



Belgian goalkeeper Logan Baily dives to make a save during a training session in Spa, Belgium take on Portugal in their Euro 2008 qualifying campaign on Saturday.

## Giggs to retire

### Football

AFP, London

Manchester United winger Ryan Giggs will announce his retirement from international football with Wales on Wednesday.

The Wales skipper will end a 16-year career with his country by playing his 64th international on Saturday against the Czech Republic in the Euro 2008 qualifier at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium.

It is believed that Giggs made a personal decision to consider quitting in the wake of Wales' poor display in Dublin in March when a 1-0 defeat all but ended their chances of qualifying for next summer's finals in Austria and

Switzerland.

Wales officials were made aware of Giggs' feelings last week when they assembled for the friendly against New Zealand in Wrexham which finished in a 2-2 draw.

With the squad meeting last night at their Cardiff hotel for the Czech match the players are now aware of Giggs' decision. It is a shattering blow for Wales, Giggs being arguably their greatest-ever player -- certainly of the modern era -- and it will hit boss John Toshack's plans hard.

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experience and the quality of his leadership.

However, an FA of Wales source said: "Maybe Ryan has come to accept that the chances of qualification for Euro 2008 are all but gone."

It is a great shame, he has been an outstanding servant to Welsh football and since being made captain under Tosh, he has been a major influence on the young players."

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regular withdrawals in his younger days when a succession of managers were unable to persuade Sir Alex Ferguson to make him available.

It was not until Toshack's reign, which started three years ago, that Giggs even played in an away friendly for his country.

But when former boss Hughes quit to manage Blackburn soon after the heartbreak of losing a play-off to reach the last European Championships, Giggs was one of the few senior players who opted to stay on.

Many, including skipper Gary Speed, quit the new Wales set-up amid much animosity. But Giggs accepted the captain's armband and has aided Toshack's attempts to bring in a succession of new, young players.

Giggs' career was blighted by

## Defensive woes for England

AFP, London

Embattled England manager Steve McClaren suffered two injury blows on Tuesday ahead of Friday's friendly with Brazil and next week's crucial Euro 2008 qualifier with Estonia as both Rio Ferdinand and Michael Dawson withdrew because of groin injuries.

The duo's pulling out leaves McClaren with a defensive nightmare as he had already lost Gary Neville, Ashley Cole, Jonathan Woodgate and Michael Richards.

Cole's back-up at left-back Wayne Bridge is also a major doubt for the game against Brazil, with Reading's Nick Shorley standing by for his first full cap.

Liverpool's Jamie Carragher could well win his 34th cap by partnering John Terry in the centre of defence, though he faces competition from Dawson's Spurs team-mate Ledley King.

## Adebayor denies lift of ban

### Football

AFP, Lome

Arsenal striker Emmanuel Adebayor has denied that his suspension from the Togolese national team has been lifted.

Adebayor and teammates Kader Coughadja of Jazira Abu Dhabi and Nimbobe Dore of Mons in Belgium, had been suspended by the national football federation on March 25 for indiscipline pertaining to their perceived lead role in demanding that World Cup players are paid around 45,000 euros of bonuses owed to them from last

year.

The Togolese Federation claimed they have sent the players a letter informing them that their suspensions have been lifted but Adebayor disagreed.

"I have not received any letters or decision from the federation lifting the suspension. It's through the media that I learnt about this," Adebayor told Togolese radio station Sport FM.

"I have been in Lome for a week and no-one has approached me. In this situation I cannot rejoin the national squad."

The federation refuted that claim and said that Adebayor has refused to receive the notification.

"We sent him notification of the

lifting of the suspension through an intermediary. He sent it back," said federation manager Zep Kuate who added that the three players clubs had also been informed of the decision.

Most of the players selected by Nigerian coach Stephen Keshi for upcoming African Nations Cup qualifiers have not yet turned up to a training camp, according to local media reports.

Only four players have thus far arrived.

Togo's World Cup participation in Germany was put in doubt days before the tournament began after the players threatened to boycott the tournament over unpaid bonuses.

The former Molde player has been replaced in the squad by Aston Villa's John Carew.

Norway coach Aage Hareide is still hopeful that Solskjær will be available against Hungary on June 6.

## প্রেস তালিকাভুক্তি ও নবায়ন বিজ্ঞপ্তি

নং : নই/গপ্র-১(৩৫)/২০০৬-২০০৭/ ১১৪ তারিখ : ২৮ মে ২০০৭

নজরুল ইস্টার্টিউটের বই, প্রতি-প্রতিকা, ব্রালিপি, অ্যারিপিকা, আলবার্ম, পেস্টার, প্যাড, থাম, ফাইল কভার ইত্যাদি বালো, ইয়েকো ও অ্যান্ড ভাসায় মুদ্রণ ও বৌদ্ধিকীয়ের জন্য ছানার্ম প্রকৃত মুদ্রণ প্রতিক্রিয়ের নিকট থেকে ২০০৭-২০০৮ অর্থবছরের প্রেস তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য নির্ধারিত করামে আবেদনপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে। অফেরণ্টরগুলি নাম ৮০০ (চারশত) টাকার আবেদনপত্র ফরম অর্থ ও প্রশাসন শাখা থেকে জয় করতে হবে এবং বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের দশশি কার্যনির্বাসের মধ্যে গবেষণা ও প্রকাশনা বিভাগে আবেদনপত্র জমা দিতে হবে।

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ধানমন্ডি আবাসিক এলাকা, ঢাকা ১২০৯।

## জাতীয় ক্রীড়া পরিষদ

৬২/৩, পুরাণা প্লটেন, ঢাকা-১০০০

নং-এনএসসি/ক্রীড়া/প্রিন্টি/১-১/১৮৮৮ তারিখ: ৩০/০৫/০৭ খ্রিঃ

## দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

জাতীয় ক্রীড়া পরিষদ থেকে প্রকাশিত পানিক ক্রীড়াগুগ্রহ' পত্রিকা ছাপার জন্য প্রকৃত ছাপাখানার মালিকদের নিকট থেকে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে। আগামী ০১/০৭/০৭ হতে ৩০/০৬/০৮ অর্থ প্রকার ছাপার জন্য টিকাদার নিয়োগ করা হবে। ২০,০০০/- (বিশ হাজার) টাকা আবেদনপত্র বা বাকাকে ড্রাফ্ট আকারে ঢাকাস্থ যে কোন ভক্সিলী ব্যাংক হতে 'জাতীয় ক্রীড়া পরিষদ'-এর অনুকূলে দরপত্রের সাথে জমা দিতে হবে। দরপত্রের সিডিউল অফিস চলাকলীন সময়ে ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকার আবেদনপত্র বা বাকাকে ড্রাফ্ট প্রদান সাপেক্ষে পরিষদে হিসাব শাখা হতে ১৯/০৬/০৭ তারিখ পর্যন্ত সংগ্রহ করা যাবে এবং ২০/০৬/০৭ তারিখ ১২,০০০ ঘটকার মধ্যে প্রশাসন শাখায় রাখিত বাকে জমা দিতে হবে। এই দিন ১২,৩০ ঘটকার দরদাতের উপর্যুক্ত (যদি কেহ উপর্যুক্ত থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা হবে।

পরিষদ কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শনী ব্যতিরেকে সকল দরপত্র প্রাপ্তি/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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## Zidan switches to Hamburg

AFP, Berlin

Egyptian international Mohamed Zidan has switched from relegated Mainz 05 to Bundesliga side Hamburg and is set to sign a four-year contract worth five million euros, it was announced on Wednesday.

The 25-year-old will have a medical in Hamburg on Wednesday, but the striker is a proven goal-scorer having netted 13 goals for Mainz in 15 games after switching from Werder Bremen midway through the season.

Having won seven caps for his country, Zidan has already met with Hamburg's Dutch coach Huub Stevens, who was interested in signing the Egyptian during the Bundesliga's winter break, but Mainz got him first.

Zidan is the second high-profile Mainz player to quit the relegated side in two days after German international defender Manuel Friedrich signed a three-year deal to switch to Bayern Leverkusen on Tuesday.

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