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## Brazil on a pragmatic trip

FULLERTON, Calif., July 13: While the soccer world searches for superlatives to describe Brazil's play in the World Cup, strikers Romario and Bebeto are unimpressed, reports AP.

In fact, they're almost apologetic.

"Technically, we haven't shown soccer of great quality," Romario said Tuesday. "We're making up for it with strength and teamwork."

"But individually, we have the obligation to play better."

Wait a minute. This is a mediocre performance?

U.S. defender Alexi Lalas, victimized by Bebeto in a 1-0 Brazilian victory in the second round, called the South American team "awesome."

"They're dribbling maniacs," Lalas said after the match. "They come at you at 100 mph (160 kph)."

Yet their two brightest stars are underwhelmed.

"We're not playing that 'show soccer' people expected," Romario said. "We're playing a modern and efficient soccer."

"What matters is the end result," Bebeto added. "It's useless to play pretty and lose. Maybe it's not great soccer, but it's practical."

This pragmatism is new to Brazilian soccer.

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## WC doing wonders for Bulgaria

LONDON, July 13: Bulgaria's success at the World Cup football championship will change the country, President Zhelev said on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

The transition that we are going through is very difficult, and I hope that football will make things easier for other things that will happen in Bulgaria," Zhelev told Bulgarian Radio in an interview monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

"In any event, after this World Cup championship Bulgaria will not be the same, and the Bulgarian nation will not be the same. It will demand profound political changes in the country."

Bulgaria beat champions Germany 2-1 in the quarter-finals on Sunday, unleashing a nationwide outburst of joy.

Bulgaria's headline communist regime fell more than four years ago. Zhelev is Bulgaria's first non-communist head of state in more than four decades.

Last month, the World Bank reported that Bulgaria still had a long way to go in the transition to a market economy, but after a year of delay, the government was showing new enthusiasm for reforms.

"There's something new on this team. A desire, a spirit, an awareness that wasn't there before."

Call it heart.

"For many years, people said Brazil's yellow jersey was very pretty but had no heart inside," Romario said. "After this World Cup, I think they'll say it's a pretty jersey with 11 hearts inside."

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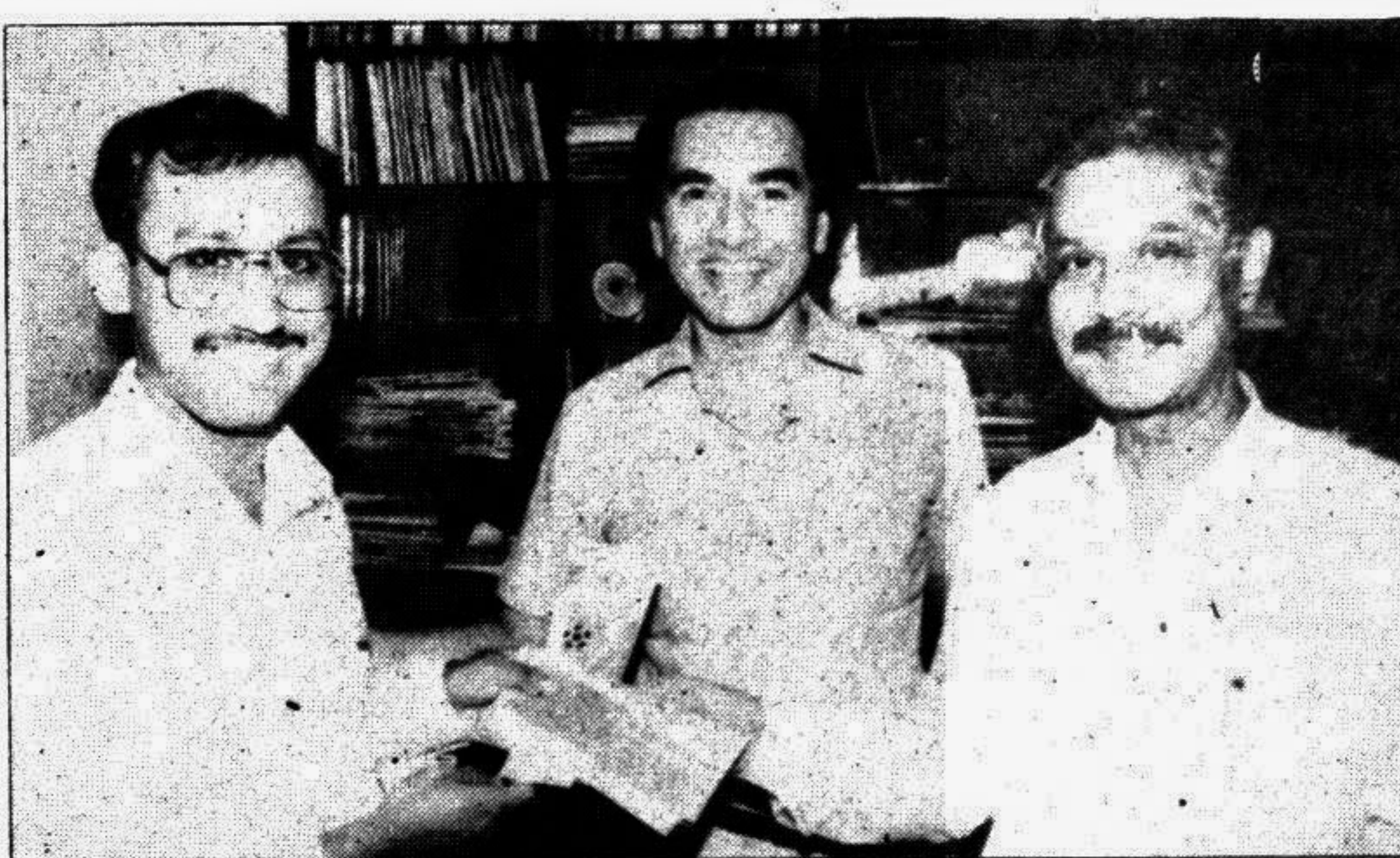
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Obaidur Rahman Khan (R), Executive Director of Transcom Electronics Limited, the sponsors of the Daily Star World Cup quiz competition, handed over the bumper prize — return air fare, ticket to the July 17 final and 1000 dollars in cash — to winner Shafquat Ayub (L) during a simple ceremony held at the Star office. Editor, Daily Star Mahfuz Anam (C) was also present on the occasion. — Star photo

## Daily Star Bumper Prize winner says

## Sports bring people closer

By Masud Hasan Khan

Shafquat Ayub believes that sports, shorn of politics, can really bring people closer and help establish peace on earth.

Bumper Round winner of The Daily Star World Cup Quiz contest which ended last month, Ayub has great faith in people particularly the underdogs, who can really change the world given the opportunity.

Ayub, obviously, had his own country in mind.

The 28-year-old management specialist of a USAID-sponsored agricultural project in Bangladesh, Shafquat Ayub was talking to The Daily Star after his name was picked in the bumper lucky draw.

"I could not believe my ears when a Daily Star correspondent rang me up to give the news," he said. "I thought it was a hoax or somebody trying to make a fool out of me. Besides, I had just woken up from an early sleep."

It took quite sometime to convince Shafquat Ayub that he had really won and could claim the prize. The bumper round's prize package included return airfare, tickets to one of the

semifinals and the final to the World Cup football tournament now being held in the US. Besides, there was a cash reward of US dollar 1,000 as living expenses.

For Shafquat Ayub, it was all the more difficult to readily accept the news of his good fortune because he had put in only a single entry for the bumper quiz.

"I never imagined that my luck would favour me, especially when I thought my younger brother had sent some 35 entries to the contest," a soft-spoken Ayub said. "He had more interest than me."

Shafquat Ayub passed out from the Accounting Department of the Dhaka University in 1988 and joined a project of the International Fertilizer Development Company (IFDC). He was a student of the Shaheen School and Notre Dame College, Dhaka.

Ayub spends his free time reading sports magazines, watching videos and listening to sports commentaries over radio.

Abahani Krira Chakra is his favourite soccer team in Dhaka and he hopes his favourite Brazil would clinch this year's World Cup title.

The eldest son of a top bureaucrat, Ayub Rahman, the Cabinet Secretary, the lucky winner thinks that sponsorship is a must for healthy promotion of all kinds of sports activities in the country.

Besides, strong professionalism is also required to produce desired results.

The Daily Star quiz contest would encourage others in promoting sports in the country, as well as generate immense interest among the people and raise their knowledge," he felt.

When asked why Bangladeshi soccer players were rated so much below their international counterparts, despite such feverish enthusiasm among the countrymen, he seemed at a loss for an answer.

"I really don't know. Maybe our players lack stamina or physical fitness. But one thing is sure, that professionalism is absent in our soccer world despite the high payments made to our players."

## LA: An aesthete's delight

LOS ANGELES, July 13: For a city where people practically live in their automobiles, what's better place to view art than from a passing car.

Los Angeles, which calls itself the "mural capital of the world," has put on a highway exhibit for the World Cup, celebrating soccer and featuring huge works on roadides from Los Angeles International Airport to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena — site of the World Cup final on July 17, reports Reuters.

It's a wonderful gift from the World Cup to the city," said Debra Padilla, deputy director of the Social and Public Art Resource Centre, or SPARC.

"When traffic is heavy at rush hour, people can stop and look," she said of the latest wall art contributions to the city's mural collection.

The five new murals — by renowned US artists chosen after a nationwide contest — were commissioned by SPARC for Arts '94, a festival of artistic and cultural events coinciding with the World soccer championships.

Arts '94 has been promoting the World Cup through the arts and cultural communities

in the nine locations where games have been played for the first time in the United States.

The festival climaxes at Dodger Stadium here on July 16 with a concert featuring "The Three Tenors" — Jose Carreras, Placido Domingo and Luciano Pavarotti — in a reunion of their landmark 1990 concert at the last World Cup in Italy.

The soccer-oriented explosion of paint on the Los Angeles freeways starts at the airport, where many of the fans at the Rose Bowl's eight World Cup matches have arrived.

## Fan club leader charged with murder

BUENOS AIRES, July 13: The leader of the fan club of Argentina's most popular soccer team was named as a suspect Tuesday in the deaths of a two rival fans, reports AP.

Jose Barritta, 49, leader of the Boca Juniors fan club, faces preliminary charges in the killings of two followers of the River Plate team. The charges can be changed or dropped as an investigation continues.

Police say members of Boca's fan club fired into a crowd of River fans in Buenos Aires after River defeated Boca 2-0 on April 30. Barritta went underground and was considered a fugitive until turning himself in last month. He now is in preventive detention.

Silver-haired Barritta, known as "The Grandfather," has been detained several times in connection with violence between soccer fan club members.

## Indian athletes tune up for Asian Games

NEW DELHI, July 13: Indian athletes warming up in Europe for the forthcoming Asian Games in Hiroshima made their mark in Croatia when Vikram Singh set a blistering pace to grab the gold in the 3,000m at a meet in Varazdan, reports PTI.

Vikram Singh covered the distance in 8:27.02 seconds. He was followed by Lebed Sergey of Ukraine who timed 8:28.88, according to information received here.

However, other Indians in the race held on July 9, Gagan Singh and Sanjeev Kumar, lagged behind finishing fourth and fifth respectively.

In the women's section, K M Bannamoli finished third in the 400m timing 57.76 Natalia Makoukh won the race clocking 54.14. Paranjit Kaur finished eighth.

S Linthongambi Devi and N Radhamani Devi finished third and fifth in the 800m women's event with timings of 2:21.31 and 2:25.93 respectively. The race was won by Brigitta Tusai of Hungary in 2:12.68 secs.

## Indonesians aim for double

SINGAPORE, July 13: Indonesia are favourites to complete a double success in the Konica Cup championships which begin here today — even though world champions Joko Suprianto is not taking part, reports AFP.

Suprianto, who has just won the men's Malaysian Open title, decided to skip the Singapore event and return home for a rest. Indonesian officials revealed.

He outplayed Malaysian Champion Rashid Sidek in straight sets to confirm his position as the world number one — but Indonesia still boast the top two seeds in the men's draw, in Ardy Wiranata and Herryawan Susanto.

## IAAF to look into it