

Ivoriens want to exorcise ghosts

AFP, Abidjan



Africa Cup of Nations
GHANA 2-0

Ghana does not hold happy memories for 2008 African Nations Cup favourites Ivory Coast. When the biennial competition was last staged there eight years ago, the 'Elephants' made a humiliating first round exit despite defeating the co-hosts 2-0 in the final series of mini-league matches.

A convincing victory over Ghana in Accra should have been cause for celebration, but the damage had been done to the Ivorians after a draw against Togo and a heavy loss to Cameroon.

After the mathematicians completed their work, Cameroon and Ghana were through to the quarterfinals and Ivory Coast returned home to one of the most degrading experiences inflicted on an African national football team.

Furious at the results, the military rulers ordered the team into a camp for several days where local and foreign-based players were drilled in the importance of national pride.

Not that the 'boot camp' brought the desired results as Ivory Coast made another first round exit in Mali two years later and did not even qualify for the 2004 Nations Cup after a loss in South Africa.

Another two years saw the 'Elephants' transformed from tournament onlookers to unlucky runners-up with usually clinical striker Didier Drogba missing several chances before hosts Egypt took the trophy on a penalty shoot-out.

This time round deep digging is required to find anyone betting on another Egyptian triumph with the general consensus among neutrals being that Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Ghana and Nigeria are the teams to beat.

And it is not difficult to see why many fancy the 'Elephants' to emulate the 1992 cup-winning team as the squad is packed with players from leading European

clubs like Arsenal, Barcelona and Chelsea.

There are seasoned Arsenal defenders Emmanuel Eboue and Kolo Toure, emerging Barcelona midfielder Yaya Toure and Chelsea strikers Salomon Kalou and reigning African Footballer of the Year Didier Drogba.

A knee operation last month cast doubts over the availability of prolific scorer Drogba, but the 'Elephants' are confident their humble hero will be in Ghana to spread panic among Group B rivals Benin, Mali and Nigeria.

But whether Ivory Coast go all the way could hinge on less known Boubacar Barry with coach Uli Stielike claiming the goalkeeper is the most improved player in the squad and the solution to a long-running problem.

Stielike will miss the tournament after his son lapsed into a coma this week and experienced Frenchman Gerard Gili, coach of the Ivorian team that qualified for the 2008 Beijing Games, takes over.

Marseille reject Cisse approach

AFP, Marseille

Marseille president Pape Diouf insisted Tuesday he has no intention of selling Djibril Cisse after turning down a move from English Premier League club Manchester City for the striker.

"I will make myself very clear concerning Djibril Cisse: he will not leave, he will stay at Marseille until the end of the season," said Diouf.

"It is certain many English clubs have shown interest in him. I have been approached very officially by Manchester City, to whom I categorically said no," confirmed Diouf.

But Cisse's agent Ranko Stojic was singing a different tune to Diouf.

"Everybody has forgotten that Djibril has not always been respected in recent times, personally as well as professionally."

"Not only by the supporters (Cisse is regularly jeered by Marseille fans), but also from within the club."

"It is for that reason, I can't say today that he will leave, but on the other hand I can't say that he won't leave," said Stojic.

Maradona files theft charges

AFP, Buenos Aires

Argentine football legend Diego Maradona filed charges against businessman for stealing hundreds of memorabilia items shown around the world in his "Itinerant M10 Museum," the star's official website said Tuesday.

The 600 pieces of memorabilia, including the 1995 Golden Ball and gifts from Brazilian football icon Pele and Cuban President Fidel Castro, were on exhibition since 2003 but are presently tied up in customs in several countries due to the "organizer's failure to meet his obligations," the website said.

Maradona filed a complaint against businessman Ernesto Texo, in the matter, it added.

The complaint said: "Texo and his associates improperly took possession of these objects after being tasked with organizing the Itinerant M10 Museum that visited Argentina, Italy and Mexico, among other countries."

The memorabilia also includes several international trophies, numerous tee-shirts Maradona -- whose shirt number was 10 -- exchanged after international matches with other famous football players, and other sports clothing worn by Maradona throughout his career.

Takahara back in Japan

Football

AFP, Tokyo

Japanese international striker Naohiro Takahara returned to Japan Wednesday to join the home league after his six-year stint in Germany, resolving to keep his aggressive style.

The 28-year-old will officially transfer to J-League side Urawa Red Diamonds this week from Bundesliga outfit Eintracht Frankfurt after going through a medical and other details.

"Whichever team I've been with, I have always given my all to win as a team. I will stay that way, even though the team has changed," Takahara told reporters waiting for him at Narita airport near Tokyo.

Takahara is among the biggest names in the Japan national team, scoring a tournament-leading four goals in Japan's failed attempt to win a third straight Asian Cup last July.

Takahara, formerly with J-League side Jubilo Iwata, struggled to get a regular place at SV Hamburg in four seasons before moving to Frankfurt in mid-2006.

Last season his opportunities in Germany were limited to just eight games and one goal.

He returned to Japan weeks before the national squad, under new coach Takeshi Okada, opens World Cup qualifiers on February 6 with a home game against Thailand.



Japan striker Naohiro Takahara arrives at Narita International Airport in Chiba prefecture, on Wednesday.

Lions surprised by Eto'o delay

AFP, Yaounde

Cameroon football federation (Fecafoot) chiefs on Tuesday expressed their surprise that striker Samuel Eto'o has yet to be released by Barcelona for the African Nations Cup which starts on January 20.

Barcelona coach Frank Rijkaard insisted Tuesday that the Spanish club had reached an agreement with Cameroon to hold on to Eto'o until January 12.

"The club has an agreement with the Cameroon federation which authorises Eto'o to join up later with the team," Rijkaard told Barcelona's website.

Barcelona's agreement delays by about one week the three-time African Player of the Year's trip to join his national team, he said.

Barcelona want Eto'o to play in their King's Cup last 16 away match at Sevilla on January 9 and a Primera Liga tie against Murcia on January 12.

But Fecafoot vice-president Francis Mveng told AFP: "We don't have official news from FC Barcelona."

"Fecafoot asked FC Barcelona by letter to release Eto'o 14 days before the competition starts, or January 6 at the latest, as stipulated by FIFA regulations."

"We have never had an answer. We just heard that FC Barcelona said in a press conference that it was understood that they would release him later," said Mveng, insisting this was not the case.

Mveng evoked the possibility that Barca had struck some deal with "Cameroonian authorities" to hold the player beyond the January 6 deadline.

Beckham talks with Brown

AFP, London

England footballer David Beckham had a private meeting with Gordon Brown for nearly an hour at the British Prime Minister's 10 Downing Street residence here Tuesday.

A Downing Street spokesman said the meeting between Brown, a fan of Scottish football club Raith Rovers, and former Manchester United and Real Madrid midfielder Beckham was a "genuinely private matter".

Beckham told the BBC: "He's (Mr Brown) interested in sports and his football, you know he is very interested in doing a lot for my academy and also getting involved in schools around the country as well."

Robert glad to be back

Football

AFP, Derby

Laurent Robert said Tuesday he was happy to return to "the best league in the world" even though he has signed for Premier League basement side Derby County.

The French winger, who could make his debut for the Rams this weekend against Wigan, has signed until the end of the season to help Derby in their uphill battle to stay in English football's top-flight.

"The Derby manager called my agent to say he wanted me and I came quickly because the quality and the atmosphere in the Premier League is the best in the world," the 32-year-old told County's official website www.dcf.co.uk.

"Everything you see here at the training ground is professional. I am very happy because I signed this morning and for my head that is fantastic."

"I don't know the city but my

family are coming over this Friday and I'm very happy to be back in England with Derby.

"The club's position here is a bit difficult but I'm here to put my experience in and work hard -- that's it."

"I love football and I hope I will stay healthy."

Robert spent four, sometimes fractious, years at Newcastle and six months at Portsmouth before joining Portuguese giants Benfica two years ago. But he had been without a club since leaving Spanish side Levante in November.

Derby manager Paul Jewell, who signed Robert after seeing him spend several days training with the Midlands club, said of his new player: "His ability is unquestioned and I think this could be a really good bit of business for us."

"Laurent's key quality is what he can do with the ball -- he can unlock the door, make things happen and produce a bit of magic."

Derby are also on the brink of signing Wales midfielder Robbie Savage from Premier League rivals

Blackburn Rovers. The two clubs have agreed a fee and Savage was at Pride Park on Tuesday to discuss terms.

The Rams hope to conclude a deal with Savage on Wednesday.

Jewell is also closing in on signing Hossam Ghaly from Tottenham Hotspur.

The 26-year-old Egypt midfielder, who has pulled out of the African Nations Cup in a bid to move to Derby, has been out of favour at White Hart Lane since throwing his shirt to the ground after being substituted by then Spurs manager Martin Jol in the final game of last season.

However, any move remains subject to Ghaly getting work permit clearance.

"We're not sure about his work permit situation but, all being well, he will be a Derby County player," Jewell said.

Derby, promoted via the play-offs last season, are 10 points adrift of safety and have won just one of their 21 league matches so far this term.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
পরিবেশ ও বন মন্ত্রণালয়
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পরিবেশ ও বন মন্ত্রণালয়ের সভাকক্ষে নতুন মাইক্রোফোন সেট স্থাপনের জন্য প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ী/এজেন্ট/সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। শর্তাবলী সম্বলিত দরপত্র সিডিউল আগামী ২৭.০১.২০০৮ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত মন্ত্রণালয়ের হিসাব শাখা থেকে প্রতিসেট ৫০০ (পাঁচশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য) মূল্যে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। দরপত্র আগামী ২৮.০১.২০০৮ তারিখ দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত মন্ত্রণালয়ের প্রশাসন শাখায় রক্ষিত তেঁতার বাক্সে গ্রহণ করা হবে এবং এদিন ১২.৩০ ঘটিকায় উপস্থিত দরদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে। দরপত্র খোলার দিন কোন সিডিউল বিক্রয় করা হবে না। দরপত্রের সাথে ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, অভিজ্ঞতার সনদ, ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেট, আয়কর পরিশোধের সনদপত্র এবং আর্নেস্টমানি হিসেবে উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের শতকরা ৩% অর্থ সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব, প্রশাসন শাখা-১, পরিবেশ ও বন মন্ত্রণালয় এর অনুকূলে যে কোন তফসিলী ব্যাংক হতে ইস্যু করা ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার এর মাধ্যমে দাখিল করতে হবে।

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Sl. No	Tender No. & date	Name of the Items	Cost of tender schedule	Last date & time of closing	Date & time of opening
01.	IMP/RM/SEM/25/2007-2008 Dated: 07/01/2008	1. Folic Acid BP 2. Pyridoxin HCl BP 3. Riboflavin BP 4. Thiamine Nitrate BP 5. Orange Oil BP 1. Albendazole BP/USP	Tk. 1,000.00 equivalent to US \$ 15.00	23/01/2008 at 11.00am	23/01/2008 at 11.15am
02.	IMP/RM/SEM/26/2007-2008 Dated: 07/01/2008	1. Diethyl Carbamazepine Citrate BP 2. Maize Starch BP 3. Microcrystalline Cellulose BP (Avicel Ph. 101) 4. Povidone-K30 BP 5. Colloidal Anhydrous Silica BP/USP NP (Aerosil-200) 6. Magnesium Stearate BP 7. Talcum Powder BP 8. Sodium Saccharin BP	Tk. 2,700.00 equivalent to US \$ 39.00	24/01/2008 at 11.00am	24/01/2008 at 11.15am
03.	IMP/RM/SEM/27/2007-2008 Dated: 07/01/2008	1. Diethyl Carbamazepine Citrate BP 2. Maize Starch BP 3. Microcrystalline Cellulose BP (Avicel Ph. 101) 4. Povidone-K30 BP 5. Colloidal Anhydrous Silica BP/USP NP (Aerosil-200) 6. Magnesium Stearate BP 7. Talcum Powder BP 8. Sodium Saccharin BP	Tk. 1,900.00 equivalent to US \$ 28.00	28/01/2008 at 11.00am	28/01/2008 at 11.15am

Tender schedule with terms and conditions will be available for sale at the above address on all working days during office hours. No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

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Invitation for Tender (Works & Goods)
Tender Notice Number: 03/2007-08

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the eligible tenderers as defined in the tender documents for the under mentioned works as per terms and conditions stated below:

Registered Non Government Primary School Development Project (Phase-III) [GOB]				
Package No.	Name of Works	Tender security (Tk.)	Time for completion (days)	Price of tender documents (Tk.)
RNGPS/WD4.204	Re const. of Amirabad Joynob Kabir Reg. NGPS	30800.00	180	750
RNGPS/WD4.205	Re const. of Toyeb Ashraf Reg. NGPS	31100.00	180	750
RNGPS/WD4.206	Re const. of Chunati Ansar VDP Reg. NGPS	31100.00	180	750
RNGPS/WD4.207	Re const. of South Chalkirani Chingishah Reg. NGPS	31100.00	180	750
RNGPS/WD4.208	Re const. of Shahid Meor Nazmul Haque Reg. NGPS	31100.00	180	750
RNGPS/WD1.36	Re const. of Lohagara Upazila Sadar Foyez Shafi Reg. NGPS	38200.00	180	750
RNGPS/WD4.574	Re const. of Dakhin Putibila Suffi Fakir Reg. NGPS	30800.00	180	750
RNGPS/WD4.575	Re const. of Hazaribigha Nurul Islam ma. Reg. NGPS	31100.00	180	750
RNGPS/WD4.576	Re const. of Pashim Kalauzan Elahi Mohammed Reg. NGPS	30800.00	180	750
RNGPS/WD4.577	Re const. of Uttar Kalauzan Tarani Sen Reg. NGPS	30800.00	180	750
RNGPS/WD5.360	Manuf. & Supply of Fur.at Amirabad Joynob Kabir Reg. NGPS	3200.00	60	150
RNGPS/WD5.361	Manuf. & Supply of Fur.at Toyeb Ashraf Reg. NGPS	3200.00	60	150
RNGPS/WD5.362	Manuf. & Supply of Fur.at Chunati Ansar VDP Reg. NGPS	3200.00	60	150
RNGPS/WD5.363	Manuf. & Supply of Fur.at South Chalkirani Chingishah Reg. NGPS	3200.00	60	150
RNGPS/WD5.364	Manuf. & Supply of Fur.at Shahid Meor Nazmul Haque Reg. NGPS	3200.00	60	150
RNGPS/WD5.66	Manuf. & Supply of Fur.at Lohagara Upazila Sadar Foyez Shafi Reg. NGPS	3500.00	60	150
RNGPS/WD5.813	Manuf. & Supply of Fur.at Dakhin Putibila Suffi Fakir Reg. NGPS	3200.00	60	150
RNGPS/WD5.814	Manuf. & Supply of Fur.at Hazaribigha Nurul Islam ma. Reg. NGPS	3200.00	60	150
RNGPS/WD5.815	Manuf. & Supply of Fur.at Pashim Kalauzan Elahi Mohammed Reg. NGPS	3200.00	60	150
RNGPS/WD5.816	Manuf. & Supply of Fur.at Uttar Kalauzan Tarani Sen Reg. NGPS	3200.00	60	150

Government Primary School Reconstruction & Renovation Project (Phase-II) [GOB]				
Package No.	Name of Works	Tender security (Tk.)	Time for completion (days)	Price of tender documents (Tk.)
GPSRRP/WD1.716	Re const. of Amtoli GPS	38200.00	180	750
GPSRRP/WD1.717	Re const. of 52no. Purbo Putibila GPS	38200.00	180	750
GPSRRP/GP4.979	Manuf. & Supply of Fur.at Amtoli GPS	3500.00	60	150
GPSRRP/GP4.980	Manuf. & Supply of Fur.at 52no. Purbo Putibila GPS	3500.00	60	150

- Source of Funds** : Registered Non Government Primary School Development Project (Phase-III) [GOB] and Government Primary School Reconstruction & Renovation Project (Phase-II) [GOB]
- Date, time and place of pre-tender meeting** : Date : **21-01-2008**, Time: **12.00 AM** and Place: Office of the undersigned
- Last date, time and places of selling tender documents** : Date: **30-01-2008**, Time: **4.00 PM** and Places: Office of the undersigned / The Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Chittagong / The Upazila Engineer, LGED, Upazila: Satkania, Dist.: Chittagong.
- Last date, time and places of receiving tender** : Date: **31-01-2008**, Time: **12.00 noon** and Places: Office of the undersigned / The Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Chittagong / The Upazila Engineer, LGED, Upazila: Satkania, Dist.: Chittagong
- Date, time and place of opening of tender** : Date: **31-01-2008**, Time: **04.00PM** and Place: Office of the undersigned

Tender shall be valid for a period of 60 days after bid opening and must be accompanied by the tender security specified above. Interested tenderer may obtain further information from the office of the undersigned and purchase the tender documents in cash/treasury chalan / bank draft from the places mentioned above. The tenderer or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend the opening of tenders. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

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