

Keegan wants more time

Football

AFP, London

Kevin Keegan pleaded for more time to turn around Newcastle United as the excitement faded out of this return as manager.

The Tyneside hero insisted his players had the ability required to turn the Magpies into a club capable of challenging for trophies, but were woefully short on confidence.

Motivation rather than tactical nous has formed the backbone of Keegan's managerial career and he needs it more than ever to get the much-anticipated 'Keegan revolution' underway.

His return to St James' Park has started with a goalless draw against Bolton and two 3-0 defeats at Arsenal, dampening the early enthusiasm surrounding his comeback after more than a decade away.

"Sometimes a new manager coming in does give a team a quick up-lift but it hasn't happened with us," said the two-time European footballer of the year.

"People with common sense -- and I think most of our fans have got a lot of that -- know it's not going to happen overnight."

"Football's never been any

different; it takes time."

Newcastle have failed to score in six of their last seven games. Captain Michael Owen has scored two league goals all season and his strike partner Alan Smith has not scored at all for the club.

Keegan said the team was lacking confidence, but once the goals return, so would the self-belief.

"It's a big club and therefore if you've got a problem somewhere, it's a bigger problem," he said.

"We're not creating enough chances. It's not due to lack of effort, but a little bit of invention."

"There's good character amongst them but we do have to lift them up, that's what my job is, because players don't like getting beat."

"You just need confidence and confidence comes from a win. We play Middlesbrough on Sunday, that will be another tough game but it's at home. The crowd will stick with us."

As part of the structural changes introduced by chairman Mike Ashley, Dennis Wise has quit as Leeds manager to become Newcastle's director of football.

Keegan said he knew before returning that the position would be created and understands generally what it entails. Wise is a football-savvy head on the club's

board, reporting to Keegan, handling recruitment.

"The idea in principle is very good: to bring a lot of youngsters in, to shore up what we haven't got enough of in our academy. It's really for my benefit," Keegan said.

"Not to help us for today, but tomorrow looks good for this club."

"I think it will work very well, but time will tell."

His Newcastle side lost at Emirates Stadium for the second time in four days on Tuesday.

Arsenal's Togo striker Emmanuel Adebayor headed in Mathieu Flamini's cross in the 40th minute before the France midfielder blasted in a superb long-range shot in the 72nd.

Spain midfielder Cesc Fabregas struck the third eight minutes later to complete the rout.

Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger gave his diagnosis of Newcastle's problems.

"I think they have the spirit; their approach, their building of the game is good."

"They need something in the final ball, a player who can get them to take advantage of what they do."

The Gunners have no such troubles and are duelling with champions Manchester United at the top of the English Premier

League, with League Cup finalists Chelsea not far behind.

"What is very important for us is to get ourselves in a position in April where we are head to head with Manchester United. For that we need to be consistent and win our games," Wenger said.

The Frenchman said his team has vastly improved over the past 12 months.

"They can dig in and I feel they are much more mature," he said.

"We know when to control the game, when to keep the ball and when to accelerate."

"One year ago, we were not capable of doing that."

Two key players involved in the turnaround scored against Newcastle.

Wenger said of compatriot Flamini, whom he hopes will finalise a new contract soon: "His work rate is tremendous. The timing of his runs are good and his composure with the final ball is great, which was not the case before."

And he praised Adebayor.

"He has many assets for a striker because he's mobile, he's tall and he has quick feet. So he can score with his feet, he can score in the air," Wenger said.

"He's a generous type of player; he works for the team so he's a striker you dream to have."

Becks to tour Far East

AFP, Los Angeles

English football star David Beckham will lead the Los Angeles Galaxy into South Korea and China in March as part of a pre-season Asia tour announced Tuesday by the Major League Soccer club.

The Galaxy will meet FC Seoul on March 1 at the World Cup stadium and visit Shanghai on March 5 to face a China All-Star Union side of young talents, each stop capitalizing on Beckham's incredible popularity in Asia.

Manchester United and Real Madrid also made several Asian tours with Beckham in the line-up.

"These are important games in our club's preparation for the MLS season and I expect fans in Seoul and Shanghai will remember the LA Galaxy visiting their cities for a very long time," Galaxy assistant general manager Tom Payne said.

Beckham and the Galaxy went to Australia and New Zealand after last season.

The Asian tour will follow a February tournament in Hawaii, the first Pan Pacific Championship, pitting the Galaxy and MLS champion Houston Dynamo against an Australian side and Japanese champion Gamba Osaka.

The February 20 Los Angeles-Osaka match will mark the coaching debut for Ruud Gullit with the Galaxy after replacing Frank Yallop last month.

Osim attends friendly

Football

AFP, Tokyo

Former Japan coach Ivica Osim attended a friendly against his home country, Bosnia, here Wednesday in his first public appearance since suffering a serious stroke in November.

The 66-year-old Osim was in good spirits and he walked with a cane to Tokyo's National Stadium, flanked by his wife Asima and two sons, before the match with Japan, coached by his hometown replacement Takeshi Okada.

Okada previously guided Japan to their winless World Cup finals debut in France in 1998.

The Osim family watched the

match from a glassed-in room with Osim waving to spectators and eating. Some of the spectators held up cards reading "Welcome back, Osim" and "Okada and Osim: the strongest."

"I am continuing treatment and I wish to thank everyone for giving me assistance," Osim, known for his pithy remarks, said in a statement released during the match, which the home side won 3-0.

"I hope to see a wonderful game between Japan and Bosnia, both of which are connected with us," he said. "Whatever the result may be, I hope it will be great football that prevails. I hope the two national teams will meet again in South Africa (at the 2010 World Cup)."

Osim collapsed at his home

outside Tokyo on the early morning of November 16 after watching an English Premier League match, according to the football association. He came out of a coma two weeks later.

A lanky one-time Strasbourg striker who piloted the former Yugoslavia to the 1990 World Cup quarterfinals as coach, Osim has been undergoing rehabilitation at a medical centre in Tokyo since leaving intensive care on Christmas Eve.

Japan beat a disappointing Bosnia and Herzegovina thanks largely to a brace from substitute Koji Yamase.

It was Okada's second match in his second stint as coach. Japan battled to a scoreless draw against Chile last Saturday.

Trap denies Ireland link

AFP, Vienna

Italian coach Giovanni Trapattoni insisted on Wednesday that he is not negotiating to take over the Republic of Ireland team.

"I admire the imagination of certain managers. Two weeks ago, I was being linked with Africa, last week it was in England and now we are talking to Ireland," the veteran coach, who is currently in charge of Austrian first division side Salzburg, told the APA news agency.

"I'm curious to see where I will be next week."

British TV station Sky Sports had reported on Tuesday that Trapattoni was in contact with the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) with the aim of succeeding Steve Staunton who was sacked after failing to take the team to the Euro 2008 finals.

Valencia at a loss

Football

REUTERS, Madrid

Valencia midfielder Joaquin said team morale has suffered since Ronald Koeman took charge as coach last November.

"Ever since the boss took over things have got worse," the Spain international was quoted as saying in Marca on Wednesday.

"Sometimes we have improved a little during a game, but it hasn't lasted long and that has sapped our confidence."

"The team is gutted, we are full of doubt and it is difficult to get out of a situation like this although we are the only ones

who are capable of sorting it out."

He added that players were at a loss as to how to halt the side's dramatic downturn in form.

Valencia have won just one of their 10 league matches since Koeman took over and they are now just five points above the relegation zone in 11th place in the table.

The team were fourth in the league when the club decided to sack Koeman's predecessor Quique Sanchez Flores.

Joaquin said that the team had been affected by the upheaval and by Koeman's decision to sideline three of the clubs most experienced players, David

Albelda and Miguel Angel Angulo and Santiago Canizares.

"The team has been affected and it is obvious the team isn't working," he said. "It is an awful situation because they are players who have been at Valencia for a long time and they are our team mates."

"Because of our reputation and the players that we have we must get out of this but what worries us is that we want to but can't seem to be able to."

Valencia play Atletico Madrid at the Calderon in the return leg of the quarter-finals of the King's Cup on Wednesday. They hold a 1-0 advantage after last week's first leg.

Gallardo moves to DC United

AFP, Washington

Argentina midfielder Marcelo Gallardo, a former World Cup starter who played in France last season, has signed a deal to play for DC United of Major League Soccer, the US club announced Tuesday.

The 32-year-old South American standout is United's first designated player, a high-profile talent signed beyond MLS salary limits - the same exception that allowed English star midfielder David Beckham to join the Los Angeles Galaxy.

Gallardo, who played for Argentina in the 1998 and 2002 World Cups, scored two goals in 13 games for Paris Saint Germain last year after starring with Monaco from 1999-2003 and returning home to play at River Plate from 2003-2006.



Argentine legend Diego Armando Maradona (C) is flanked by Chelsea stars Michael Ballack (L) and Andriy Shevchenko during a visit to their training ground in Cobham on Monday.

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Re-Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in local currency are invited from bonafide manufacturer(s)/dealer(s)/supplier(s)/indenter (enlisted firms in DGDP) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Air Force.

Sl No.	Name of items & Qty	Schedule selling date	Tender opening date	Currency	Tender No	Cost of /VT Tk
1	Shoes Canvas (Camo) O/A Qty-15,000 Pr	06-02-08 to 26-02-08	28-02-2008	Local	9829/AP-6	1,000.00 4 th time

2. Tender schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available on payment in respective value (non-refundable) on any working day between 0800 hrs to 1300 hrs. The tender will be opened on the specified date at 1000 hrs in presence of the bidders (if present).

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Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for the undermentioned work as per following terms and conditions:-

1. Name of work	: RMO Building during the year 2007-2008 (SH- Essential works in different rooms/floors of CATC Training Centre) at ZIA, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
2. Source of funds	: Own fund of Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB).
3. Tender package No	: CD-2/30/2007-2008.
4. Invitation of tenders Ref. & date	: CAAB-W-574(E-3)/Part-100/997, dated: 30.12.2007.
5. Time for completion of works	: 15 (fifteen) days.
6. Eligibility of tenderers	: Local bonafide civil contractors/CAAB enlisted "C" class & above (Civil) contractor.
7. Cost of tender document	: Tk. 500/- (five hundred) only (non-refundable).
8. Earnest money	: Tk. 12,000/- (twelve thousand) only as earnest money must be submitted along with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, Civil Division-2, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
9. Name and address of the offices selling tender document	: a) Executive Engineer, Civil Division-2, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka. b) PA to Member (Operation & Planning), CAAB HQ, Dhaka. c) PA to Chief Engineer, CAAB HQ, Dhaka. d) PA to Superintending Engineer, Civil Circle, Dhaka. e) CAAB Headquarter, Cash Section, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
10. Name of the office receiving tenders	: Office of the Executive Engineer, Civil Division-2, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
11. Name and address of the office opening tenders	: Office of the Executive Engineer, Civil Division-2, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
12. Last date and time for selling the tender documents	: 25/02/2008 up to 17.00 hours.
13. Last date and time for submission of tenders	: 26/02/2008 up to 12.00 hours.
14. Date and time of opening tender	: 26/02/2008 at 12.30 hours (in presence of tenderers or their authorised representative if any).
15. Special conditions	: If communication is disrupted on the last dated of receiving and opening the tender, tenders will be received on the next working day. Other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.

ABM Habibur Rahman
Executive Engineer (C.C)
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CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229

CAAB/PR-48/2008/72
Date: 27-1-2008
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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Local Government Engineering Department
Upazila Towns Infrastructure Development Project
Level-9, RDEC Bhaban
Agargaon, Dhaka-1207

Memo No. LGED/PD(UTIDP)/Senior UPM Expert/2008/1421
Date: 27-1-2008

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) (Individual) for Selection & Employment of Senior Urban Planning and Management Expert

Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) has been allocated fund towards the cost of the Upazila Town Infrastructure Development Project (UTIDP) and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this fund to cover eligible payments under the contracts for appointment of Senior Urban Planning and Management Expert (national).

The scope of services for the assignment includes but not limited to the following:

- Support Project Director in all matters related to preparation of Pourashava Master Plan under UTIDP.
- Studying all related documents related to preparation of Pourashava Master Plan under the project.
- Help the team leader to prepare guidelines to ensure preparation of Pourashava Master Plan by the engaged consulting firms as per TOR.
- Help the team leader to examine the reports and maps submitted by the engaged consulting firms related to preparation of Pourashava Master Plan and ensure the performance of the consultants as per TOR.
- Prepare guidelines to ensure effective involvement of Pourashava in the preparation of Master Plans.
- Supervise and ensure proper preparation of Master Plan at field level.
- Ensure regular submission of reports to the Project Director.

The qualifications and experience required for the assignment are as follows:

- Bachelor degree in Urban & Regional Planning/B.Sc in Civil Engineering from any recognized university/institute.
- At least 20 years of work experience including 10 years of experience in the field of urban planning, urban development, project management, monitoring & evaluation and issues related to urban governance.

The Local Government Engineering Department now invites eligible Applicants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Applicants are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (complete CV with other details as required as per the Application Forms provided by the undersigned). An Applicant may express his/her interest for the position.

Candidates will be short-listed for the position of Senior Urban Planning and Management Expert using the selection of individual consultant sub-method in accordance with the Public Procurement Regulations, 2003 and Public Procurement Procedures issued by the GoB. It is expected that the services will be commenced on 16th March/2008.

Interested Applicants are required to submit their expressions of interest in accordance with the Application Forms and may obtain the request for Application document from the office of the undersigned. Expressions of Interest (EOI) shall be submitted by the applicants on or before 3-3-2008 up to 2:30pm in sealed envelope delivered to the undersigned and be clearly marked "Expression of Interest for Selection of Senior Urban Planning and Management Expert. Only short-listed candidates will be invited for an interview."

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E in C's Branch
Works Directorate
Dhaka Cantonment

Invitation for Tenders

Notice No. 300/Ad/68/E-3
Dated: 24 Jan 2008

Military Engineer Services

1. Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Defence.				
2. Agency	: Military Engineer Services.				
3. Procuring entity name	: E in C.				
4. Procuring entity district	: Dhaka.				
5. Procurement method	: Open tendering method (OTM).				
6. Budget and source of funds	: GOB.				
7. Development partners (if applicable)	: None.				
8. Project/programme name (if applicable)	: Renovation/addition/alteration/modification works to Bldg No. 355 (330) 1x8 'D' Type Qtr (Foreign Student Officers Qtr) of DSCSC at Mirpur Cantt.				
9. Selling of tender will commence from	: 04 Feb 2008 (during office hour).				
10. Selling of tender will close on	: 25 Feb 2008 (during office hour).				
11. Last date & time of submission of tender	: 26 Feb 2008 at 1200 hours.				
12. Date & time of opening of tender	: 26 Feb 2008 at 1230 hours.				
13. Name & address of the office(s)	: Tender Selling & Information Centre at GE (Army) Project Dhaka & AHQ, E in C's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantonment. -Receiving tender document Tender Selling & Information Centre at GE (Army) Project Dhaka. -Opening tender document Tender Selling & Information Centre at GE (Army) Project Dhaka.				
14. Eligibility of tenderer	: a. MES enlisted contractors Class-D & E. b. On receipt of security clearance, contractors borne in the approved list of govt/semi-govt/autonomous body or organisation may be apply for tender. c. Each cases has done a similar work for Lot No. 15 (a) Tk 10,00,000.00 in a single tender during the last 05 (five) years.				
15. Brief description of works					
Lot No	Identification of lot	Location	Price of tender document (non-refundable)	Tender security in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/ Bank Guarantee in favour of AHQ, E in C's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantt. (Taka)	Completion time in weeks/ months
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Manufacture & supply of furniture against renovation/addition/ alteration/modification works to Bldg No. 355 (330) 1x8 'D' Type Qtr (Foreign Student Officers Qtr) of DSCSC at Mirpur Cantt.	Dhaka Cantt	1,000/-	65,000.00	03 (three) months
16. Name of official inviting tender	Director of Works.				
17. Designation of official inviting tender	Director of Works.				
18. Address of official inviting tender	Army Headquarters, E in C's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantonment. Web address: www.army.mil.bd				
19. Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel No. 8752870	Fax No. NA	e-mail-NA		
20. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.					

Director of Works
Works Directorate
Engineer in Chief's Branch
Dhaka Cantonment

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