

## Ex-BCB boss Manzar passes away

SPORTS REPORTER

Former Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) general secretary Noyamullah Taher Manzar died on Monday at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.



NEYAMULLAH TAHER MANZAR

The sports organiser, who served the Board in 1991, was 54. He is survived by his wife and a daughter. His namaz-e-janaza was held at the Mohammadpur Jame Masjid after the Jorh prayers and he was buried at the Azimpur Graveyard yesterday.

Manzar's quikhwani will be held at his Tajmahal Road residence today after the Asr prayers.

Meanwhile, BCB president Ali Asghar, former BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury, Sammito Kira Paribar, Abahani, Lalmitia Club and Bangladesh Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association expressed their shock at the death of Manzar.

## Ansar women's kabaddi champs

SPORTS REPORTER

Ansar emerged champions in the Women's Kabaddi League when they beat Azad Sporting Club 54-26 in the last match at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex yesterday.

The winners led the first half 26-15. Shaheda Akhter Shova was adjudged the man of the match.

## The Spain factor!



REUTERS, Istanbul

Liverpool's Champions League chances against AC Milan could turn on the tactical decisions of a manager from Madrid, the passing of a Basque midfielder and the inventive style of a Catalan forward.

The decisions made by another Spaniard in the thick of the action, referee Manuel Enrique Mejuto Gonzalez, might also help decide Wednesday's final but Liverpool insist they will gain no advantage from having a familiar face in charge of the game.

"The nationality of the referee doesn't matter," said Xabi Alonso, the classy midfielder Liverpool signed from Real Sociedad. "He's a great professional and he's done very well in the past few years."

Manager Rafa Benitez also played down the significance of the choice of the Asturian Mejuto Gonzalez, recalling the words of AC Milan president Adriano Galliani.

"I remember that Galliani just said he was a good referee and there were no problems," Benitez said on Tuesday.

Benitez, the Madrid-born coach who came to Liverpool after winning the UEFA Cup with Valencia, has surrounded himself with players from Spain.

Luis Garcia, the former Barcelona winger, is Liverpool's top scorer in the Champions League this season with five goals and is the man most likely to unsettle the Milan defence with his effervescent style.

Liverpool also have former Malaga defender Josemi and ex-Real Madrid youth team player Antonio Nunez in their squad, while Fernando Morientes, another Real old boy, is ineligible.

"We know we're being followed by a lot of people back in Spain," said Alonso, who is set to reclaim his place in midfield after missing the second leg of the semi-final against Chelsea because of suspension.

Benitez has spent much of his spare time since joining Liverpool watching videos to immerse himself in the history of the club.

Liverpool won the European Cup four times between 1977 and 1984, although this will be their first since 1985.

His first duty is to the local fans who have given the team heroic support on their run to the final but he will also be thinking of the people back in Spain when Liverpool take to the field at the Ataturk Olympic stadium.

"It's important for us to win this trophy for the supporters and for our people as well," he said.

"We know how important this game is for us as individuals and for the club."

## Agassi's early exit



AP, Paris

Playing flat-footed and looking weary, Andre Agassi lost Tuesday in the opening round of the French Open for the second year in a row.

Agassi didn't request treatment from a trainer, but he rarely ran after shots in the final two sets and lost to Finnish qualifier Jarkko Nieminen 7-5, 4-6, 6-7, 6-1, 6-0.

Before the final game of the three-hour match, the 35-year-old Agassi buried his head in his towel and looked exhausted.

He failed to reach the third round for the seventh time in 16 appearances at Roland Garros. In 58 Grand Slam tournaments -- the most for any man in the Open era -- he has lost in the opening round nine times.

While the sixth-seeded Agassi was ousted, other top seeds fared better.

Dominant at the start and shaky at the finish, Justine Henin-Hardenne extended her winning streak to 18 matches, all on clay, by beating

Conchita Martinez 6-0, 4-6, 6-4.

No. 2-seeded Maria Sharapova overcame an early deficit and 59 unforced errors, including 11 double faults, to beat fellow 18-year-old Evgenia Linetskaya 6-7, 6-2, 6-4.

No. 6-seeded Svetlana Kuznetsova, last year's U.S. Open champion, beat Mathilde Johansson 6-1, 6-1. Two seeded women lost: No. 23 Ai Sugiyama and No. 26 Paola Suarez, a semifinalist last year.

No. 3 Marat Safin, the reigning Australian Open champion, opened a bid for his first Roland Garros title by beating Raemon Sluiter 6-1, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. Also advancing were 2003 champion Juan Carlos Ferrero, No. 12 Nikolay Davydenko and No. 15 Tommy Robredo.

No. 13 Ivan Ljubicic lost to Mariano Puerta 7-5, 7-5, 6-2, and No. 24 Feliciano Lopez was upset by Paul-Henri Mathieu 6-2, 6-0, 6-7, 6-4.

## Rahim

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McInnes three years ago, Mushfiqur said that he can still remember how he became a wicketkeeper while playing for his village Matikhada in a tennis ball competition.

"I was playing as a batsman in that important match. But after our main wicketkeeper dropped two vital catches I took up the gloves and took a good catch diving to my left," he said while recalling the events. Mushfiqur enrolled at the lone sports institute of the country in 2003 and he believes that the able care of McInnes has helped him and others to improve tremendously.

"People have said a lot against him. He was very tough and we went through rigorous training under him. But his way of teaching helped us tremendously. Presently nine cricketers who trained under him are either in the national team or waiting for a call up," said Mushfiqur about the Australian, whose contract with the Board expired in April.

## A multinational final



AP, London

Call it the United Nations final. Players from 19 different countries will be represented Wednesday when AC Milan and Liverpool play in the Champions League final in Istanbul, Turkey.

Six-time champion Milan will have three Brazilians in the starting lineup and one on the bench, along with two Dutch stars, a Ukrainian, an Argentine striker with maybe a Dane, a Georgian and a Portuguese in reserve.

Liverpool can beat that easily. Rafa Benitez' team most likely will have nine different nationalities on the field when the game begins, with two more on the bench.

Liverpool has a Polish goalkeeper (Jerzy Dudek), defenders from Ireland (Steve Finnan), Finland (Sami Hyypia) and France (Djimi Traore), midfielders from Spain (Luis Garcia and Xabi Alonso), Germany (Dietmar Hamann) and Norway (John Arne Riise) and forwards from the Czech Republic (Milan Baros and Vladimir Smicer). On the bench, Benitez has Australian forward Harry Kewell and Croatian midfielder Igor Biscan.

Milan has four Italian starters, while Liverpool has two English.

Milan enters the game at Ataturk Stadium as the clear favorite. Carlo Ancelotti's team boasts an experienced back line, well-organized midfield and Ukraine's Andriy Shevchenko and maybe Argentina's Hernan Crespo supported in attack by Brazilian star Kaka.

## Born winners want more



REUTERS, Istanbul

With seven European Cup winners' medals between them, AC Milan's Paolo Maldini and Clarence Seedorf could be excused a degree of non-chalance ahead of Wednesday's Champions League final with Liverpool.

The game at the Ataturk Olympic stadium will be captain Maldini's seventh final while Dutch midfielder Seedorf has won the top club trophy in the European game three times -- each with a different side.

Yet the pair insist they are as desperate as ever for success.

"I'm still hungry despite winning all those Cups." Seedorf told a news conference on Tuesday. "Winning in the past is no guarantee that you will win again."

Seedorf picked up titles with Ajax Amsterdam and Real Madrid before his success with Milan against Juventus two years ago.

"The fact that I am here in a fourth final is fantastic and I'm not tired of it yet. It would be even nicer to win a fourth time," said Seedorf.

The 29-year-old is part of a vastly experienced Milan side. While such familiarity with finals can help in high tension occasions, he denies the higher average age of the Milan side will count against them.

"Just look at Paolo," said Seedorf, "I don't think he seems

very old. Experience is important but you need to be able to show your experience on the field."

Maldini is hoping for a fifth winner's medal which would leave him one behind former Real Madrid player Francisco Gento's record and bring him level with former Real players Jose Mariani Zarraga and Alfredo Di Stefano.

His first medal came after the 1989 defeat of Steaua Bucharest and he was captain of the team for the 2003 triumph over Juventus.

"Those successes have in common the fact that I was an ambitious player who had found an ambitious club. Playing in seven finals in 16 years reflects on that ambition," said Maldini who will be 37 next month.

## Brutal murder of Brazilian booter

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

A Brazilian footballer was shot repeatedly in the head and then dumped in the boot of his car in the north of Rio de Janeiro, police said here on Monday.

The 27-year-old Neguete, who has played for Brazilian clubs Atletico Mineiro, Gremio and Botafogo, was killed on Sunday as he left a concert, the police added.

According to initial inquiries, Neguete was killed by drug dealers.



Azad Sporting Club grab a Ansar player during their last match of the Women's Kabaddi League at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex yesterday.

**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Pull an all-nighter  
5 Badly (Pref.)  
8 "The Good Earth" heroine  
12 Bananas  
13 Bush ex-spokesman  
14 Pet shop buy  
15 Enthusiastic  
16 Come together  
17 Slate under oath  
18 Historic Florentine name  
20 Last word of Gilligan's closing theme  
22 Collared cardigan creator  
26 Complete a job  
29 Buzz Lightyear, e.g.  
30 Payable  
31 Grad

**DOWN**

10 Past a break?  
11 Fresh  
19 Filch  
21 Bashful  
23 Japanese city  
24 Modern-day money  
25 Slender  
26 N. description  
27 Medley  
28 Buy  
32 Photo explanation  
33 Wastes no time  
35 Aficionado  
36 Sternward  
38 Rid of squeaks  
39 Notorious or Baldwin  
43 "It's impossible" crooner  
44 Predicament  
45 Examine fully  
46 Inventor Whitney  
48 "No seats" sign

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

**CRYPTOQUIP**  
M Z S ' V V K W W E I T J E V V Z X  
K X E A D C S O K O Z Y . C  
D E Y X Z J , D E I M X S O Z W  
G J E X I T Z G E E T O Z X Z A A V ?  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I S U P P O S E THAT REALLY BAD POEMS COULD BE CONSIDERED RHYMES THAT TRY MEN'S SOULS.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals O

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

## Odds favour Italians

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Wednesday and are given special dispensation to defend the trophy.

Milan were much more impressive in Serie A, finishing runners-up to Juventus, but after seeing Liverpool prevail against their Italian rivals with a mixture of attacking panache and uncompromising commitment they will be far from complacent.

"It's not a surprise that Liverpool are here," said Milan's Dutch midfielder Clarence Seedorf, the only man to have won the competition with three different clubs.

"We're talking about a team that's part of European history."

Liverpool were banned from European competition for six years in the wake of the Heysel disaster and the return to the top of the European game has been a long and frustrating process, although they did win the UEFA Cup for the third time in 2001.

Milan have also experienced years starved of success at the highest level. After winning the European Cup for the second time in 1969 they had to wait 20 years before winning it again with a 4-0 victory over Steaua Bucharest.

The Italians are playing in their 10th European Cup or Champions League final and are aiming for their seventh victory. Only Real Madrid,

with nine titles, have been European champions more times.

Ancelotti is one of four men to have won the European Cup as both a player and a coach. He was in Milan's winning side in 1989 and 1990 and was coach when they beat Juventus on penalties in 2003.

Ancelotti looks increasingly likely to play Dutchman Jaap Stam alongside Alessandro Nesta in central defence, while moving Paolo Maldini to left back.

The other question mark over the Milan team is whether Hernan Crespo or Filippo Inzaghi starts in attack alongside European Player of the Year Andriy Shevchenko.

### PROBABLE TEAMS

**AC MILAN:** 1-Dida; 2-Cafu, 13-Alessandro Nesta, 23-Jamie Carragher, 4-Kakha Kaladze (or 31-Jaap Stam); 8-Gennaro Gattuso, 21-Andrea Pirlo, 20-Clarence Seedorf, 22-Kaka; 11-Hernan Crespo (or 9-Filippo Inzaghi), 7-Andriy Shevchenko.

**LIVERPOOL:** 1-Jerzy Dudek; 3-Steve Finnan, 23-Jamie Carragher, 16-Dietmar Hamann (or 25-Igor Biscan), 8-Steven Gerrard, 14-Xabi Alonso, 6-John Arne Riise, 10-Luis Garcia; 5-Milan Baros (or 9-Djibril Cisse).

**Referee:** Manuel Enrique Mejuto Gonzalez (Spain).

## TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

### News Bulletin

**BTV**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm.  
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.  
News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm.  
Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm.

**CHANNEL-I**  
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.  
Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

**ATN BANGLA**  
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11 pm.  
News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.

**ntv**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.  
News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.

**TARA BANGLA**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm.  
Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm.  
Tara News (English) at 9:30 pm.

**BBC WORLD**  
Every hour on the hour

### CHANNEL i

09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh and Public Reaction  
11:30 Trityo Matra  
11:30 Agora Shopping Guide  
12:00 TVC Sky Shop  
12:30 Aaj Dupurey  
01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:25 Public Reaction  
01:35 Drama/Tele film  
03:50 Banglar Gaan  
04:20 Boi Ebong Boi  
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma  
05:15 Janapader Khabor  
06:00 Music Plus  
06:30 Gillette World Sports  
07:55 RC Travel On  
08:25 Drama Serial: Ek Akasher Tara  
09:35 Drama Serial: Din Choley Jaye  
10:00 Drama Serial: Mega Bond

### ATN BANGLA

07:30 Special Musical Programme: Nazrul Gaan  
08:45 Jhingey Phool  
10:30 Anodrishti  
11:05 Firoza Begumer Priyo Gaan  
11:35 Special Documentary on Kazi Nazrul Islam: Trishale Nazrul  
12:15 Musical Programme: Gaane O Golpey  
12:50 Special Drama: Boner Papia  
02:27 Muktiuddher Ei Diney  
05:10 Odekha Nazrul  
05:45 Islami Sawal O Jawab  
06:20 Manoshi  
08:00 Drama Serial: The Sword of Tipu Sultan

### 08:30 Drama Serial: Bibortan

09:00 Special Drama: Meher Negar  
**ntv**  
08:30 Aajker Shakal  
09:05 Drama Serial: Sporsher Bairey  
09:30 Frankly Speaking  
10:05 Akashay Aaj Chodiyee Dilam  
10:30 Rudrabena  
11:00 Shur O Baani  
12:05 Anjali Loho Mor  
01:25 TVC  
03:15 Musical Programme: Gaanguli Mor  
05:15 Ithasher Ei Diney  
06:10 Gaaner Mala  
06:50 Shikol Bhangar Gaan  
08:15 Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe  
08:50 Special Drama: Shipi  
12:10 Drama Serial: Madhukar Manjuri Bajey

### HBO

10:15 Templed  
12:00 The Bourne Identity  
2:30 Death to Smoochy  
4:45 Flatliners  
7:00 Murder by Numbers  
9:30 Rush Hour  
11:30 Fatal Attraction  
1:45 Gremlins  
**STAR MOVIES**  
10:30 The 25th Hour  
12:40 Children Of The Corn  
2:15 Jet Lag  
3:45 Abandon  
5:25 Target Of Opportunity  
7:00 Die Another Day  
9:15 The Real McCoy  
**STAR GOLD**  
9:00 Major Saab

### PICK OF THE DAY



**Mehernigar**  
Special Drama  
On ntv at 6:10pm  
Cast: Arman Parvez Murad, Momo, Taslima Chumki  
Story: Kazi Nazrul Islam, Direction: Zillur Rahman



**Gaaner Mala**  
On ntv at 6:10pm  
Musical Programme  
Artistes: Sadya Afreen Mallick, MA Mannan, Rebecca Sultana, Sifat-E-Manzur, Yakub Ali Khan

12:55 TGS SFZK Spotlight  
1:00 Chameli Ki Shaadi  
4:25 Maya  
4:50 Kuch Hit Kuch  
7:00 Superhit  
9:05 Soldier  
10:30 K. Street Pali Hill  
5:25 Film Topper  
5:30 Hit Filmein  
6:00 Maal Hai To Taal Hai  
6:30 Recess  
7:00 101 Dalmatians  
7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa  
8:00 Princess  
8:30 Dollieaurakamagicha

8:30 g Dekkho Magar Pyar Se  
9:00 Kkasauti Zindagi Kay  
9:30 Miliee  
10:00 Kkavyanjali  
10:30 Kahaani Char Gar Kii  
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi  
11:30 Kahin To Hoga  
12:00 K. Street Pali Hill  
**STAR WORLD**  
12:30 Miss Match  
1:30 Koffee With Karan  
2:30 Oprah Winfrey  
5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway  
6:30 Ally Mcbeal  
7:30 The Simpsons

### 6:00 Dinos/Imhotep

6:30 Living Pulse 2  
7:00 Great Cars  
7:30 Massive Engines With Chris Barrie Trucks  
8:30 Wild Discovery Battle of the Sexes Ways of Being Male  
9:30 Extreme Machines II Carriers  
10:30 Days That Shook The World  
11:30 Past is Wild, Future is Wild  
12:30 Future is Wild  
1:30 New Detectives: The Case Studies in Forensic Scie Forsaken Trust

### ANIMAL PLANET

11:00 Amazing Animal Videos  
11:30 Deep into the Wild  
12:00 Wild and Dangerous  
12:30 Lion Country  
1:30 Pet Nation Breed All About It Clumber Spaniel  
2:30 Animal Planet Reveals Asia in the Wild  
3:30 Adventure Challenge  
4:30 Cheating Death  
5:30 Interpol Investigates  
**DISCOVERY**  
12:30 Wild Discovery  
1:30 Crowned Lemurs and the Crocodile Caves  
2:30 Science Frontiers of the Deep Hostile Deep  
3:30 Classic Discovery  
4:30 Babyflop Mystery, Nebuchadnezzar  
5:30 Hollywood Superstars  
6:30 Clive James' Postcards Meets Mel Gibson  
7:30 Prosecutors, The Fatal Error  
8:30 Mystery Hunters

### 11:00 Secret World of Gardens

11:30 Wild Encounters Mamba  
**ESPN**  
9:30 School Quiz Show Espn  
10:00 School Quiz 2005 (R)  
11:00 Fa Cup Highlights (R)  
11:00 Champions Tour Golf  
12:00 Bruno's Memorial Classic Hoover Al Usa Final Round(R)  
1:30 Nba Anthology Down Low : "Life In The D-League" Episode Ten(R)  
2:00 National Spelling Bee  
3:00 2004 Scripps National Spelling Bee Washington Dc Usa Final Rounds(R)  
5:00 X Games Invitational  
6:00 Legends Of The X - Kevin Robinson Rajamangala Thailand (T)  
7:00 School Quiz Show Espn  
8:00 School Quiz 2005 (R)  
9:00 Pet Nation Breed All About It Clumber Spaniel  
10:00 Indian Premier Hockey League Premier Hockey League Hyderabad Ap India Maratha Warriors Vs Sher E J Aalandhar Tier Hitz (T)  
11:00 Sportscenter Sportscenter Asia Island of the Monkey God  
12:00 Animal Miracles  
1:30 Wrinkles in Time  
2:30 Pet Powers Incredible Journeys  
3:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals  
4:30 Animal Planet Showcase Tusks and Tattoos  
5:30 Animal Planet Reveals Asia in the Wild  
6:30 Horsemen of Mongolia  
7:30 Supernatural, Time Warp

### Cup 2005/06 Gent

11:30 Belgium (T)  
12:30 Tna Xplosion (R)  
2:30 Diving Fina Grand Prix  
3:00 Diving 2005 Stockholm Sw Sweden (R)  
4:00 The Golf Club (R)  
5:00 Cycling Paris-Nice 2005 Event Highlights(R)  
6:00 Extreme Programming Wild Spirits 2004/05 (R)  
7:00 Tna Wrestling Programming Tna Wrestling (T)  
8:00 Hitz (R)  
9:00 Max Power Max Power 2005 (T)  
10:00 Equestrian Fai World Cup Jumping Series 2004/ 2005 Paris France (T)  
11:00 Sportsline (L)  
12:00 Football Asia (R)  
1:00 Team India Programming India Glorious (T)  
2:00 Sportsline (R)  
3:00 Tna Wrestling Programming Tna Wrestling (R)  
4:00 Golf Focus (T)  
**TEN SPORTS**  
8:00 European PGA Golf H/Ls Nissan Irish Open  
10:00 WWE Smackdown  
11:00 French Tennis: Day 2 (1st Round Highlights)  
12:00 History of Football Portugese League H/Ls: Ep 34  
2:00 French Tennis: Day 2 (1st Round Highlights)  
3:00 WWE After Burn  
11:00 French Tennis: Day 3

### STAR SPORTS

8:30 Gymnastics Fig World