

## Semifinals today

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countries with a great soccer tradition," said Italian coach Arrigo Sacchi on Monday. "The mistake Germany made was perhaps psychological."

"We've seen in this World Cup that as soon as a team think they have a match won they are punished."

The Bulgarians have excellent players who have good technique and who matched the Germans physically," Sacchi said.

Bulgaria play a patient, possession game, knocking the ball around before increasing the tempo with through passes to attackers Hristo Stoichkov, Emil Kostadinov and Nasko Sirakov.

"They are hard to play against as they swap positions a lot. You must avoid getting caught with four defenders marking one attacker and the rest of the Bulgarian team enjoying space in midfield," said the Italian coach.

For Brazil and Sweden, the two undefeated teams, any similarity with their first-round encounter is mere coincidence.

"The first one was a friendly (exhibition) game," Brazil's coach, Carlos Alberto Parreira, said of their 1-1 tie on June 28 in the Pontiac Silverdome.

"This game is to reach the final of the World Cup competition. The intensity of the game will be great on both sides."

Brazil see a Swedish aerial attack as the biggest threat.

Brazil's attacking pair of Bebeto and Romario have been hogging the limelight in the tournament so far with seven goals between them.

But in the semifinal much of the attention will be focused on central defender Marcio Santos, who is likely to have the job of cutting Swedish giant Kennet Andersson down to size. Andersson scored when the two sides drew 1-1 last month.

The Brazilian players have been ordered to avoid giving away unnecessary free-kicks near their penalty area and spent most of a training session on Monday practising their defending at corners.

The Swedes also have a grudge to settle. In 1958, host Sweden lost 5-2 in the final to Brazil, who unveiled to the world a 17-year-old phenomenon named Pele.

For Sweden, the big question is how the return of Dahlén, the "Black Pearl," will boost the attack — if he returns, that is. Cramps forced Dahlén out of Sunday's quarter-final victory over Romania. He is taking injections and massage treatments while doctors decide if he's fit to play.

But Sweden's hopes ride on the front line of Dahlén and striker Kennet Andersson, who has stepped off the bench to become a key scorer in this Cup.

Their game plan is simple. "We have to stop the ball before it gets to him," Andersson said of Romario. "For us, the first thing is defense. Every player needs to get back in their position as soon as possible."

That kind of soccer isn't what Brazil would choose. But

## Sickening garbage stench

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gers shuffle the wastes and the winds carry the foul smell over a large area.

Cats, dogs, crows and vultures prowl in the garbage fall-out along with many children — plastic pickers.

Commuters approaching Sylhet from Kamalapur along the highway have to stop talking and plug their nose as the air of the locality is heavy with the stench. Children and old people in these densely populated areas have become the worst victims since they cannot cope with the daily ordeal.

A resident of Kamalapur, Jali, said that many people in the area were suffering from any one of an assortment of diseases linked with air pollution.

According to an estimate, nearly 10 lakh tons of domestic garbage is dumped by some 70 lakh citizens of Dhaka every year.

DCC officials, however, say their cleaners collect some 3000 tons a day, putting the annual domestic garbage collection to 10 lakh 80 thousand tons. Besides, there are industrial garbage.

"It's absurd," commented Fazlul Huq, a resident of Sutrapur area of Dhaka. "If it was so, then why there are garbage piled up in our neighbourhood for days?"

People of Motijheel staff quarters said now they have to complete taking their supper before the start of the daily smell hazard, borne by the northward wind.

A resident of Motijheel AGB Colony, Jahanara Begum, said

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they can do it, if that's what it takes.

Now it's the result that counts," said Taffarel. "We'll play whatever kind of soccer is necessary to reach the final."

Italy squeezed into the top four for the second straight time largely thanks to the two Baggios.

Italian coach Arrigo Sacchi said much will depend on which team tires first. Italy has won two games short-handed with ten men.

"Heat and tiredness have leveled values of the teams. It's a semifinal open to any outcome," he said.

Bulgaria last met Italy in a World Cup final round in the 1986 opening game. They scored a 1-1 tie against the defending champions. Midfielder Nasko Sirakov, a holdover on today's squad, scored Bulgaria's goal. Kostadinov came on as a substitute in that game. None of the Italians are still playing in the national team.

Whatever lineup Italy put out, they are expected to win. Even the Bulgarians know that.

"For Italy it would be normal to win," Mihailov said. "We can go in cooler with nothing to lose. We are heroes, win or lose."

Bulgarian coach Dimitar Penev, who celebrated his 49th birthday on Tuesday, wants his team to concentrate on playing positively on the biggest day in their country's soccer history.

"We have been playing our style and I don't want to change that," said Penev, a former Bulgarian captain who won 90 international caps.

"We have enough good players to take care of Roberto Baggio, although the whole team must pay great attention to him. I was a defender during my career but I prefer attacking soccer which brings a lot of goals."

**JEC meet begins**

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led his country's delegation at the just concluded SAARC Finance and Planning Ministers' meeting in Dhaka is also heading Islamabad's 7-member team at the JEC meeting. He is aided by Pakistan High Commissioner in Bangladesh Anwar Khan.

Commerce Minister M Shamsul Islam, who is the co-chairman of the JEC, is leading a ten-member home team at the meeting. He is assisted by Bangladesh High Commissioner to Pakistan Q.A.M.R. Rahim.

It is the fifth session of the JEC constituted in 1979. The last one was held in Islamabad in November 1991.

The meeting is expected to cover a wide range of cooperation between the two countries particularly in the fields of industrial cooperation, agriculture, shipping and culture.

Bangladesh imported goods worth 67.98 million US dollar from Pakistan against export of 43 million US dollar during the fiscal 1992-93.

At the inaugural session, Commerce Minister in his opening statement stressed the need for taking efforts to achieve a satisfactory level of equilibrium in bilateral trade

that the stench spreads the AGB Colony at 11 every night when the DCC trucks start dumping garbage in the Kamalapur yard.

"The wind carry the stinks from Kamalapur to our homes," she said. "We cannot even go out on our balconies. During summer, when it is too hot inside the houses, people get choked up with the stench," she added.

DCC officials said 1,000 cleaners employed by the corporation were engaged in collecting garbage by 188 trucks.

Besides, 4,000 road sweepers and scavengers were also engaged in 10 zones in the city.

The DCC spends some three crore taka for filling the low-lying areas of the capital with domestic garbage.

Dr Mohammad Hossain of South Mugdaphara told this correspondent that the people living around the garbage dump yard have to keep their windows closed to ward off the bad smell.

"My ailing father needs fresh air," he said. "His health is at a great risk since we have to close all the south-facing windows in his room closed."

Many of the 'bad-smell victims' raised questions about the DCC's policy in this regard. "What is the policy of the Corporation?" asked one resident of Mugdaphara. "Should the DCC first dump garbage, develop the land and then settle the people or settle people first and then start dumping garbage?"

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PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and wife Suha are all smiles at the Tunis airport July 11 before boarding the plane taking them to Gaza after 12 years of exile in Tunis. — AFP photo

## JP programme

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Mosque was addressed by Moudud Ahmed, Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Shah Moazzem Hosain, Anwar Hossain Manju, Barrister Abul Hasnat, Khaledur Rahman Tito, Selim Al Mamoon, Mojibul Huq Chowdhury, Abu Zafar and Abdus Salam.

The JP would observe an 'organisational week' from July 21, hold a procession in Dhaka on August 1, observe a demand week from August 3-7, and stage a grand rally in the capital on August 18 where the next course of action programme would be announced.

Mizanur Rahman said "The opposition parties have been demanding future elections under a caretaker government after rigging in the Magura by-election."

"No free and fair election is possible under this government, so we are demanding a caretaker government," the JP's acting chief told several thousand party supporters.

He alleged that Taslima was the 'creation' of this government which is trying to divert the people's attention from the caretaker issue.

Mizan Chowdhury said the BNP government did not fulfil any of the election pledges. Rather, it took a number of anti-people decisions.

"This government pledged to create jobs for one crore people but instead it terminated the services of thousands of employees," Mizan Chowdhury alleged. "He said the government should resign for its 'failures' in various fields."

Moudud Ahmed said the people voted BNP to rule the country but not to conduct election. This government betrayed with the opposition parties in parliament, he alleged.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed said this government would lose power by next year and the people would welcome 'palli bandhu' Ershad.

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Hours after Bajwa's arrest, an Indian diplomat was detained in Pakistan's capital, Islamabad, and accused of "receiving highly sensitive documents from a Pakistani agent," said Pakistan's Foreign Ministry.

V S Chauhan, an attaché in the visa section, was ordered out within seven days, it said.

## Arafat arrives in Gaza to run self-rule govt

GAZA, July 12: PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat arrived in the Palestinian-ruled Gaza Strip today to take up permanent residence after a quarter-century of exile, witnesses said. reports Reuter.

Arafat crossed the Egyptian border with his wife Suha and senior aides in a convoy, arriving in the town of Rafah, part of the self-ruled strip handed over by Israel in May.

Cementing his September peace deal with Israel, Arafat had his first homecoming in Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho earlier this month when he formally established self-rule.

Today Arafat returned to Gaza, home to about one million Palestinians.

Aides said he would continue to go abroad to raise money and to campaign for maximum Palestinian autonomy in the rest of the Israeli-occupied lands.

In Cairo, Israeli and PLO negotiators were discussing expanding self-rule to the rest of the West Bank, redeploying Israeli troops away from the West Bank.

**Diplomats expelled**

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A diplomat, First Secretary Naseeruddin Ahmed, was later accused of spying in the same affair. Both were ordered to leave India within a week, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Arif Khan.

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Each country denied that its officials were engaged in espionage, and accused the other of violating a 2-year-old agreement on the treatment of diplomats that forbids harassment and intimidation.

"The cruel and intimidatory behaviour of Indian authorities ... can only further vitiate the atmosphere between the two countries which is already tense," the Pakistani High Commission, said in a statement.

The company officials say that in case of any allegation against any industry there could be a trial at law of the country but under no circumstances the industry could be closed affecting the economy.

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On the other hand, with the closure of Sea Resources Ltd, already several hundreds of employees and small traders became unemployed and jobs of 1500 sailors have become uncertain, company sources said.

The sources said the company might even declare a lay-off anytime in case of non-availability of money from banks.

**CHT truce extended**

The government has extended the time of the general amnesty in the Chittagong Hill Tracts region upto October 31, 1994 to facilitate the repatriation and rehabilitation of Bangladeshi tribals now staying at Tripura state of India, an official handout said today.

**PM urges India**

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Joint steps taken in the forum, including Poverty Alleviation Commission and South Asian Preferential Trade Arrangement.

Regarding proposals made by the Indian businessmen at the last JBC meeting for the marketing of manufactured products in north-eastern India "using the Chittagong port, Mahbub said this problem could easily be solved by setting up industries in Bangladesh. This would also help remove the trade imbalance.

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Noted economists Prof. Rehman Sobhan, Prof. Muhammad Yunus, business Salman Rahman and S H Kabir and banker K A Majid asked the various questions relating to bilateral cooperation and trade between the two countries.

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## Hasina terms BNP inept, corrupt

Opposition Leader Sheikh Hasina yesterday denounced the ruling BNP as inept and corrupt and said it had lost moral right to run the country, reports UNB.

The Prime Minister and other ministers are steeped in corruption. They have lost moral right to stay in power, she told a group of political workers of BNP, Jatiya Party, JSD and Communist Party who met her at 29 Minto Road and joined Awami League yesterday afternoon.

The Awami League president said her present movement for election under a neutral caretaker government would continue until the demand is met.

The Opposition leader criticised the government for passing the national budget keeping entire Opposition outside Parliament. She also alleged that BNP was repressing opposition parties to suppress its failures in last three and a half years of its rule.

A party press release said more than 500 workers of different parties came from Khilgaon areas under the leadership of BNP leader and freedom fighter Shamsher Uddin Jugu and joined Awami League.

**BMFA deplores use of SPA against Sea Resources Ltd**

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, July 12: The Bangladesh Marine Fisheries Association (BMFA), in a review meeting held here recently with Rear Admiral (Retd) M H Khan in the chair, said that detention of the directors of Sea Resources Ltd under the Special Powers Act (SPA) could not be deemed appropriate since the company was being investigated by the Customs authorities.

A BMFA press release hoped, the authorities would soon clarify the circumstances prompting the application of the SPA against the company and its directors, that is, if there was any proof of the company indulging in anti-state activity or if any of its actions had jeopardised the national interest. Otherwise, the association felt, the authorities had no right to harass the company and its owners under a law that infringed upon their fundamental rights.

The press release also regretted that certain newspapers had published 'fabricated' reports creating misgivings about the company. This, the association said, was against journalistic ethics.

**Sea Resources**

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export as Sea Resources Ltd used to export 30 per cent of the total.

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