Thailand in party mood



With just over ten days to go until World Cup 2002 kicks off and football fever sweeping the country, Thai authorities and businesses are leaving nothing to chance.

One local pizza company is bringing an extra 200 delivery motorcycles on stream to cope with an anticipated surge in demand from fans too busy watching the action to do any cooking.

And the Electricity Generation Authority of Thailand (EGAT) will boost local power capacity by 12 percent to ensure it can cope with the nation turning on their televisions en masse.

"We may buy power from Malaysia if we have a shortage," an official from EGAT said, adding this had been done during national emergencies in the past.

The agency is expecting an increase of one percent on the national average power used from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. each day, when the first matches will be broadcast. Praphan Faktes, president of EGAT's power generation division.

Usage is then expected to surge by up to two percent during broadcast of the evening matches, he

"Power usage in the afternoon will be less than during the evenings because people will watch matches at their offices, where there are fewer televisions than homes," he

Mobile phone operators are also bracing for increased network usage during the tournament.

(DTAC) is expecting at least six million calls per day to be made by their 3.5 million clients.

"We expect the same levels of usage as on Valentine's Day for every day of the Cup," said Thana Thienachariya, director of DTAC's product and service group.

While Thais are not legally permitted to gamble on the World Cup, they are allowed to enter competitions based on the tournament -- a fact many newspapers have taken advantage of.

The mass circulation paper Thai Rath is offering a cool 10 million baht (233,000 dollars) top prize to a lucky reader who selects the tournament winner, while other newspapers are giving away luxury cars and trips to the World Cup itself to entice

Many newspapers require entrants to send in a standard postcard available at post offices.

The Communications Authority of Thailand (CAT), the government agency responsible for the printing of the postcards, expects to double its normal annual print run to 60 million cards, mainly due to the massive popularity of the competitions running during the lead up to the Cup.

"It will be at least double the usual 30 million," said a CAT official. Meanwhile, home-delivery of

fast food is likely to surge by up to 40 percent throughout the tournament, the Thai Farmers Research Centre

Pizza Hut in Thailand plans to increase staff at its call centre from 150 to 200 during the tournament, while it will boost its delivery fleet from 1,300 to 1,500 motorcycles.

The research centre also predicts overall sales of televison sets this year could hit 1.9 million, a 13 percent expansion from last year. mainly due to the World Cup

Orwell-inspired security!



The Japanese city of Sapporo has armed itself with an Orwellian arsenal of 202 surveillance cameras in preparation for a potential encounter with English hooligans during the World Cup finals.

"This kind of plan is unheard of in World Cup history." Yasushi Takase. security information chief at the Sapporo city fire department, said

"We can grasp the movement of people and vehicles in the city to a great extent."

The northern Japanese city of 1.8 million people will host a group match between bitter rivals England and Argentina on June 7, an expected flash point for trouble.

The cameras, most of them already installed at the match venue, Sapporo Dome, railway and subway stations, underground shopping malls and the roofs of department stores, will be linked up as part of a comprehensive antihooligan network on a temporary

basis, Takase said by telephone.

One camera, located at a level of 130 metres in a high-rise office building in the city centre can view 90 percent of Sapporo.

Live pictures from the cameras will be relayed to 18 screens at the city office's security department round the clock.

Takase said that the city of Yokohama, which hosts the final match of the month-long tournament opening on May 31, will also deploy a number of surveillance

On Friday, British police said that 1,007 alleged England football hooligans had been banned from the World Cup, ten times the number who were barred from the European Championships two

The fans were told to surrender their passports and will not get them back until the end of the tournament to prevent them from travelling to

About 7,000 policemen are scheduled to be deployed in Sapporo during the week of the the England-Argentina match.

The Sapporo organisers are also erecting 2.2-metre-high (seven feet) iron fences at the stadium to sepa-

Lucio dreams of Barca



INTERNET, Madrid

Bayer 04 Leverkusen Brazilian player Lucio became one of the highly quoted defenders of European football in one and a half season.

Moving to German football in the middle of the last season now he is one of its key players. Many leading clubs, including FC Barcelona that tried to acquire him at the end of 2000, want to see the young defender in their sides. As to the 24vear-old player, he dreams about putting on a Barca jersey. Lucio's contract with Bayer runs out in 2005, and his current club appraises him

30 million euros. Lucio has shared his thoughts with the Spanish newspaper Diariosport correspondent. Asked what he thinks of the offers of some European clubs, including Barcelona, Real, Bayern and Roma, Lucio said that he doesn't know whether these clubs have had contacts with his club board and that now all his thoughts are concentrated on the forthcoming World Cup. The defender mentioned that only after the end of the World Cup he could think of the offers.

Lucio expressed a desire to move to a leading Spanish club because he wants to improve his performance. He emphasized that moving to Barcelona or Real would mean a big progress in his career. The talented defender stressed that he is satisfied with his club Bayer but mentioned that an offer from a leading club would be in favour of his career.

Lucio considers Barca one of the best clubs of the world and said that he likes this team's stadium.

Concerning Brazil's chances in the 2002 World Cup, the Brazilian international is optimistic, deems his side strong enough and hopes that Brazil can win the fifth title of the world champion.

At the end of the interview Lucio said he is sure Rivaldo can have big contribution to Brazil's success in the World Cup.

Koreans not ticket-mad!

AFP, Seoul

Over 170,000 World Cup tickets remain unsold in South Korea, organisers said Monday, just 11 days before the tournament kicks off.

South Korea and Japan, which are co-hosting the World Cup finals, were allocated almost half of 3.2

million tickets for the matches. While Japan had sold out its allocation by the end of April, South Korea retained some 200,000

unsold tickets on May 1. A Korean World Cup Organising Committee (KOWOC) official told AFP: "As of today, 26,700 tickets are sold -- some 20,000 through the Internet and another 6.700 at the selling stands directly to fans.'



World champs arrive

they will play a practise match

against Urawa Diamond Reds, a

Japanese J-League team on May

designed to get the squad acclima-

tized to the heat and seven-hour

time difference the team will leave

friendly next Sunday, their final run-

out before the tournament's opening match against Senegal on May

31. Their group A also includes

The Danish squad later flew into

Kansai airport and travelled by

coach to Wakayama south of

Osaka. About 300 citizens, includ-

ing prefectural officials and volun-

teers, greeted the team's arrival at

The team, grouped with France,

Senegal and Uruguay, include Jon-

Dahl Tomasson, who plays along-

side Japan's Shinji Ono at Dutch

Denmark coach Morten Olsen

told a news conference: "France are

strong but Denmark may end up

doing pretty well if they manage to

The Danes will have a friendly

Croatia's preliminary 25-man

squad arrived in Japan on the eve of

the scheduled announcement of the

selection of the final 23, officials

South Africa blank Scotland

session and were outplayed in

midfield as they were in last week's

lucky," said Vogts. "It was a much

better performance from us today

the midfield have to come forward

but they are still not doing enough.

more. We still have a lot to learn."

"I thought South Africa were very

"We were better organised but

It was the Scots who had the first

chance when Robert Stockdale won

a free kick on the right deep in the

South African half in the 6th minute.

But Kevin Kyle could not control his

As South Africa settled, Bradley

Carnell started pushing forward

from left back and the chances

head, skying over the crossbar.

began to appear.

4-1 defeat by South Korea.

with Tunisia on Sunday and fly to

advance from the first round."

South Korea next Monday.

France will play South Korea in a

Japan for South Korea

Uruguay and Denmark.

club Feyenoord.

Following the week-long camp

Lions keep everyone guessing



INTERNET

France's World Cup squad arrived in Japan on Monday for a final 10 days training, before kicking off the defence of their World Cup title in South Korea.

Croatia, Denmark and Nigeria also arrived Monday, while the failure of the Cameroon side to turn up as scheduled was the cause of consternation in their basecamp The French team arrived at

Kagoshima airport some 900 kilometersmiles) southwest of Tokyo after changing planes at Kansai airport near Japan's second The only face missing from the 23-man line-up was playmaker

Zinedine Zidane, whose wife

Veronique gave birth to their third son Theo in Marseille on Saturday The Real Madrid star will join his team-mates on Wednesday, according to officials.

At Kansai airport, head coach Roger Lemerre and captain Marcel Desailly were presented with bouquets of blue, red and white flowers by women dressed in traditional red and green silk kimono.

The team, most of them appearing relaxed, boarded a chartered plane for Kagoshima from the transit lobby, where a banner reading "Welcome French Football Representatives," in Japanese

KOREA JAPAN

South Africa sneaked past Scotland

2-0 in the four-nation Reunification

Cup here Monday, providing a

timely shot in the arm ahead of the

display for a side which has had a

patchy warmup campaign for Japan

Makoena and a 92nd-minute strike

from substitute George

Koumantarakis gave the South

Africans the victory they were

looking for against a young Scotland

side still seeking its first victory

With the World Cup less than two

weeks away, South African coach

Jomo Sono desperately needed a

morale-boosting win after recent

losses to Saudi Arabia and Georgia

and goalless draws against

Bafana Bafana (The Boys)

achieved it will be a concern for

Sono with his side squandering too

happy with our passsing and pos-

session and particularly happy with

morale of the team. It was important

but there were good signs from this

Lucas Radebe coming through 90

minutes unscathed and in com-

manding form after struggling with

injuries for the last 15 months

captain's armband, settling the

dispute over whether goalkeeper

Hans Vonk would be the World Cup

team creating several chances

against World Cup-bound opposi-

tion, although the inexperience of

They gave away too much pos-

his young side shone through.

Vogts will seek solace from his

The big defender was given the

warmed Sono's heart.

the defence." he said afterwards.

to win to get our confidence back.

"We worked hard and I was

"We needed this win for the

"We have a few things to work on

The sight of Leeds United's

But the manner in which the

under new coach Berti Vogts.

Botswana and Ecuador.

many chances.

team today."

skipper.

A 31st minute goal from Tebogo

But it was a far from convincing

AFP, Hong Kong

World Cup finals.

and South Korea.

The team arrived at Narita air-The squad were also welcomed port, east of Tokyo, and immediately by some 60 local fans at Kagoshima headed for Tokamachi, its training airport before moving to the thermal camp venue, in Niigata some 200 spa of Ibusuki, where the team's kilometersmiles) north of the capital. training camp is based, and where Head coach Mirko Jozic is

> players on Tuesday. Local official Kazuhiro Niwa said the town had laid on a noisy reception featuring fireworks and a perfor mance of traditional taiko drums.

expected to announce the final list of

Croatia, who reached the semi finals in France 98, are in Group G and open their campaign against Mexico on June 3 in Niigata. The group also includes Italy and

Meanwhile the Nigerian team also arrived at Tokyo's Narita airport Monday morning to begin its training camp in Hiratsuka, Kanagawa prefecture, southwest of Tokyo.

Nigeria is drawn in the 'Group of Death' with Argentina, England and Sweden. In the remote heart of Kyushu

island officials from Nakatsue which is serving as the Cameroon team training camp, were left in the dark over the delayed arrival of the team, who had been originally scheduled to come on Sunday. "We have not received any

information about the delay." said Takaaki Kajiwara, an official of the village's training camp coordination "Because of the delay, we had to

cancel several events, including a welcome ceremony and an practise match with selected members of local high school football clubs." Kajiwara said. "We hope they will come as soon as possible.

England cool over Simeone



AFP, Seogwipo, South Korea

England players on Monday resisted renewed hostilities with Diego Simeone after the Argentina star admitted he deliberately tried to get England's David Beckham sent off at the last World Cup. Michael Owen, who scored the

goal of the tournament in the heated

1998 clash in St Etienne insisted

Simeone's comments and the

looming new match against Argentina were of no concern. "A lot has been written at this time leading up to the World Cup but we are more focussed on what we are going to do," Owen told a press conference Monday at England's World Cup training camp in South

"Argentina is going to be a big game but noone in the camp is talking about that. We are just preparing in the camp on all the games

Simeone gave his confession about his role in the sending off of Beckham four years ago in an interview with the monthly sports magazine of Britain's Observer newspaper.

Beckham was red-carded when he petulantly kicked out at Simeone following a foul by the Argentine midfielder during their second round World Cup clash.

"I had tackled him, and we both fell to the ground," Simeone was quoted as saying.

"As I was trying to stand up that was when he kicked me from behind. And I took advantage of that. And I think any person would have taken advantage of that in just the same way," the Argentine said.

Simeone will face England skipper Beckham again when the two nations clash in Sapporo in Japan on June 7 in their Group F

"Sometimes you get sent off, sometimes you don't," he said. "Unfortunately for the English team they lost a player. Anyway, you take advantage of all the opportunities you find in your life," he told the

also previously admitted using every possible way to win the game, specially agáinst England.

"Simeone did an act and got Beckham sent off," Roberto Perfumo, the former Argentine

captain, was reported as saying. "This is not the kind of thing that could have been done by one of your

naive, honest English plåyers. Argentina are one of the favourites to win the World Cup this year and are confident of topping their group, which also includes England, ligeria and Sweden.

But Simeone emphasised how important it is for his country to put on an impressive display against England. "Quite apart from all the political history, the desire of the whole country is to defeat England,

"So we knew that in 1998, and we knew that the hearts of the Argentine people were with us. And every time we meet this desire to win is bigger and more heartfelt. This is a classic And we play it as a classic because we can make our country by win

Round 3, Draw in Rajshahi

Competition Information. Prizes and Rules

Information

The Paily Star Rangs Toshiba World Cup Quiz 2002 is a series of competitions on World Cup Soccer being held in Japan & South Korea from May 31 to June 30. There will be SIX rounds of competition

prizes from the house of RANGS TOSHIBA as per Participants of all the SIX rounds will automatically

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2 Khulna	26 April	9 May	10 May	
3 Rajshahi	10 May	23 May	24 May	
4 Sylhet	24 May	6 June	7 June	
5 Chittagong	7 June	20 June	21 June	
6 Dhaka	21 June	28 June	29 June	

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"I hope it will not prevent me from

McCarthy again fired a rightplaying at the World Cup."

Fibusiso Zuma failed to find the mark in the 14th minute and a shot from a similar distance four minutes later by Aaron Mokoena showed their intent. South Africa finally made the breakthrough in the 31st minute

An ambitious 30-yard strike from

when Allan Johnston was yellow carded for a reckless tackle from behind on Zumo.

Benni McCarthy hit the wall and Teboga Makoena went down a yard outside the penalty area, giving the South Africans another chance.

level the game two minutes before the break when Kyle outjumped Vonk at the right post but his header hit the back netting. Five minutes into the second

Scotland had a golden chance to

footed shot. Robert Douglas saved

only to see Teboga Makoena

pounce on the rebound.

half, Kyle had another chance. He latched on to a through ball from Scott Dobie but crashed his shot against the crossbar. Scotland nearly sneaked an

equaliser three minutes from time

when a curling shot from 30 yards by

Maurice Ross was tipped over. But it was South Africa who found the net in the final stages when Koumantarakis sidefooted past Douglas from inside the penalty area after latching on to a through

Mostovoi concern for Russia

Russian playmaker Alexander Mostovoi will sit out the next ten days of his country's World Cup preparations after picking up a hip injury in the friendly game against Yugoslavia, press reports said Monday.

Team doctor Zurab Ordzhonikidze said Mostovoi suffered a minor muscle injury in the opening minute of Sunday's game. However, the doctor added that

Mostovoi would be available for Russia's opening Group H match at the World Cup against Tunisia on June 5. The 33-year-old midfielder, who plays for Spanish side Celta Vigo,

had been hurt originally in the match

against world and European champions France on April 17. "I'm sure I will overcome this injury quickly," Mostovoi told report-