

**Platini slams 'bandits'**

AFP, Lviv  
UEFA chief Michel Platini on Thursday accused "bandits and crooks" of hiking hotel prices in Ukraine to sky-high levels for the Euro 2012 football championships, amid growing concerns over the price of accommodation. "It's annoying to have made a lot of investment and then say to people that they can't come because there are bandits and crooks who want to make a lot of money during this Euro," Platini said on a visit to the host city of Lviv in western Ukraine.

**Wigan stun MU**

AFP, London



Struggling Wigan breathed life into the Premier League title race with a stunning 1-0 upset of Manchester United on Wednesday as Manchester City romped to a 4-0 win over West Bromwich Albion. Just days after United looked to have assured themselves of a 20th league crown by opening up an eight-point lead over City, Shaun Maloney's 50th-minute winner for Wigan suggested the title race may yet have more twists in store.

City's emphatic win over West Brom at Eastlands reduced United's lead at the top to five points with five games remaining, meaning Sir Alex Ferguson's side have little margin for error in their remaining fixtures.

United -- who must travel to City on April 30 -- looked sluggish throughout as Wigan claimed a precious three points that lifted them out of the relegation zone at the

expense of Bolton. United were fortunate not to fall behind after Wigan appeared to have taken the lead through Victor Moses midway through the first half, only for the goal to be ruled out for a foul on United goalkeeper David de Gea.

But United were not so fortunate on 50 minutes when Wigan took the lead with a magical strike from Maloney, curling a superb shot beyond De Gea after a clever short corner routine.

Meanwhile City bounced back from the disappointment of Sunday's 1-0 defeat at Arsenal with a drubbing of West Bromwich Albion which included a goal for returning bad-boy Carlos Tevez.

Sergio Aguero opened the scoring for City after only six minutes, sweeping in past Ben Foster after evading the attentions of Keith Andrews.

Aguero then grabbed his second shortly after half-time, applying the finishing touch after neat inter-play between David Silva and Samir Nasri.

**RESULTS**  
Manchester City 4 (Aguero 6, 54, Tevez 61, Silva 64) West Brom 0  
Wigan 1 (Maloney 50) Manchester United 0  
Wolves 0 Arsenal 3 (van Persie 9-pen, Walcott 11, Benayoun 69)  
QPR 3 (Barton 45, Mackie 55,

**Ronaldo Real hero**

AFP, Madrid



A Cristiano Ronaldo hat-trick fired Real Madrid to a 4-1 derby win at Atletico Madrid on Wednesday to restore their four-point cushion on Barcelona at the top of the Primera Liga.

Ronaldo opened after 25 minutes with Gustavo Falcao getting the equaliser for Atletico after 55 minutes before the Portuguese star wrapped up his hat-trick to make it 40 league goals for the season, one more than Lionel Messi.

Jose Callejon got the other goal for La Liga leaders. Barcelona had moved to within a point of Real on Tuesday after a 4-0 win over Getafe, with six games now left including a meeting between the top two on April 21.

The game started off at a fast pace with both teams keen to attack from the off and it was Atletico, looking for their first derby win since 1999, who enjoyed the better early chances.

Brazilian playmaker Diego supplied Falcao whose shot was parried away by Iker Casillas in the Real goal on nine minutes and ten minutes later the Colombian was millimetres from connecting at close range to a Gabi Fernandez free-kick.

Real were struggling to make any impact when in the 25th minute Ronaldo stepped up to hit a free-kick from around 30 yards.

Thibaut Courtois in the Atletico goal did not react at all to the bending, dipping shot and could only watch as it nestled to his left in the corner of his net.

Karim Benzema then narrowly headed wide a Angel Di Maria cross on 32 minutes but it was Real Madrid who went into the half-time break the stronger team.

Within ten minutes of the restart however Atletico were level when Falcao evaded Sergio Ramos and Fabio Coentrao to powerfully head home an Adrian cross.

Ronaldo put Real back in control on 68 minutes with another swerving shot, this time from the left hand corner of the area, that again left Courtois helpless.

As the home team pushed forward the gaps appeared and Gonzalo Higuain won a penalty that Ronaldo converted before Callejon added the fourth with three minutes remaining.

**RESULTS**  
Grenade 2 (Romero 2, Gejo 73) Athletic Bilbao 2 (Llorente 81, Susaeta 88)  
Valencia 4 (Jonas 41, 77-pen, Jordi Alba 70, Pablo Hernandez 88) Rayo Vallecano 1 (Diego Costa 72)  
Sporting Gijon 3 (Trejo 22, Lora 74, Sangoy 84) Levante 2 (Valdo 16, Kone 63)  
Atletico Madrid 1 (Falcao 55) Real Madrid 4 (Cristiano Ronaldo 25, 68,



Real Madrid superstar Cristiano Ronaldo points to his right leg after scoring against Atletico Madrid during their Primera Liga encounter at the Vicente Calderon Stadium on Wednesday.

**Robben red-faced**

AFP, Berlin



Bayern Munich's Arjen Robben has admitted he was embarrassed by his crucial penalty miss in his team's 1-0 defeat at German league leaders Dortmund which looks to have handed their rivals the title.

Robben could only watch in horror as his 86th-minute penalty attempt was saved by Dortmund goalkeeper Roman Weidenfeller with second-placed Bayern trailing at Borussia's Signal Iduna Park stadium on Wednesday.

The defeat leaves Munich six points behind Dortmund with four games left and Robben's miss means Dortmund are on course for a second consecutive league title.

"That is very bitter and very disappointing," said Robben. "In the last three years I have converted 10

or 11 penalties in succession.

"That was the first one I have missed and, yes, that was really embarrassing."

After Poland striker Robert Lewandowski gave Dortmund the lead with a 77th-minute goal, Robben was brought down by Weidenfeller nine minutes later in the area and referee Knut Kircher immediately awarded the penalty.

Robben fired too close to Weidenfeller who gratefully saved the shot and was immediately mobbed by his team-mates.

The Munich star then fired over the bar with the goal at his mercy just before the final whistle as Bayern desperately chased the equalising goal.

After the final whistle, Bayern coach Jupp Heynckes refused to point the finger of blame at Robben.

"Normally, he is a very reliable penalty taker," said Heynckes.

"He has played well in the last few weeks and I don't blame him, he was the most annoyed by his miss."

**SPORTS POLL**  
**WEEKLY QUESTION**  
Which Tiger will perform better in the IPL?  
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**What to WATCH**  
**SET Max**  
Indian Premier League  
KKR v Rajasthan  
Live from 8:30pm  
**ESPN**  
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**DAY'S EVENT**  
Bangladesh Premier League  
Rahmatganj v Team BJMC  
Time: 4:00pm  
Venue: Bangabandhu

**HEARTY GREETINGS TO HONORED CITY DWELLERS.**



**Dhaka Metropolitan Police**

**Special tips for Bangali new year celebration:**

On behalf of DMP we offer a warm welcome to the honored citizen of the city on the occasion of 1st Baishakh 1419. The day will remain vibrant with a range of programs being undertaken at Ramna Park, Sohrwardi Uddyan, Charukola Institute, Dhaka University, Rabindra sorober, and other places in the city. Extensive security measures have been taken by the DMP including special measures to keep traffic flow uninterrupted on the streets. The following tips are provided so that the city dwellers can celebrate the day with enthusiasm and delight:

- Whenever police assistance is needed please contact the Police Control Room at Abdul Gani Road, Ramna Park Police Sub-control Room, Sohrwardi Uddyan Police Sub-control Room and Shahbagh thana.
- Co-operate with police on security duty when they are conducting searches at the entry points.
- If any member of your family is lost please contact Ramna Police Sub-Control Room immediately.
- Advise your siblings to come to police for any help. Also write your address on a slip of paper and place it into the pocket of your child.
- With your family identify a location to go to in case you get separated.
- For your safety & security please do not carry handbags or similar items.
- Be sure about the price of wet rice with Hilsha (Panta-Elish) or any kind of food before eating to avoid confusion.
- Beware of mobile thieves and muggers
- Inform the police immediately if you find any suspicious person, substances around you or within your view.
- VIP, print & electronic media personnel vehicles are requested to park at a pre-determined location.
- Honored city dwellers are requested to leave the Ramna, Sohrwardi Uddyan by 6.00 pm on 1st of Baishakh.
- All of the celebration areas will be monitored by CCTV to ensure total security of the program.
- The honored citizens are requested not to carry with them any suspicious equipment, substance, bag, knife, weapon, explosives, scissors, blade, nail cutter, matches, gas lighters etc.
- People are requested not to smoke in the venue or in the public place
- If you have found any thing suspicious please inform Police Sub-control room, and Shahbag Police Station.
- Hawkers are required to enter Sohrwardi Uddyan prior to 4.00 am
- Requested to use the entry and exit ways

**Ramna Park:**  
Entrance : Orunodoya (opposite Shugandha), Ramna Restaurant, Ostachal (Children Park/Shishu Park) New gate (in the middle of Baishakhi Ostachal).  
Exit : Uttarayn (Thai crossing) Baishakhi Gate.  
Entrance & Exit : Shyamolima (Kakrail Mosque), Star Gate (Motsho Bhaban).

**Suhrwardi Uddayn :**  
Entrance : Engineering Institute gate, TSC gate, Tin Natar majar.  
Exit : Shishu Park gate opposite fine arts, Kali Temple gate.  
Closed : Shikha chironon gate.

**(B) Instructions about movement of people & vehicles:**  
All persons are requested to observe the following traffic instructions when attending Bengali New Year celebration venue at Ramna Park, Sohrwardi Uddyan, TSC and Shahbag.  
Entrance to Ramna Park, Sohrwardi Uddyan, TSC and Shahbag adjacent new year celebration places, the general public are requested to follow the following traffic directions.

- Requested not to take any vehicle into the restricted area or safety enclose.
- Requested to park your vehicle at the designated parking place.
- Requested not to stand unnecessarily on the street causing interruption to the movement of people and vehicles.

**(i) Vehicles Diversion:**  
(1) Buses from Mirpur through Farmgate, Gulshan, Saidabad, Jatrabari, will travel via the diversion route from Sonargaon left turn - rainbow crossing Mallbag, or Bangla motor left turn Magbazer, Mouchak Mallbag- to terminal.  
(2) Buses from Mohammadpur through Motijheel, Saidabad- Jatrabari-Shampur, will re-routed through a diversion route from Mohammadpur Science lab, New Market, baby ice-cream turning, Dhakashori Temple, Bakshi bazar, Chankher pul, Gulistan to terminal.  
(3) Buses from Tongi Airport through Gulistan Saidabad will be re-routed from Tongi, Airport, progoti Sharonee, left turn into Bisso Road, Mallbag Rail crossing and then a left turn Khilgaon Fly over- terminal.  
(4) Buses from Dhamrai, Manikgonj, Gabtoli, through Gulistan, Fulbaria will re-routed through Manik gonj, Dhamrai, Gabtoli Mirpur road Science lab, New market Nilkhet crossing, Ajampur, baby ice-cream turning, Sher-sha majar left turn Dhakashori Temple, Bakshi Bazar, Chankhar pul - Terminal.

**(ii) Those roads which are entirely closed for vehicle movement:**  
1. Bangla Motor-Old Elephant road & Telecommunication Building crossing-Ruposi Bangla crossing;  
2. Shahbag crossing-Motsho Bhaban-Kodomful crossing-High court crossing;  
3. Ruposi Bangla crossing-Mintu road-Baily road-Hair road-Kakrail Mosjid crossing left turn-church crossing-Motsho Bhaban crossing;  
4. Nilkhet crossing to TSC crossing;  
5. Polashi turn to Dowel courtyard crossing through Shahid Minar;  
6. Bakshi bazar to TSC crossing via Jagannath Hall.

**(iii) Vehicles which are coming for Bangla New Year celebration will be parked at :**  
1. T&T gap to Old Elephant road (North side's vehicles)  
2. Eskaton garden road (North side's vehicles)  
3. Karjon Hall to Abdul Gani road (South side's vehicles)  
4. Karjon Hall to Fulbaria (South side's vehicles)  
5. Motsho Bhaban to Shegun bagicha (East side's vehicles)  
6. Baily road (East side's vehicles)  
7. Kantabon to Polashi turn (West side's vehicles)

**(C) Services of Police Control/Sub-control room:**

- Lawful help if necessary
- Managing pure drinking water
- Primary health aid providing.
- Establish a Lost & Finding Center for helping to search lost person/element
- A rescue team will always be prepared to overcome any unfortunate situation.
- Manage temporary resting if necessary.

**(D) Necessary Phone Number :**

Police Control room	: 9559933, 9551188, 9514400, 01713398311, 01191001122 or DMP-999
Police Sub-Control room (Ramna park)	: 2547 (DMP) (when occasion continue)
Ramna P.S.	: 01713373125
Shahbag P.S.	: 01713373127
Dhanmondi P.S.	: 01713373126

The co-operation is required from all honored citizens, bus owners and transport drivers to be guided by the above information/instruction so that the traffic flow remains uninterrupted to ensure that the order, safety and security of the celebrations can be self maintained.



"Let the celebration of the Bengali New year be festive and delightful to the city dwellers."

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