



Brazil right-back Daniel Alves (C) runs past Oman's Mohammed al-Balushi (R) and Hassan al-Ghailani during their international friendly at the Qaboos Stadium in Muscat on Tuesday.

## Brazil ease past Oman

AFP, Muscat

Brazil won their second friendly in the Gulf with a 2-0 win over Oman at Muscat Stadium here on Tuesday.

Having beaten England 1-0 in Qatar on Saturday, Nilmar opened the scoring for the Brazilians here in the fourth minute, following up on a Luis Fabiano strike parried away by veteran Omani goalkeeper Ali al-Habshi.

Nilmar had a second denied just six minutes later, showing the form that has seen him score six of his country's last seven goals: three against Chile, and one each against Bolivia, England and now Oman.

Brazil's second, however, came from an own goal, defender Hasan al-Ghailani heading a Michel Bastos cross into his own net in the 61st minute.

The win saw Brazil well back to winning ways after a 2-1 reverse against Bolivia and a 0-0 draw with Venezuela in qualifiers for next year's World Cup had broken a stretch of 11 victories.

## Formula One Raikkonen to take a break

AFP, Helsinki

Outgoing Ferrari star Kimi Raikkonen will take next season off from Formula One as he could not get a deal with McLaren his manager Steve Robertson was quoted as saying in the Finnish media.

"The choices in Formula One for the next season were McLaren or nothing. Kimi and McLaren could not reach an agreement so he will not drive on Formula One level for at least next season," Robertson said in an interview with the Turun Sanomat newspaper.

He said they were not negotiating with other Formula One teams and added that the 29-year-old Finn will now concentrate on other areas and could be complete in some rally next season.

Robertson did not rule out Raikkonen returning to Formula One after a year off if a suitable team was found.

"Kimi is still full of the will to drive. A gap year will not mean anything in that respect. It means more that we can find a place for Kimi where he can compete to win and (compete) for the world championship," he said.

Ferrari decided to part company with Raikkonen in September and Fernando Alonso will take his position.

But Robertson insisted that Raikkonen, who won the world championship for Ferrari in 2007, remained one of the best drivers in the world.

## Flores down with swine flu

AFP, Madrid

Atletico Madrid coach Quique Sanchez Flores has gone down with the H1N1 swine flu virus, the Spanish club announced on Tuesday.

"Tests have confirmed that the coach is suffering from the flu," Atletico reported in a statement on the club's website.

"The manager is following the appropriate treatment and a good recovery is predicted," the club added.

First team training has been handed to assistant coach Fran Escriba in the absence of 44-year-old Flores - who was only appointed to the post on October 23 after Abel Resino was sacked.

Atletico, struggling in third from bottom of the table, play Deportivo La Coruna in the Spanish league on Sunday.

## Hanover to play in special shirt

AFP, Berlin

Bundesliga club Hanover 96 will play Schalke 04 this Saturday in a special shirt dedicated to the memory of their former captain Robert Enke who committed suicide last week.

The 32-year-old goalkeeper, who was set to travel with the Germany squad to South Africa for next June's World Cup, flung himself under a train on Tuesday, November 10 and was buried last Sunday.

Saturday's game at Schalke 04's Veltins Arena will be Hanover's first league game after the tragedy and the team will play in a special shirt with a small number one in a black circle in the centre of the chest.

The German Football League (DFL) have already approved the special shirt.

# Carlo happy at Chelsea

Football

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Carlo Ancelotti says he is tempted by the chance to lead Italy but is only thinking about Chelsea for now.

Marcello Lippi, who led the side to World Cup success in 2006, has returned to coach the side following Roberto Donadoni's disappointing Euro 2008 campaign, but he has come under fire from fans and the press for his refusal to select the likes of Antonio Cassano and Amauri.

Lippi is expected to leave Italy after the finals next summer but, while Ancelotti admits he would love to coach an international side, he insists he is intending to stay at Stamford Bridge for the foreseeable future.

"I like the idea of coaching a national team, but at the moment, I'm staying at Chelsea," he told La Repubblica. "In June, I want to enjoy the

live games as a spectator.

"I won't be the Italian coach next season. I'm the Chelsea coach and I want to finish this beautiful adventure."

Meanwhile, Napoli sporting director Riccardo Bigon has denied reports Chelsea are set to make a January swoop for Marek Hamsik.

Reports in England have claimed that Chelsea are lining up a bid for Slovakia midfielder Hamsik, who scored the only goal of the game as his country beat USA in a friendly at the weekend.

However, Bigon insists they have no intention of allowing the 22-year-old to leave and that the focus is more on potential arrivals than sales.

"There is no official request for buying him," he told Sky Italia. "Marek is indispensable to the club. He is not for sale."

"We have a huge team with 25 players, and it's tough to bring a new addition to the team but, if there's a chance to improve, we will. We will take a look in the next transfer window to see if there's something interesting to do."

# Trio fit to face City

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Liverpool's injury problems appear to be easing somewhat with the return of Steven Gerrard, Daniel Agger and Glen Johnson should all be fit to feature against Manchester City at the weekend.

None of the three have been involved with their respective countries during the international break and of paramount importance to Benitez is the news that his captain, Gerrard, appears to have shaken off a troublesome groin problem.

Gerrard has made only one appearance as a substitute since England's game against Ukraine on October 10 but, along with defenders Agger and Johnson, should be available when Mark Hughes' men come to Anfield on Saturday.

Star striker Fernando Torres will not be available though as he continues to undergo treatment for a groin injury.

"Agger is okay. He had a small problem with his back but he's training," Rafael Benitez told the club's official website. "It was a very good decision from Denmark's

manager (to withdraw Agger) because he is much better now. I think he'll be okay for the weekend."

"Johnson has been training. Not full sessions, but training, so hopefully he'll be okay for the weekend too. Gerrard is doing well. He finished a full training session today, so if he can carry on then he'll be okay as well. Fernando Torres is training with the physios, so I don't think he'll be available."

Meanwhile, Benitez is adopting a positive outlook regarding Yossi Benayoun and Albert Riera, both of whom were expected to be sidelined for four weeks after sustaining hamstring injuries in a 2-2 draw with Birmingham on November 9. David Ngog should be okay to face City despite breaking his nose on international duty but Fabio Aurelio will miss out.

"I was talking about four weeks but they (Benayoun and Riera) are working hard with the physios and doing special treatments," Benitez said. "We have to check but maybe they'll be back earlier than expected."

"We know Ngog has broken his nose but it's not serious. I am not sure yet because we haven't seen him but I think he'll be okay, it won't be seri-

ous. He (Aurelio) is improving but still has a little bit of a problem with his calf. It will be difficult for him to play against Man City."

In further news from Liverpool, the club have completed the signing of Luton Town's Under-15 player Dave Moli for an undisclosed fee.

## Police probe Boli

AFP, Paris

Former French international defender Basile Boli was placed under investigation on Tuesday for breach of trust by the French fraud squad.

The 42-year-old - who scored the goal that secured Marseille the 1993 Champions League trophy with a 1-0 win over AC Milan - is president of the 'Undertaking to direct Africa' (ERA) organisation.

Boli, who also had spells at Auxerre, Scottish giants Rangers, Monaco and Japanese outfit Urawa Red Diamonds, was informed that he had been placed under investigation on Tuesday morning.

## IN BRIEF

### Guinea football team dissolved

AFP, Dakar

The Guinea football team was dissolved on Tuesday by the Minister of Sports after failing to qualify for the 2010 World Cup finals and the African Nations Cup.

According to a reliable source contacted by AFP in Dakar the minister Fodeba Ito Keira announced "The Guinea national side has been dissolved for insufficient results and ill-discipline."

The decision by Keira, who has been in the post since July, comes two days after Guinea - who reached the quarter-finals of the last three African Nations Cup finals - lost 3-0 to the Ivory Coast leaving them bottom of their group with just three points.

Keira also announced that coaches Mamadi Souare, Fode Laye Camara and Mandjou Diallo had also been sacked after just four months in the posts when they replaced veteran French handler Robert Nouzzaret, who had been sacked by the president of the ruling junta of the country, Capitaine Moussa Dadis Camara.

### Italy disappoint Kuyt

AFP, London

Dutch striker Dirk Kuyt said he was "disappointed" by the lack of respect Italy showed during last weekend's friendly which saw fellow Netherlands forward Robin van Persie sustain an injury.

The Arsenal striker was stretchered off the pitch after being tackled by Italian defender Giorgio Chiellini 14 minutes into Saturday's goalless draw in Pescara and could be out of action for up to six weeks.

Van Persie absolves Chiellini of blame but Kuyt said the challenge on the striker was symptomatic of Italy's over-physical approach to what was only a friendly international.

"I was very disappointed (by Italy)," Kuyt told Sky Sports.

"We played a friendly against a big country and if you see the way they kicked us it's very sad, very sad for the Dutch team and also very sad for Robin because he was in great form," the Liverpool forward added.

"I think it was a bad tackle. Sometimes you think about this when you play a friendly for your country there should be more respect for each other and hopefully it won't happen in the future."

### C'Ron to resume full training

AFP, Madrid

Real Madrid star Cristiano Ronaldo is to resume group training on Friday, several weeks after suffering an ankle injury, the club said.

The world's most expensive player could therefore be ready to join the squad to face FC Zurich in the Champions League on November 25, before playing in the "clasico" match at Barcelona four days later.

Real said he underwent tests on Tuesday by the club's medical services and by Dutch doctor Nicholas van Dijk, who previously operated on the Portuguese winger in 2008.

"It was decided that Cristiano Ronaldo should continue his recovery protocol until the final pre-established date which is next Friday, at which point he can resume group training," it said in a statement.

# Long drives await fans

AFP, Johannesburg



With 450,000 visitors expected in South Africa for the World Cup, organisers are at pains to reassure that fans will find enough hotel rooms - but not always in smaller host cities on match days.

The surge in demand during the South African winter, typically low season for tourism, has also sent prices soaring up to six times the normal rates.

That's raised fears that South Africa could miss out on a chance to market itself as tourist spot if it scares away return visitors with high prices.

South Africa already receives more than nine million tourists a year, and the country has more than 200,000 rooms available, according to Rich Mkhondo, spokesman for the World Cup organisers.

But many hotels are concentrated in major cities like Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban, where no problems are expected.

Smaller host cities like the northern town of Polokwane and Nelspruit, a gateway to Kruger national park, won't have enough rooms, especially if they play host to big games.

Vivienne Bervoets, an accommodation manager at FIFA's hospitality scheme known as Match, says South Africa has enough rooms if they are used properly.

Match is still 8,000 short of the 55,000 rooms it wants to book, she said, and has even started working with a service that is booking private homes to rent out to fans, she said.

Organisers have known all along that fans would likely need to use bigger cities as a base and then shuttle to smaller venues, she added.

"Due to the demand on accommodation as a whole and the possibility of increased demand for peak matches, our strategy has always been to draw on accommodation nationally to support all host cities," she told AFP.

Match is broadening its reach by including

guesthouses and bed and breakfasts for the first time, which South Africa hopes will help small entrepreneurs get into the game.

"This will be the legacy the tournament will leave behind," said Thembi Kunene, who works with the national tourism authority's hotel grading council.

"We are going to improve our small and medium enterprises sector," he said.

Many of those small guesthouses, and even large hotel chains like Hyatt, are choosing not to work with Match because they don't want to be forced to hand over large blocks of rooms.

Small businesses also say they don't want to go through the expense of having their establishments graded for a star ranking.

"We didn't sign because Match is trying to force it (grading) down our throats, which is meant to be voluntary," said Peter Hamm, a director at the Bed and Breakfast Association of South Africa, which has more than 4,000 members.

"We are doing our own marketing and most of our establishments are fully booked," though not always by football fans, he said.

Hoping to ease congestion on the streets, South Africa has changed its school calendar so that students will take their mid-year vacation during the World Cup, meaning many local families are also now scrambling for rooms.

Taken together, many airlines and hotels are advertising rates up to six times their prices. While mark-up during major events happens everywhere in the world, tourism officials worry that sky-high rates will damage South Africa's reputation as a reasonably priced destination.

"We had complaints about establishments and private homes charging and Exorbitant prices and we are concerned. We ask people to be reasonable and not to escalate prices," Mkhondo said.

"South Africa is a free market economy and its a supply and demand issue there is nothing we can do about it," Kunene said.

"We are appealing to people's capitalism instincts that please don't overcharge and create a bad name for our country and industry."



Jamaica's Rodolph Austin (R) shrugs off South Africa striker Katlego Mphela (C) during their international friendly at the Free State Stadium in Bloemfontein on Tuesday.

# SA goal drought goes on

Football

AFP, Bloemfontein

Goal-shy 2010 World Cup hosts South Africa flopped again on Tuesday when held 0-0 by Jamaica in a lacklustre friendly.

Bafana Bafana (The Boys) have not scored for 385 minutes and the first African nation chosen to stage the international football showpiece ended a 17-match schedule this year with just nine goals and four victories.

The closest a match watched by President Jacob Zuma came to producing a goal was midway through the first half when New York-based Jamaican midfielder Dane Richards had a shot cleared off the line.

Richards burst through the middle, evading three tackles, and slipped the ball past goalkeeper Rowan Fernandez only for captain Aaron Mokoena to rescue his team.

Jamaican goalkeeper Dwayne Miller foiled the best South African chance on 10 minutes, using his right foot to block a close-range shot from Katlego Mphela after Benni McCarthy created a rare opening.

Recalled for the goalless draw with Japan in Port Elizabeth last Saturday, out-of-favour

Blackburn striker McCarthy had another frustrating outing as he sought to add to a record 31 goals for the national team.

Carlos Alberto Parreira, the 1994 Brazil World Cup-winning coach who began a second spell in charge of South Africa last weekend, criticised Jamaica for 'killing' the second half at a half-full Free State Stadium.

"It was a real game only in the first half. The Jamaicans kept falling down after half-time and there were so many stoppages the rhythm of the match was destroyed."

"We should have beaten Japan and Jamaica so there is a lot of hard work ahead and I am not helped by the fact that Bafana do not play again this year," said Parreira.

Jamaica coach Theodore Whitmore countered: "Congratulations to South Africa on a good performance. We allowed them too much space in the first half but were well organised after half-time."

"I am on a rebuilding mission after Jamaica failed to qualify for the World Cup and there were a lot of very young footballers out there tonight who impressed me."

The 'Reggae Boyz', who did not call up English Premiership duo Ricardo Gardner of Bolton and Ricardo Fuller of Stoke, completed the year with four wins, four draws, two losses and a 7-6 goal tally.

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02.	Agency	: Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd.
03.	Procuring Entity	: Deputy General Manager (CCPP).
04.	Procuring Entity District	: Brahman Baria, Bangladesh.
05.	Invitation for	: Supply of Thermocouple for GT-1 / GT-2 Units of APSCL.
06.	Invitation Ref No	: Memo No.APSCL/Pro-1/2009/1469
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b.	Receiving & Opening Tender Documents	: Office of the Convener, Procurement Committee, APSCL, Ashuganj, B-Baria
15.	Eligibility of Tenderer	: Renowned Supplier having experience of supply as specified in the Tender Document.
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