



Barcelona president Joan Laporta addresses a news conference after surviving an emergency board meeting on Thursday.

## Laporta stays in charge

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AFP, Madrid

Barcelona's under-fire president Joan Laporta on Thursday survived an emergency board meeting, but eight other leading officials resigned in protest at the Spanish giants.

The eight, including three vice-presidents out of a total of 17 board members, opposed Laporta continuing in his post, said Albert Vicens.

Thursday's meeting followed a weekend vote of confidence which Laporta barely survived.

Vicens said the vote showed club members are "deeply unhappy" with Laporta's leadership of Barcelona, which has failed to win any silverware in the past two seasons.

"Our feeling is not shared by the president nor by those who remain with him," Vicens said in a statement on behalf of the eight.

"We respect the legitimate decision of the colleagues (who remain) and we wish them much success in their work."

Laporta got the backing of just 37.75 per cent of the 39,389 club members who took part in the vote at the weekend, while 60.60 per cent voted against him staying on until his current mandate at the club ends in June 2010.

To be successful, the motion against Laporta needed to have the support of more than two-thirds of voters.

Laporta, who has headed the club since 2003 and was re-elected in 2006, said Tuesday he had no intention of stepping down.

Under his management the club won back-to-back league titles in 2005 and 2006, along with the Champions League in 2006.

But Barca ended last season in third place, missing out on automatic qualification for the lucrative Champions League.

In May, Dutch coach Frank Rijkaard was dismissed after five

years in the job and replaced by Spaniard Josep Guardiola.

The eight who resigned Thursday included the first vice-president, Albert Vicens, the sports vice-president, Marc Ingla, and the vice-president in charge of finance, Ferran Soriano.

The five others were Antoni Rovira, Claudia Vives-Fierro, Evarist Murtra, Xavier Cambra and Josep Lluís Vilaseca.

Laporta will have to appoint replacements for the eight, since the board must have at least 14 members for its decisions to be valid.

Barca was also in turmoil at the end of the 2004-2005 season despite winning the title that year.

Four members of the board, including the sports vice president Sandro Rosell, resigned, accusing the management of failing to carry its original plan for the club.

Rosell, who Laporta believes was behind Sunday's confidence vote, said the current management "is not independent or transparent or democratic".

## Milan ban Kaka from Beijing

AFP, Paris

AC Milan have banned star midfielder Kaka from playing for Brazil at the Beijing Olympics, the Italian giants said on their official website, www.acmilan.com.

Following news coming out of Brazil on the participation of Kaka at the Olympics, AC Milan reiterates its position of not allowing the player to join the Brazilian Olympic team," said the statement.

AC Milan said on May 19 that they would not give the 26-year-old the green light to play in China.

## Tough choice for C'Ron

AFP, London

David Beckham believes Cristiano Ronaldo faces the hardest decision of his life as the Manchester United winger contemplates a move to Real Madrid.

Beckham was in the same position as Ronaldo in 2003 when he quit United to join Real and the England star admitted he found it tough to walk away from Old Trafford.

Ronaldo must decide whether to push United to sell him after making it clear he wants to move to the Spanish champions and Beckham is convinced the Portugal international has been struggling to make his choice.

"Playing for Manchester United was my dream but so was playing for Real. It was an incredibly difficult choice to make and I'm sure it is the same for Cristiano," Beckham told the Sun.

"When I left Manchester United the only other club I wanted to play for was Real Madrid."

"Living in Madrid and playing for Madrid - there's not many better clubs than that apart from Manchester United, which is equal. But to have those two choices is good for him."

## Blatter was right

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AFP, London

Cristiano Ronaldo believes FIFA president Sepp Blatter was right to controversially describe him as being treated like a "modern-day slave" by current club Manchester United.

Ronaldo was responding to Blatter's comments made earlier in the day, in which the head of world football insisted the player should be allowed to join Spanish giants Real Madrid if he wants to.

"I completely agree with the FIFA president," said the player currently resting in Portugal after undergoing an ankle operation.

He added: "The president is correct, but I do not want to say more."

Real Madrid are believed to be prepared to offer around 85 million euros for the 23-year-old and pay him nine million euros on a five-year deal.

Ronaldo, a boyhood Real fan, has consistently been linked with a move to the Spanish capital since the end of last season after scoring an impressive 42 goals last term as United won both the Premier League and Champions League.

"There is no agreement with Real Madrid and I still don't know where I will be playing next season," Ronaldo said on Thursday, adding that he will be out for "10 to 12 weeks" to recover from his operation.

Wading into the protracted wrangle over the player's future, Blatter said that the current practice of tying players to long contracts amounts to "modern slavery".

And he urged Manchester United and Real Madrid "to sit together" if Ronaldo wants a move to the Spanish club.

"The important thing is we

should also protect the player," Blatter told Sky News.

"If the player wants to play somewhere else, then a solution should be found because if he stays in a club where he does not feel comfortable to play then it's not good for the player and for the club."

"I'm always in favour of protecting the player and if the player, he wants to leave, let him leave."

Blatter believes the issue raises questions about the way transfers and contracts are dealt with in the game.

"I think in football there's too much modern slavery in transferring players or buying players here and there, and putting them somewhere," he continued.

"We are trying now to intervene in such cases. The reaction to the Bosman law is to make long-lasting contracts in order to keep the players and then if he wants to leave, then there is only one solution, he has to pay his contract."

United issued a swift rebuke to Blatter's outburst, insisting that all their players were happy to sign contracts with the club and knew the consequences of entering into such an agreement.

A United spokesperson said: "All our players - like at other clubs - enter into their contracts after an open and free negotiation."

"Most of whom do after taking advice from a FIFA-registered agent."

"Many do so on a number of occasions and enjoy long and successful stays at Old Trafford."

UEFA's communications director William Gaillard, who serves as special advisor to European football governing body president Michel Platini, was also unimpressed by Blatter's outburst.

"It would be useful to remind people that slaves in all of the slavery systems never earned a wage," said Gaillard.

In contrast, Gaillard fears the Bosman ruling, which allows for

free transfers at the end of contracts, has given players the upper hand and contributed to spiralling wages.

"It seems that both clubs and players are trying to negotiate an exit before the player is free," Gaillard said.

"It is a consequence of the Bosman ruling - there is nothing we can do about that."

"It is obvious that today players have a lot more power than they did 20 years ago, undoubtedly, and agents have a lot more power than they did 20 years ago."

"It is true that salaries are spiralling out of control. Many clubs have pointed that out."

## MU in debt of 150,000 euros

AFP, Moscow

Champions League winners Manchester United still owe a Moscow transportation company 150,000 euros (237,000 dollars) for carrying their fans during the tournament, company manager Pyotr Ivanov claimed on Friday.

"We were serving three bus routes moving Chelsea and Manchester United fans from Sheremetyevo, Vnukovo and Domodedovo airports to the city and back," Ivanov told a news conference.

"Unfortunately Manchester United failed to pay off their debt and still owe our company about 150,000 euros," he added.

Ivanov said that only the companies that were working with Chelsea at the Champions' League final cleared off their debts completely.

On May 21 Manchester United won the title beating Premier League rivals Chelsea in a penalty shootout after the match finished 1-1 after extra-time.

## 'Slave' remarks satisfy Real

AFP, Madrid

Real Madrid are quietly satisfied with the comments by FIFA president Sepp Blatter urging Manchester United to allow Cristiano Ronaldo to leave the club, Spanish newspapers said Friday.

Two sports newspaper, AS and Marca, had front-page coverage of Blatter's comments, in which he controversially described Ronaldo as being treated like a "modern-day slave" by United.

The head of world football insisted the player should be allowed to join Spanish champions if he wants to.

"Even FIFA supports us on the question of Ronaldo," AS quoted a source at Real as saying.

Real Madrid are believed to be prepared to offer around 85 million euros (134 million dollars) for the 23-year-old and pay him nine million euros on a five-year deal.

## Inter close in on Mancini

AFP, Rome

Roma's Brazilian midfielder Mancini is expected to switch to Italian champions Inter Milan in a deal reported to be worth around 13 million euros.

"The two parties are satisfied," Inter official Gabriele Orioli told Sky television.

Italian media claimed that the 27-year-old would be paid around 3.5 million euros a season.

Mancini moved to Roma in January 2003 from Atletico Mineiro and in five seasons in the capital he won two Italian Cups, one Super Cup and played in two Champions League quarterfinals where Roma were beaten by Manchester United.

He played 154 matches in Serie A, scoring 40 goals.

## Liverpool sign Cavaleri

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AFP, Liverpool

Liverpool manager Rafa Benitez signed Brazilian goalkeeper Diego Cavaleri from Palmeiras on Friday.

Cavaleri, 25, agreed a four-year contract with the Premier League club and will act as understudy to first choice keeper Jose Reina.

"Liverpool have confirmed the signing of goalkeeper Diego Cavaleri from Brazilian outfit Palmeiras," a statement on the club's website read.

Cavaleri, believed to have cost three million pounds (3.7 million euros), is Rafa Benitez's third significant close-season capture after

the arrivals of Italian defender Andrea Dossena and Swiss full-back Philipp Degen.

The Brazilian knows he faces a tough fight to replace Reina but expects to be rewarded in the long-term.

"I know it won't be easy to get into the team," he told Liverpoolfc.tv. "I watched some Liverpool games in both the Premier League and Champions League last year and I know Pepe is a very good goalkeeper."

"But everyone has to fight for their place and I'm sure we will have a healthy rivalry."

"I know I will have to be patient and work very hard to achieve my aims - but it's always like that when you come from another country."

My confidence has got me where I am today and maybe people are aware of what I did at Palmeiras in Brazil. I am sure that one day I can get the number one position but that will only come with hard work."

Cavaleri joins fellow Brazilians Fabio Aurelio and Lucas at Liverpool and has already spoken to his compatriots to find out about life on Merseyside.

"I had an opportunity to talk to Lucas and Fabio when I arrived and they have welcomed me with open arms," he added. "They said that if there is anything I need they will help me. I'm very pleased that I'll be playing alongside some Brazilians."

## Nasri seals Gunners move

AFP, London



English Premier League side Arsenal on Friday completed the signing of French international midfielder Samir Nasri from Marseille.

The 21-year-old arrives on a long-term contract for an undisclosed fee, believed to be around 12 million pounds (23.7 million dollars).

Nasri, who will join up with the Arsenal squad on their pre-season tour of Austria on July 21, said: "I am very happy to become an Arsenal player, it means such a lot to me."

"This is a very important step in

my life as a football player because Arsenal is a massive club.

"I really hope everything will go well for me here. I will my best for Arsenal and its fans and I am honoured to be part of such a great football club."

Nasri, who was Marseille's Player of the Year in 2007, is Arsene Wenger's second close-season capture after the signing of Welsh starlet Aaron Ramsey from Cardiff.

The Gunners boss believes his latest acquisition has all the attributes to make an instant impact at the Emirates Stadium.

"Samir has shown great potential with his performances for Marseille and the French national team over the past two seasons and

he will add great quality to our squad," Wenger said.

"He is young, quick and technically an outstanding player."

Nasri's arrival could speed Alexander Hleb's departure after the Belarus winger told Gunners boss Arsene Wenger that he wanted to leave London because he can't stand the hectic lifestyle.

Barcelona are leading the chase for Hleb, who may not be the only player heading for the Emirates exit door.

Wenger is resigned to losing Brazilian midfielder Gilberto Silva to Greek club Panathinaikos and has a fight on his hands to persuade Emmanuel Adebayor to snub AC Milan's advances.

## Fowler heads for Rovers

AFP, London



Striker Robbie Fowler is set for a return to the Premier League after Cardiff announced he is joining Blackburn Rovers.

The 33-year-old former England forward was expected to sign a new one-year deal at Cardiff but told the club he would be joining Rovers.

Fowler's agent George Scott admitted the approach from Rovers was too good an opportunity to turn down.

"Robbie was all set to sign up at Cardiff but at the last minute Paul Ince came in and handed him a chance to return to the Premier League," Scott told the South Wales Echo.

"He started in the Premier League and it seems right to finish his career in the Premier League."

A statement on Cardiff's website confirmed the deal: "Late on Thursday Robbie informed us that he has been offered the opportunity to join Blackburn Rovers."

"We fully understand the lure of the Premier League was a major factor in his decision and we wish Robbie well in the future at his new club."

Fowler joined Cardiff last year after being released by Liverpool and scored six goals in 16 games for the Bluebirds. But he has not played since mid-December because of a hip injury that required surgery.

City chairman Peter Ridsdale insisted the release of Fowler would free up funds for other strikers to move to Ninian Park.

"We signed him last year with a year's option, but at this stage in his career it's understandable that he accepts an offer to go to the Premiership," he told BBC Radio

Wales.

"We have to thank Robbie and move on, he goes with our best wishes."

"His image rights were important to us last year, but now we're looking at what he could do on the field."

"Robbie's move frees up budget for us to look for another striker."

The move will reunite Fowler with new Blackburn manager Ince - an old friend since their time at Anfield.

Fowler, who joins Rovers on their pre-season tour to Germany, made his Liverpool debut in 1993, scoring 171 goals in 330 games before joining Leeds for 11 million pounds in 2001 and Manchester City for 6 million pounds in 2003.

He returned for a second spell at Anfield in January 2006, although his starting appearances were limited.

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মেরিন একাডেমীর ৪৫ তম ব্যাচে নটিক্যাল ও ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং শাখায় ক্যাডেট ভর্তির জন্য নির্বাচনী লিখিত পরীক্ষা ২০০৮ সালের সেপ্টেম্বর মাসের ২য় সপ্তাহে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। অগ্রহী প্রার্থীদের নিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

ভর্তির জন্য প্রার্থীদের নির্ধারিত যোগ্যতাসমূহঃ

- (ক) বয়স : ৩১ ডিসেম্বর ২০০৮ তারিখে সর্বোচ্চ ২১ বৎসর (অর্থাৎ জন্মতারিখ অবশ্যই ১ জানুয়ারী ১৯৮৮-এর পরে হতে হবে)।
- (খ) শিক্ষাগত : মাধ্যমিক(বিজ্ঞান) অথবা 'ও' লেভেল (গণিত ও পদার্থবিদ্যা) এবং উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক (বিজ্ঞান) অথবা 'এ' লেভেল (গণিত ও পদার্থবিদ্যা) উভয় পরীক্ষায় ন্যূনতম দ্বিতীয় বিভাগ অথবা জিপিএ ২.৫০ পেয়ে উত্তীর্ণ হতে হবে। উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক পরীক্ষায় গণিত অবশ্যই থাকতে হবে এবং পাশ নম্বর পেতে হবে। নির্ধারিত শর্তসমূহ পূরণ সাপেক্ষে ২০০৮ সালে উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণকারী প্রার্থীরাও সাময়িকভাবে আবেদন করতে পারবে।
- (গ) শারীরিক : প্রার্থীকে অবশ্যই উত্তম শারীরিক গঠন ও সুস্থতার অধিকারী হতে হবে। সর্বনিম্ন উচ্চতা ১৬২.৫ সে.মিঃ এবং সর্বনিম্ন ওজন ৫০ কেজি হতে হবে। তদুপরি, প্রার্থীকে নটিক্যাল ও ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং শাখার জন্য একাডেমীর তথ্যপুস্তিকায় উল্লিখিত নির্ধারিত দৃষ্টিশক্তি এবং কালার ভিশন অবশ্যই থাকতে হবে।
- (ঘ) সাতার : প্রার্থীকে অবশ্যই সাতার জানতে হবে এবং স্ট্যান্ডার্ড সুইমিং টেস্টে উত্তীর্ণ হতে হবে।
- (ঙ) সাধারণ : অনিবার্য পুরুষ নাগরিক হতে হবে।

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(খ) অধ্যক্ষ, ঢাকা কলেজ, ঢাকা।

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বিশেষ দ্রষ্টব্য :

- (ক) সোনালী ব্যাংকের যে কোন শাখা হতে গৃহীত কমান্ড্যান্ট, মেরিন একাডেমী, চট্টগ্রাম-এর অনুকূলে এবং সোনালী ব্যাংক, মেরিন একাডেমী শাখা, চট্টগ্রাম বরাবরে ৩০০/০০(তিনশত) টাকার একটি ক্রেসড ব্যাংক ড্রাফট আবেদনপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।
- (খ) কেবলমাত্র ২০০৮ সালের ইস্যুকৃত মেরিন একাডেমীর অনুমোদিত আবেদনপত্রে আবেদন করতে হবে। অন্যান্য আবেদনপত্র গৃহীত হবে না।
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- (ঘ) নিজ পূর্ণ তিকানা সন্বলিত ৮/০০(আট) টাকার ডাকচিফট মুক্ত ফেরৎ খাম অবশ্যই আবেদনপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।
- (ঙ) কোন প্রার্থী ২বার পরীক্ষায় অংশ গ্রহণ করে অকৃতকার্য হলে তার আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নেই।

আবেদনপত্র জমা দেয়ার শেষ তারিখঃ

যথাযথভাবে পূরণকৃত আবেদনপত্র অবশ্যই ১০ আগষ্ট ২০০৮ তারিখের মধ্যে ব্যক্তিগতভাবে বা নিবন্ধিত ডাকযোগে অথবা কোরিয়ার সার্ভিসের মাধ্যমে কেবলমাত্র কমান্ড্যান্ট, মেরিন একাডেমী, চট্টগ্রাম-৪২০৬ তিকানায় পৌছাতে হবে। উক্ত তারিখের পরে প্রাপ্ত কোন আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।

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সরকার কর্তৃক মনোনীত বিভিন্ন কমিটি কর্তৃক পর্যায়ক্রমে গৃহীত পরীক্ষাসমূহ উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের চূড়ান্ত মেধাতালিকা হতে ক্যাডেট নির্বাচন করা হয়ে থাকে। এ বিষয়ে কোন তথ্যকথিত এজেন্সী বা ব্যক্তির স্মরণাপন্ন না হওয়ায় অন্য সতর্ক করা যাচ্ছে। যদি কোন অসৎ ব্যক্তি এ বিষয়ে কাহাকেও প্রভাষণ করার চেষ্টা করে বা অর্ধের বিনিময়ে ভর্তির আশ্বাস দেয় তাহলে তাকে অবিলম্বে নিকটস্থ আইন প্রয়োগকারী সংস্থার নিকট সোপর্দ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

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