

Palermo want duo to stay

AFP, Rome  
Palermo have issued a hands off warning to Europe's top clubs over star Brazilian pair Amauri and Simplicio.

Amauri is believed to be at the centre of a transfer tug-of-war between Juventus and AC Milan while Simplicio is reportedly wanted by both Italian giants as well as Serie A champions Inter Milan and Spain's Valencia.

Some websites have reported that Palermo are willing to sell, but club president Maurizio Zamparini dismissed that.

"None of it is true, I don't know who's spreading these rumours," he said.

Even if Palermo do manage to hang onto the pair during this transfer window, they will surely depart for pastures new in the close season, according to Italian news agency ANSA.

Striker Amauri has impressed with seven league goals this season while midfielder Simplicio has been at the hub of Palermo's play all season.

Amauri, for one, has already spoken of his desire to move on to a higher level.

"I would like to play with players such as (Alessandro) Del Piero and (David) Trezeguet (of Juve), but also with Kaka (of Milan) it would be incredible," he said.

Palermo are rumoured to be interested in Lazio's out of favour midfielder Mourad Meghni, who is thought to be possible summer transfer target.

Meghni, like many French players of North African origin, was once talked about as the new Zinedine Zidane but his career has failed to take off in the Italian capital.

Derby want Robert

AFP, London

Veteran French midfielder Laurent Robert could make a return to the English Premier League with relegation strugglers Derby County.

The 32-year-old former Newcastle United player has left Spanish top flight side Levante and is keen to return to England if he can find the right club.

Second division Ipswich Town have already shown an interest, but Robert wants to take up an offer to train with Paul Jewell's Derby who are currently bottom of the league.

Sven backs Big Sam

AFP, Newcastle

Sven Goran Eriksson has urged Newcastle United to stick with Sam Allardyce after the Manchester City manager helped increase the mounting pressure on his beleaguered counterpart.

City rose to fourth in the Premier League thanks to a comfortable 2-0 victory at St James' Park to intensify the scrutiny on Allardyce, who faces a crunch FA Cup third round tie to Stoke City on Sunday.

Allardyce has the backing of millionaire owner Mike Ashley, but he admitted Newcastle had to improve after a third consecutive defeat meant they'd harvested just nine points from their last 12 games to leave them anchored in the bottom half of the table.

City manager Eriksson has backed Allardyce to turn things around if he is given time by the Newcastle board and he said: "Of course I have sympathy with Sam. The longer you are in this job you know the same thing will happen to you and it's happened to me many times."

"They're hard times and they can last for weeks or they can last for months but Sam's shown in the past with Bolton that he's a good manager," former England coach Eriksson added. "Give him time and I'm sure he'll sort it out."

Defeat at the hands of Championship promotion hopefuls Stoke could drastically reduce the time Allardyce has to prove himself on Tyneside, and he acknowledged he must start putting together a run of results to justify continued boardroom support.

"The Stoke game is not a defining one for me, but I'm not daft enough not to realise I'm in the results business and I need to win some football matches," Allardyce said.

"The pressure still mounts; it mounts on us all, especially me even with that support, because we've lost a game we shouldn't have."

"We shouldn't be losing at home, and we shouldn't be losing three on the trot but we'll stick together and believe in what we do."

We played well tonight but you must score when you get your chances.

"Stoke will fancy it after this, but for us the pressure of the Premier League is off, and a win in the cup can help spark things off in the league."

Goals in each half from Brazilian midfielder Elano and Swiss substitute Gelson Fernandes secured only a second away of the season, their first since the opening day of the campaign, for a City side who're unbeaten at home in the league in their quest to qualify for Europe.

Eriksson wants his side to start reproducing their stunning form at Eastlands on the road to help maintain an unlikely push for a Champions League place, and the Swede added: "We've been waiting for that performance away from home for a long time."

"I can't be anything but happy with a result like that and I wish the league finished tomorrow because fourth place would be really good for us."

"I can't really answer why we've been so good at home and yet not done the same away from home, but I hope to come away with some more results like this before the end of the season."



AC Milan stars Kaka (L) and Ronaldo are seen during a training session in Dubai on Thursday. Milan are in Dubai for their winter training camp.

Relief for Tevez

AFP, Manchester

Manchester United striker Carlos Tevez is less seriously injured than first thought after being carried off during the 1-0 league win over Birmingham on Tuesday.

The 23-year-old Argentine international was forced off the pitch after 71 minutes and was then carried down the tunnel by two members of the backroom staff.

That raised fears that Tevez, who had earlier scored the winner, could even have suffered a broken ankle in a heavy challenge.

But a United spokesman told www.manutd.com this afternoon: "Nothing is broken; Carlos Tevez has just got a badly bruised right ankle."

United coach Alex Ferguson said after the Birmingham game that Tevez was a major concern for this weekend's FA Cup trip to Aston Villa.

"It was a bad tackle and the longer the game went on, the worse the injury got," Ferguson said.

"In the end, we had to bring Carlos off. We will assess him tomorrow to see what the damage is but he is doubtful for Saturday now."

On the plus side for United, Tevez's fellow striker Wayne Rooney is on track to face Martin O'Neill's side after recovering from a virus which kept him out for two matches.

Barton refused bail again

AFP, Liverpool

Newcastle and England midfielder Joey Barton will remain in jail after he was refused bail for a second time on Thursday.

Barton, 25, had already had one bail request turned down by magistrates following his arrest in Liverpool last week when he was charged with common assault and affray.

The former Manchester City star is on bail for two other alleged offences.

There was more bad news for Barton, who appeared via video link from Liverpool's Walton Prison wearing a grey prison-issue jumper and jeans.

During the hearing the assault charge against him was upgraded from a Section 39 common assault to a Section 47 assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

Rio looking forward

Football

AFP, Manchester

Manchester United defender Rio Ferdinand is looking to put an "awful Christmas" behind him as the English champions continue their quest to retain the Premier League title.

A narrow 1-0 New Year's Day win at home to Birmingham City kept United in second place, two points behind leaders Arsenal.

However, Ferdinand is still trying to come to terms with last weekend's 2-1 defeat at West Ham, his former club, where the England centre-back's younger brother Anton scored the Hammers' equalising goal.

"We are still there or thereabouts in the league and if we had been offered this position at the start of the season, we would have taken it," Ferdinand said. "But nine points from four games over Christmas is not satisfactory for me at all."

"I have had an awful Christmas period, losing to West Ham and my brother scoring as well."

"But sometimes, you have to take these things on the chin and make sure they don't happen again."

Encouraging news for United, who unlike Arsenal won't be affected by players leaving for the African Nations Cup later this month, came with the sight of Park Ji-Sung making his first start in eight months after a cruciate operation against Birmingham.

"The team have done very well without me but now I want to be part of it again," said the South Korean midfielder.

"My knee is 100 per cent okay. I wasn't worried about getting injured during the game and I felt no reaction afterwards."

Although United weren't at their best against Birmingham, they didn't concede a goal. It was the twelfth time this season that an opposition side had failed to score against the meaneast defence in league.

"We take pride in clean sheets," Ferdinand said. "We always harp on about the fact if we keep clean sheets; we have players capable of scoring goals."

"It is down to us lads at the back to put ourselves in front of the goal and make sure the ball doesn't go into the back of the net."

"We have a good record defensively. That is the platform we can build on to be a championship-winning team. It happened last year and it would be great if it happened again."

QPR put Mittal's money to use

Football

AFP, London

Less than a month after the family of Indian steel magnate Lakshmi Mittal took a 20 per cent stake in Queens Park Rangers, the west London club have wasted little time in signing several new players.

Rangers, co-owned by Formula One supremo Bernie Ecclestone and Renault team boss Flavio Briatore, may be only narrowly above the relegation zone in English football's second-tier Championship but the Loftus Road side are determined to get back to the Premier League.

And just days into the opening of the January transfer window, Rangers manager Luigi De Canio has spent some 1.5 million pounds on signing Hogan Ephraim, Akos Buzsaky and Matthew Connolly.

Winger Ephraim, 19, has signed a three-and-a-half year deal for an undisclosed fee - reportedly 800,000 pounds - from West Ham.

Hungarian midfielder Buzsaky, 25, has completed his permanent signing on a two-and-a-half year deal for a fee of around 500,000 pounds from Plymouth, having joined Rangers on an initial loan deal in November.

And 20-year-old centreback Connolly, who spent the first half of the season on loan at Colchester, has also put pen to paper on a three-and-a-half year deal from Arsenal.

Ephraim told the club's official website, www.qpr.co.uk: "I really enjoyed my time here and when the club showed an interest in offering me a permanent deal, my mind was made up."

"It's a great time to be at QPR. Big things are going to happen here - the new owners are very ambitious."

Rangers have been in good form of late, defeating high-flyers Watford and Leicester City.

Buzsaky, who has scored six goals in 12 games for the Hoops, said: "I have enjoyed the last two months and we are improving from game to game."

Connolly, who has also joined for an undisclosed fee from Arsenal, the Premier League leader, added: "It's very difficult to make the breakthrough at a club like Arsenal, so when QPR made an offer I knew it was the right time to move on."

"Arsenal provided me with a great launch pad, but I need to be playing first-team football at my age and this is a fantastic club for me to pursue my career at."

QPR will receive a fresh test of their ambitions when they face west London rivals and Premier League giants Chelsea in the third round of the FA Cup on Saturday at Stamford Bridge.

The Blues have revolutionised the concept of big-spending in English football thanks to the backing of billionaire Russian owner Roman Abramovich.

Rangers last played in the Premier League in 1996 and dropped down to the third tier of English football before returning to the Championship in 2004.

The only major trophy they have won was the 1967 League Cup. They did come close to being crowned champions of England in 1976, finishing runners-up by just a point behind Liverpool.

**Re-invitation for Request for Expression of Interests**  
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

1. Ministry/Division	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources.
2. Agency	Power Cell
3. Procuring Entity Name	Power Cell, Power Division
4. Procuring Entity Code	5601
5. Expression of Interest for Selection of	Financial Consultant (Local) to Assist Power Cell
6. EOI Ref No	Power Cell/01/079/01
7. Date	2 January 2008

**KEY INFORMATION**

8. Procurement Method	Selection of Individual Consultant (SIC): The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in The Public Procurement Regulations, 2003 issued by the GOB.
9. Budget and Source of Funds	Budget: The People's Republic of Bangladesh has signed a Development Financing Agreement for Credit (Credit No.3913BD) and Grant (Grant No. H092BD) with the International Development Association (IDA) in the amount of US\$ 15.5 million equivalent towards the cost of the Power Sector Development Technical Assistance (PSDTA) Project for Power Sector Reforms Implementation.
10. Development Partners	IDA
11. Project Code	8371
12. Project Name	Technical Assistance for Implementation of Bangladesh Power Sector Reform.
13. EOI Closing Date and Time	21 January 2008 at 4:30 PM
14. EOI Opening Date and Time	22 January 2008 at 10:00 AM
15. Brief Description of Assignment	<b>Financial Consultant (Local) to Assist Power Cell:</b> The Consultant will work under the guidance of Power Cell/Power Division officials in respect to financial analysis and management aspect. S/he will prepare various financial policy frameworks on electricity pricing and tariff and will accomplish various analyses on tariff pricing, cash flow studies and other studies required by Power Cell and help in implementing power sector financial restructuring and recovery plan (balance sheet cleaning). Details of TOR of the Consultant can be downloaded from www.powercell.gov.bd.

**INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT**

16. Experience, Resources and Delivery capacity required	The applicant must provide information indicating that s/he is qualified to perform the services (Supported by certificates, curriculum vita and other relevant documents). The applicant shall submit financial proposal which indicates every cost item in calculable figure including taxes and VAT under the local laws. The age limit of the consultant will not be more than 45 years, which may be relaxed for exceptionally qualified candidates. The applicant should have at least Master degree in Finance/Accounting/ Business Administration or bachelor degree with Chartered Accountancy or Cost and Management Accountancy. S/he must have at least two (2) years of professional experience. Work-experience in financial management or accounts of any power sector entity will be an added advantage.
17. Other Details	As mentioned in the TOR
18. Indicative Start Date	10 February 2008

**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

19. Name of Official Inviting EOI	Mohammad Abdul Jalil
20. Designation of Official Inviting EOI	Director General
21. Address of Official Inviting EOI	Power Cell, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Govt of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Biddyt Bhaban (10 <sup>th</sup> floor), Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh
22. Contact Details of Official Inviting EOI	Telephone: 955 1261/955 5962 Fax No.: 957 2097/955 4664 e-mail: dg@powercell.gov.bd
23. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs.	

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Directorate General of Family Planning  
Memo No. DGFP/L&S-01/2007/6252/58 Date: 02-01-2008

**Corrigendum**  
For  
Contract Package No. GFP-27/07  
IFT No. DGFP/L&S-1/2007/6252/56 dated: 30-12-07

The following amendment has been made in the IFT of the Contract Package No. GFP-27/07 of HNPSP for the Procurement of 13.20 million Cap. Doxycycline Hydrochloride (100mg) in four equal lots under IDA Credit No. 4052-BD, issued vide this office Memo No. DGFP/L&S-1/2007/6252/56 dated: 30-12-07.

The address for pre-tender conference and tender receiving will be as follows:  
Director (Logistics and Supply) and  
Line Director (Procurement, Storage and Supply Management)  
Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Karwan Bazar  
Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh.

**Director (Logistics and Supply) and  
Line Director (Procurement, Storage and Supply Management)**  
Directorate General of Family Planning  
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**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Directorate General of Family Planning  
Memo No. DGFP/L&S-3/2007/6024/57 Dated: 02-01-2008

**Corrigendum**  
for  
Contract Package No. GFP-15/07  
IFB No. DGFP/L&S-3/2007/6224/55 Dated: 26-12-2007

The following amendment has been made in the IFB and bidding documents of the Contract Package No. GFP-15/07 of HNPSP for the Procurement of 2.2 million Rubber Surgical Gloves, size-6.5" and 1.2 million Rubber Surgical Gloves, size-7" under IDA Credit No. 4052-BD, issued vide this office Memo No. DGFP/L&S-3/2007/6224/55 dated: 26-12-2007.

In paragraph 8 : The last date of receiving and opening bids will be 15 February 2008 instead of 15 February 2007.

In paragraph 9 : The pre-bid conference will be held on 21 January 2008 instead of 21-01-2007.

The address for pre-bid conference and for bid receiving will be as follows:  
Director (Logistics & Supply) and  
Line Director (Procurement, Storage & Supply Management)  
Directorate General of Family Planning  
6, Karwan Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215

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Line Director (Procurement, Storage & Supply Management)**  
Directorate General of Family Planning  
GD-56

**জেলা পরিষদ কার্যালয়**  
গাজীপুর

**নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

গাজীপুর জেলা পরিষদ কার্যালয়ে নিম্নে বর্ণিত শূন্যপদসমূহ পূরণের লক্ষ্যে ২০০৫ সনের জাতীয় বেতন স্কেল অনুযায়ী অস্থায়ী ভিত্তিতে লোক নিয়োগের জন্য বাংলাদেশের স্থায়ী নাগরিক (পুরুষ/মহিলা) প্রার্থীদের নিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আবেদন করা যাচ্ছে। জেলা পরিষদে কর্মচারী নিয়োগের জন্য স্থানীয় সরকার, পল্লী উন্নয়ন ও সমবায় মন্ত্রণালয়ের স্থানীয় সরকার বিভাগের ০৩/১২/২০০৭খ্রিঃ তারিখের নং স্থায়ী/জেপশা/নিয়োগ-১/২০০৭/২৮৯৯ নম্বর মূলে ছাড়পত্র রয়েছে।

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১। অস্থায়ী প্রার্থীদেরকে নিম্নে বর্ণিত তথ্যাদি উল্লেখপূর্বক "প্রধান নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা, জেলা পরিষদ, গাজীপুর" বরাবরে সাদা কাগজে স্ব-হস্তে লিখিত আবেদনপত্র আগামী ৩০/০১/২০০৮খ্রিঃ তারিখ বিকলে ৫.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী কার্যালয়ে দাখিল করতে হবে।  
(ক) প্রার্থীর নাম : (জ) জাতীয়তা :  
(খ) পিতা/স্বামীর নাম : (ঘ) ধর্ম :  
(গ) মাতার নাম : (ঙ) বৈবাহিক অবস্থা :  
(ঘ) স্থায়ী ঠিকানা : (চ) শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা :  
(ঙ) বর্তমান ঠিকানা : (ছ) অভিজ্ঞতা :  
(চ) জন্ম তারিখ : (জ) মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধার সন্তান কিনা :  
(ছ) বয়স ৩১/১২/০৭ তারিখ পর্যন্ত :

(মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধার সন্তান হলে বাংলাদেশ মুক্তিযোদ্ধা সংসদের চেয়ারম্যান অথবা আহ্বায়কের স্বাক্ষরিত এবং প্রধান উপদেষ্টা কর্তৃক প্রতীক্ষারিত মূল সনদের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি দাখিল করতে হবে)।

২। আবেদনপত্রের সাথে নিম্নে বর্ণিত কাগজপত্র সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।  
(ক) ১ম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার মূল সনদপত্র ও মার্কসিটের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি।  
(খ) ১ম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সদা তোলা পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ২ (দুই) কপি সত্যায়িত ছবি।  
(গ) জন্ম নং ০১ পদের জন্য ১০০/- (একশত) টাকা এবং ০২ নং পদের জন্য ৫০/- (পঞ্চাশ) টাকা মূল্যের ব্যাংক ড্রাফট বা পে-অর্ডার (অফিসরতযোগ্য) "প্রধান নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা, জেলা পরিষদ, গাজীপুর" বরাবরে।  
(ঘ) সংশ্লিষ্ট ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ/পৌরসভার চেয়ারম্যান কর্তৃক নাগরিকত্বের সনদপত্রের মূলকপি।  
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৩। চাকুরীর প্রার্থীরা তাদের যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদনপত্র প্রেরণ করতে হবে। বিভাগীয় প্রার্থীদের জন্য শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও বয়স শিথিলযোগ্য।

৪। আবেদনপত্রের খামে উপরে পদের নাম উল্লেখ করতে হবে।

৫। আবেদনপত্র আগামী ৩০/০১/২০০৮খ্রিঃ তারিখে নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তরে পৌঁছাতে হবে। কোন অবস্থাতেই নির্দিষ্ট তারিখ ও সময়ের পর আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না।

৬। সরকার কর্তৃক সময়ে সময়ে জারীকৃত কোটা সম্পর্কিত নির্দেশাবলী অনুসরণ করতে হবে।

৭। নিয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত গঠিত বাছাই কমিটির সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে। প্রাপ্ত আবেদনপত্রসমূহ বাছাইয়ের পর উপযুক্ত প্রার্থীদের নির্বাচনী পরীক্ষায় ডাকা হবে। নির্বাচনী পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের জন্য কোন প্রকার চিএ/ডিএ দেয়া হবে না।

৮। মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় সকল শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতাসহ অন্যান্য যোগ্যতার সনদপত্রের মূলকপি উপস্থাপন করতে হবে।

৯। কোন ব্যক্তি কোন পদে সরাসরিভাবে নিয়োগ লাভের জন্য উপযুক্ত বিবেচিত হবেন না যদি তিনি বাংলাদেশের নাগরিক না হন অথবা বাংলাদেশের নাগরিক নহেন এরূপ কোন ব্যক্তিকে বিবাহ করে থাকেন বা বিবাহ করার জন্য প্রতিক্ষিত্বক হয়ে থাকেন।

১০। চাকুরীতে নিয়োগের পূর্বে পুলিশ ভেরিফিকেশন ও সিভিল সার্জন কর্তৃক স্বাস্থ্য পরীক্ষা সম্পন্ন করতে হবে।

১১। চাকুরীর শর্তাবলী বেতন ভাতাদি/নিয়োগ সুবিধার ক্ষেত্রে জেলা পরিষদ আইন, স্থানীয় সরকার (জেলা পরিষদ) কর্মকর্তা/কর্মচারী চাকুরী বিধিমালা ১৯৯০ এবং সরকার কর্তৃক জারীকৃত নির্দেশাবলী প্রযোজ্য হবে।

১২। স্থানীয় সরকার বিভাগের চূড়ান্ত অনুমোদন পাওয়ার পর নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীদের নিয়োগপত্র ইস্যু করা হবে।

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