rafael Alkorta, 20-Miguel Angel Nadal, 12-Sergi (19-Julio Salinas 61), 15-Jose Caminero, 21-Luis Enrique, 7-Juan Goikoetxea, 10-Jose Maria Bakero (6), Fernando Hierro (65).

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SAARC ministers' meet

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respective countries.

Senior officials of the member-countries met for the third day yesterday to finalise the recommendations to be placed before the ministerial meeting.

The officials finalised a seven-point agenda for the meeting. It includes review of the global economy and the poverty situation in the region, exchange of national experiences on poverty alleviation, seeking a dialogue with the donor community for providing a more enabling environment for the reduction of poverty, formulation of an enabling environment for poverty alleviation programmes as envisaged in the Dhaka declaration adopted during the seventh SAARC summit held in April last year.

The donor community should also be asked to take into account the 'cultural specificity' of individual countries in the region while funding poverty alleviation programmes, he said.

Briefing newsmen on the outcome of the official-level meeting yesterday, ERD Secretary Lutfullah Majid, leader of the Bangladesh delegation, said that the agenda and the proposed recommendations of the meeting had been formulated in the light of the measures already taken by the member-countries for reducing the level of poverty.

Consensus was reached, the ERD Secretary said, on setting a focal point on poverty alleviation and in each country, increased coordination and exchange of information among the member states. He, however, noted

US proposal rebuffed

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The G-7 pledged to help Yeltsin's Russia join GATT (the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) so as to integrate its stricken economy with the global market place.

A Clinton plan for new G-7 tariff-cutting talks, however, fared no favour. Nor did the summit take new measures to retrieve the dollar from 50-year loss against Japan's yen.

Clinton written to the six other G-7 leaders urging a follow-up to last year's GATT free trade pact to cover intractable items that were left out like telecommunications and airline landing rights.

With no consensus after the Germans and French objected, the US withdrew it for the time being.

Speculators had renewed selling dollars on Friday when

Sit-in in Sylhet for separate division

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, July 9: The Sylhet Division Implementation Committee has staged a day-long sit-in at the local Biman office premises to press home its demand for creation of a separate division comprising four districts of the greater Sylhet region.

The committee has been struggling since long to materialise the demand.

Beginning at 8 am, today's sit-in lasted until 6 in the evening.

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