Ronaldo return

delayed

Inter Milan's Brazilian striker

Ronaldo is unlikely to play again

until mid-February after straining his

according to a report in Gazzetta

The forward sustained the strain

during the game against Spanish

side Real Mallorca B on Thursday in

Palma, where Inter have been

goals this season, was expected to

play some part for leaders Inter who

face bottom club Venezia on

Sunday, especially with Uruguay

Ronaldo out of February's friendly

hetween Brazil and Saudi Arabia, a

The problem could also keep

But Inter President Massimo

forward Alvaro Recoba injured.

Ronaldo, who has scored three

Football

REUTERS, Rome

training this week.



AFP, London

British soccer fans travelling to Japan for the World Cup finals have been issued with guidance from the British Foreign Office on how not to offend their hosts.

The Foreign Office on Friday posted its "World Cup Advice" on its official website (www.fco.gov.uk/travel) with information on regular travel tips as well as advice to the usually boisterous British soccer fans on how

The Foreign Office said "loud or I he Foreign Office said "loud or boisterous behavior in public" was less acceptable in Japan than it is in Britain. Soccer fans were told to consider how they dress and appear so as not to offend the Japanese public

The Foreign Office guide said: "Do be aware that tattoos may cause offence. In Japanese culture tattoos are associated with criminals, so if you have tattoos do what you can to keep them out of sight."

Another piece of advice from the Foreign Office warned: "Don't take your shirt off in public places. Exposed upper bodies may cause offence. Don't sleep in the streets

or at unofficial camping sites.'

The website also told fans "not to smoke in prohibited areas such as public buildings, railway stations, buses and trains".

And to anyone thinking of causing trouble the Foreign Office warned: "If you do commit a crime, expect to face the consequences, which are likely to be more severe than for a similar offence in the

But one Foreign Office 'don't' is likely to go down well with fans. "Don't tip." the website insisted.

"Tips are not necessary anywhere, even at hotels and restaurants. Tipping may cause confu-

# Ireland's stadium plan



AFP, Porto

Irish football officials will boast a brand new stadium as the centre of their joint bid with Scotland to host the 2008 European Championships. officials said here on Friday.

After failing to convince the country's gaelic football authorities to allow them to use the 80,000capacity Croke Park for the tournament, the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) will now turn their attentions to the brand new Stadium Ireland, with a maximum 80,000 seats, which will be built on the

# Sepp's big promise

AFP, Riyadh

Saudi Arabian football federation (FSF) president Sultan Ben Fahd has claimed FIFA president Sepp Blatter told him Asia would have five places at the 2006 World Cup finals in Germany.

At the Korea and Japan finals this summer. Asia have four teams competing though would have had five if Iran had won a play-off against Republic of Ireland.

"Blatter told me that Asia will have five places for the 2006 World Cup finals." said the Sultan following a meeting of the heads of delegations at the Gulf Cup in Riyadh

Lansdowne Road, which plays host to the country's football and rugby teams and which has been showing its age in recent years, will also be upgraded.

UEFA, the governing body of European football, has always insisted that the host nation must have eight stadia with a minimum capacity of 30,000. So far Scotland has four

Murrayfield in Edinburgh and Hampden, Ibrox and Celtic Park in Glasgow - and now they will set

Football

REUTERS, Madrid

ously hurt.

escape act

Real Madrid players Zinedine

Zidane and Raul escaped unhurt

when a van taking them to the

airport in Bilbao collided with a car in

the early hours of Thursday morn-

ing, Spanish papers have reported.

car received medical attention but

that neither he nor any of the occu-

pants of the hired van were seri-

Zidane and Raul were able to

continue their journey to the airport

where they caught a flight to London

in order to make an advertisement

The reports said the driver of the

Zidane, Raul's

favourites being the home grounds of Aberdeen and Hearts in Edinburgh

"We have received quite a positive response from UEFA," said David Taylor, the chief executive of the Scottish Football Association who was here on Friday for the draw for the qualifying rounds of the 2004 European championships.

"It was important to come here and show our intentions because there has been a lot of uncertainty over the joint-bid with Ireland.

Both players are available for

Raul's agent Gines Carvajal,

Real's league match against Real Betis at the Bernabeu on Sunday.

who was travelling with the players

in the hired van, told sports daily

Marca that it had only been a minor

back and Zidane was in front of us.

We braked suddenly and we felt a

slight bump, but it was nothing

"I was travelling with Raul in the

Zidane is likely to be the

playmaker at the heart of the France

side when they defend the World

Cup in South Korea and Japan later

this year, while forward Raul will be

a key player in the Spain squad.

for a sportswear firm.

# about upgrading two more with the

warm up for the World Cup finals which his national team coach Luiz Felipe Scolari said he was "almost 100 per cent" certain to feature in.

Moratti remained positive about the fitness of his injury-prone forward,

who has spent much of the last two years out injured.

'Ronie is like a Ferrari in Formula One, not a runaround car" said Moratti was quoted as saying in



**RONALDO** 

Gazzetta

"As with all high performance things, to get the best from him he must be in perfect shape.

"It's a shame that this happens just when he wants to start playing but it's important not to take unnecessary risks.'



Professor Shamsul Huq (L), former vice-chancellor of Dhaka University, receiving a bouquet from two students on the occasion of Mastermind School's annual sports competition which was held on Friday at the Sultana-Kamal Women's Sports Complex in Dhanmondi.

# Cameroon, Algeria hang on

AFP, Bamako

Patrick Mboma fired Cameroon into the quarterfinals of the African Nations Cup on Friday with a crucial late goal while Algeria snatched a sensational injury-time equaliser to stay in the tournament.

African footballer of the year Mboma capped a happy week which saw him become a father for the fourth time when he leapt to meet a late corner with a firm downward header to give Cameroon a 1-0 win over Ivory Coast in Group C.

Parma star Mboma, who has been compared to the 'Indomitable Lions' legendary Roger Milla, was mobbed by team-mates after rescuing his team with his second goal of the tournament in Sikasso.

"We are getting stronger with every match," Cameroon skipper Rigobert Song warned afterwards. "We want to go through the whole tournament unbeaten," he said. While Cameroon were planning

their second phase campaign, with only Togo to come in their final group match next week, Algeria had been contemplating a plane ride home when they trailed Liberia 2-1 in their Group Atie in Bamako.

Having lost their opening match against Nigeria 1-0, the north Africans needed at least a point against George Weah's Liberia to have any chance of survival. But they looked to be heading

out of the tournament after goals

from Prince Daye and Kelvin

Sebwe had put Liberia 2-1 up midway through the second half. Yet a scorching 30-yard injury-

time equaliser from Nasreddine

Kraouche saved the day for the 'Desert Warriors', leaving Liberia desolate heading into Monday's

final round of matches The precious point means Algeria retain a slender hope of advancing if they manage to defeat hosts Mali in their final match on



Liberia meanwhile face the prospect of needing a win against roup leaders Nigeria in Mopti on Monday to be certain of advancing into the last eight. Both Mali and Liberia are on two points with Nigeria on four and Algeria bringing up the rear on one. "It's going to be do or die against Nigeria," said Weah. "We're going to give everything we've got to beat Nigeria."

In Friday's other game, Egypt hauled themselves back into contention for a place in the quarter-finals of with a 1-0 win over Group Drivals Tunisia. A first-half goal from midfielder

Hazem Emam handed the Egyptians a win which saw them

move off the bottom of the 'Group of Death' following their opening defeat to Senegal

After being outplayed in the opening 45 minutes, World Cup qualifiers Tunisia came back into the game after the break and carved out a string of chances for a

possible equaliser. They had a Jamel Zabi goal disallowed for offside on 50 minutes and Zouberi Baya saw a curling freekick punched clear by Egypt keeper Essam El-Hadary shortly

But despite their pressure, Tunisia were unable to breach an Egyptian defence regarded as one of the strongest in the tournament, and it was the 'Pharaohs' who came closest to scoring a second when Khaled el-Amin crashed a shot against the woodwork late on. Egypt will now reach the last

eight next week if they defeat Zambia, who face Senegal on Saturday. Tunisia, with only one point from two matches, must beat the Senegalese in their final match to have any chance of going through. Tunisia coach Henri Michel all

but admitted his team's campaign was over, questioning the commitment shown by the 'Carthage Eagles'. "They didn't look like they

wanted to win," said the Frenchman. "The first half was a catastrophe for us, we created so many errors," he added. Egypt skipper Hany Ramzy was

relieved his side had registered their first win. "We knew we had to win today," Ramzy said. "It was vital to take three points," he added

# **NATIONS CUP BRIEFS**

they will face the second-placed

AFP, Bamako

African Nations Cup briefs on

Saturday NIGERIA SCOUT RIVALS

Nigeria are looking ahead despite their lacklustre performance against Mali Thursday as former 'Super Eagles' coach Festus Onigbinde led officials to watch the Group B showdown between South Africa and Ghana here. Onigbinde was in charge of the team that was beaten in the 1984 final by Cameroon in Abidjan.

Nigeria lead Group A with four points from two matches. If they can hold on to this leadership after Monday's final round of matches.

team in Group B in the quarterfinals on February 3. **GHANA UPBEAT** Ghana, the first team to arrive

here for the Nations Cup, left their adopted home Saturday for Mopti about four hours by road ahead of their decisive Group B match-up against Burkina Faso on Wednes-"If we can go past Burkina Faso,

it will take a really special team to stop us from getting to the final," team captain Emmanuel Duah told The confidence level of the youthful 'Black Stars' has shot up after their assured performance against World Cup-bound South Africa.

The promising Ghanaians appeared to have got over the dramatic ejection of Bavern Munich star Samuel Osei Kuffour from the squad even though the game ended 0-0 MOROCCO BORED

#### TO DEATH Morocco are finding life here a

little boring as they hardly have anything to do to while away the time besides training and going to bed, officials have complained. "It has been very boring for the

team since they arrived here." said one official. "We have no place to go and hardly anything to do when we are not training or sleeping. It can be stressful."

Videos II

Away

2:30 Battledome

3:30 Boardwild

ANIMAL

7:00 Natural World

9:00 Wild Rescue III

9:30 Save On Sunday

11:00 Animal Planet Safari

12:00 Animal Doctor III

12:30 Vets On The Wild

1:30 Wild On The Set II

2:00 Crocodile Hunter's Croc

2:30 O'Shea's Big Adventure II

Animals A-Z

3:30

Animal People

4:00 Planet's Funniest Ani-

4:30 Monkey Business

5:30 Save on Sunday

7:00 The Aguanauts

7:30 Twisted Tales

8:00 Zookeepers

8:30 Parklife: Africa

9:00 Animal Planet Safar

5:00 Horse Tales

1:00 K-9 to 5

8:30 Zoo

12:30 Movie : Route 9

Survivor Africa

8:30 Exploring the Unknown

9:30 Sun Action Heroes Movie

**PLANET** 

8:00 Battersea Dogs Home

# Tv GuidE

## **BTV**

3:00 p.m. Opening session 3:10 News Headline (Bangla)

Desher Gaan Open University 3:45 Shukhi Poribar: Family Planning program 4:00

News (Bangla) Animation film: Totally 4:05 Pushti Tothhya: Pro-4:30

gram on nutrition 4:45 Somaroho: Childrens' 5:00 News Headline

5:05 National TV Debate Contest 6:00 News (Bangla) 6:10

Folk song program Chittagong TV program 6:35 7:00 News Headline (Eng-

7:25 Barta Probaho: News Program on recent items 8:00 News in Bangla

Drama: Shei Chabi 8:30 9:00 10:00 News at Ten 10:25 Chaoa Paoa: Magazine Program 11:30 News (Bangla/English)

#### 11:45 Close **EKUSHEY TV**

12:00 Ekushey Midday 12:30 Shoptaho Ghura Deshjure 1:00 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom

**Documentary Programmed** : Japan Video Tropic

#### Classic Cartoons 2:10 Surer Prodeep

2:40 Drishti 3:00 **Ekushey Headlines** Drama Serial: 3:30 Kena Kata

4:00 Surer Prodeep 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom Circus Circus

5:30 Drishti 5:50 Aiker Potrikay 6:00 **Ekushey Headlines** 6:05 Classic Cartoons

6:30 Charidike 6:55 **Ekushey Headlines** 7:00 Deshjure 7:30 **Ekushey News** 

8:00 Natak 9:00 **Ekushey News** 9:05 Sumprotique 9:30 **Ekushey Test Special** 10:00 News : Simulcast from

10:30 Ekushey Business 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News

# ATN BANGLA

05:30 Islamic Prog 07:00 Shapla Shaluk

07:35 Anurodher Assor 08:00 ATN Bangla News

08:25 Ghotona Probhah 09:00 Chomok Vila 09:35 Sreter Pata Theke

10:10 Ghotona Probhah 10:50 Sreter Pata Theke

12:00 ATN Bangla News 03:30 Dangabaj

06:07 Nabin Boron 07:00 ATN Bangla Evening

09:20 Jebon Jadir Jowar 10:00 ATN Bangla News

10:30 Sundorer Kache Chole Asha 11:15 Boliwood Top Ten

11:30 ATN Bangla News

### 12:00 Dusmon **BBC WORLD**

6:00 BBC News 6:30 This Week 7:00 BBC News

7:30 Holiday 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Simpson/Directs ex

Review 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Correspondent ex

Mars Weekend World

World Rev 10:00 BBC News

10:30 Mastermind India 11:00 BBC News

11:30 India Business Report

# 12:00 BBC News

1:00 BBC News 1:30 Face to Face

2:30 This Week

3:00 BBC News 3:15 Stephen Hawking's

Universe 3:30 Horizon 4:00 BBC News

Click Online 5:00 BBC News

Directs ex World

Years Later 9:00 The Rugrats Movie 10:45 The Untouchables

1:15 Spiders 3:15 Escape from Atlantis

5:15 Rudy 7:30 Urban Legend 9:30 Carlto's Way

12:00 Crashpoint Zero

2:00 The Untouchables

4:30 Rapture STAR GOLD

7:00 Shart (Shyama, Deepak Shashikala) 10:30 Geet Bahar

11:00 Geet Bahar 11:30 Geet Gata Chal 12:00 Rahein Na Rahein

1:00 Sunday Noon Show Vijeta (Sanjay Dutt, Raveena Tandon) 3:30 Hum (Amitabh

Bachchan, Govinda)

### TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS 12:30 Commando!

ATN: 8:10 p.m. Satya Shaha Swaraney. A special programme to commemorate Satya Shaha, a dazzling star in the country's music, world on his Death Anniversary. In his life time he reached the peak of popularity as a film director. Presented by Md. Rafig Uzzaman, frontline singers Khurshid Alam, Mohammad Rafigul Alam, Abida Sultana and Shammi Akhtar are due to perform to mark the

EKUSHEY: 7:00 p.m. Deshjurey. On the World

Leprosy Day, today's episode of the programme

features a report on Leprosy disease situation at

Lalmonirhat to mark the Day. Out of every one

thousand people, one is attacked by Leprosy in



Bangladesh. It also features a report on environmental pollution caused by brick field kilns. ATN: 8:45 p.m. The World of Jonathan Sing. Jointly made in Bangladesh and Belgium, this puppet show features Jonathan Sing who is a

and General Knowledge.

12:30 Chhupa Rustam **1:00** Musafir Hoon Yaroon Mirch Masala 2:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet 2:30 Mail Milap

2:40 Star sunday Matineee

6:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet

**STAR SPORT** 

12:30

Australian Open

Mixed Dbls Final

Sports India

Super Selector

Men's Singles Final

Cricket Programming

Boxing Series World

7:55 Jubilee Plus 8:30 Republic Day Special In Celebration of A Nation 12:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet

Class Championship

USA Roberto Duran

Boxing Series World

Class Championship

USA Roberto Duran

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Vs Pj Goosen



PICK OF THE DAY

### Carlito's Way On HBO at 9:30 PM

Carlito Brigante (Pacino) completes his five-year iail term and tries to go straight. An old friend. Kleinfield (Penn, The Thin Red Line) turns up to

1:30 Kalash 2:00 Kaahin Kissii Roz 2:30 Eena Meena Deeka

4:00 Shanti

4:30 Jubilee Plus

5:00 Meri Saheli

Pal Chhin

### 3:45 Big Bully 5:15 Freejack

7:00 Robin Hood Prince of Theives 9:15 Mission to Mars

5:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet

STAR MOVIES

6:15 As Time Runs Out

8:00 Return of the Jedi

12:00 X-Men, the

**1:45** U-571

10:15 Last of the Mohicans, the

11:15 Return of the Jedi

3:15 Mission to Mars 5:15 As Time Runs Out

## **DISCOVERY**

6:30 amAssignment Discovery 7:30 Land of the Tiger

8:30 Great Books

9:30 Friday Showcase 11:30 Travel Time

12:30 Science Frontiers 1:30 Wings

# Australian Open 2002

12:30 Shagun

1:00 Sonpari

Melbourne, Australia Mixed Dbls Final Men's Singles Final Golf Programming Global Golf Spotlights Viiav Singh Asia Sport Show Football Asia Spanish Football League 2001/02 Spanish Football League World Cup Mix Australian Open Australian Open 2002 Melbourne, Australia

### Boxing Toppensh, WA 6:30

5:30

Australian Open Highlights Australian Open Highlights 2002 Melbourne, Australia Day #14 Highlights Golf Classics The Nearly Men Spanish Football League 2001/02 Spanish Football League Pga Tour Golf Phoenix Open Scottsdale, AZ USA Third Round Gillette World Sports Special

# League 2001 Finals Cricket Programming

Series Adelaide Australia New Zealand @ Australia 8th Odi, Highlights 9:27 Australia Cricket Vb Series Adelaide, Australia New Zealand @ Australia 8th Odi, 1st Session World Cup Mix 1:00 1:30 Australia Cricket Vb Series Adelaide, Australia New Zealand @ South Australia 9th

Odi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session

Italian Serie A

Italian Serie A Football

Bloopers

# **SPORTS** Pool World Pool

Super Selector Australia Cricket Vb 8:00

#### Football League 2001/02 London **England Southampton** @ Tottenham Hotspur Australia Cricket Vb Series Adelaide.

2001/2002

**English Premier** 

Australia New Zealand @ Australia 9th Odi. Highlights South Africa Cricket 4<sup>th</sup> Odi Highlights **Enalish Premier** Football League

South Africa Tri Series Bloemfontein, South Africa Kenya @ India 2001/02 Liverpool, England Tottenham

Hotspur @ Everton

Nfl Plavoffs Afc Conf.

Championship

Game

### 3:30 Born Winners Popular Mechanics for

2:30 FBI Files

Kids 4.30

5:00 Le'ts Dance & Eat

5:30 Going Wild With Jeff

6:00

6:30 Gulsitan 7:30 Discovery Sunday

10:30 Award Winning Programs

Naturequest

# 11:30 Night Safari

8:30 Star News English 9:00 Star News Hindi

STAR NEWS

11:30 Star News English 12:00 Star Business Week 12:30 Star News English

1:00 Reality Bites 3:00 Limelight Hindi 6:30 The Big Fight

8:00 Star Talk 8:30 We The People 9:30 Star News Sunday

11:30 Star News English 12:30 Star Business Week

6:30 Exploring the Unknown

10:30 Star News Ravivaar

## **AXN TV**

**7:30** Dual 8:30 Curious Play

## 10:30 The Amazing Race 11:30 Who Dares Wins I

9:30 Battledome

12:30 Survivor Africa 1:30 Exploring the Unknown 2:30 Movie: Flatliners

5:30 Who Dears Wins II

6:30 World's Most Amazing

# 10:00 Planet's Funniest Ani-4:30 AXN Speed India

10:30 Monkey Business 11:00 Horse Tales

11:30 Saved on Sunday

#### 5:30 Simpson's World 1:30 Young Guns II 7:05 Mati O Manush: Agricultural program pious and honest teacher. He teaches his students ask for a favor, for old time's sake. But if Carlito Review 07:35 Musical Prog. Science, Health, Education, Animal World, Ethics learned anything from the streets, it's that a favor will kill you faster than a bullet. **HBO** 08:10 Shatay Shaha Sorony 08:45 The World of Zonathon 7:00 Geet Bahar Antakshiri 6:30 Fox Kids Sunday I Dream of Jeannie: 15 News Headline (Bangla) Sing 7:30 Son Pari 7:30 Sunday Blockbuster

Mere Hamdam Mere

Dost (Dharmendra,

(Amitabh Bachchan

(Amitabh Bachchan

Deepak Shashikala)

Sharmila Tagore)

11:00 Geeta Gata Chal

11:30 Barsaat Ki Ek Raat

Rakhee)

Rakhee)

3:30 Shart (Shyama,

STAR PLUS

6:00 Mirch Masala

6:30 Star Geetmala

8:30 Dharam Aur Hum

10:00 Family Fortunes

11:00 Yeh Hai Right Price

10:30 Bol Baby Bol

11:30 Chalti Ka Naam

9:30 Amul Best of Surabhi

3:00 Geet Bahar

12:30 Barsaat Ki Ek Raat