

WC qualifier rescheduled

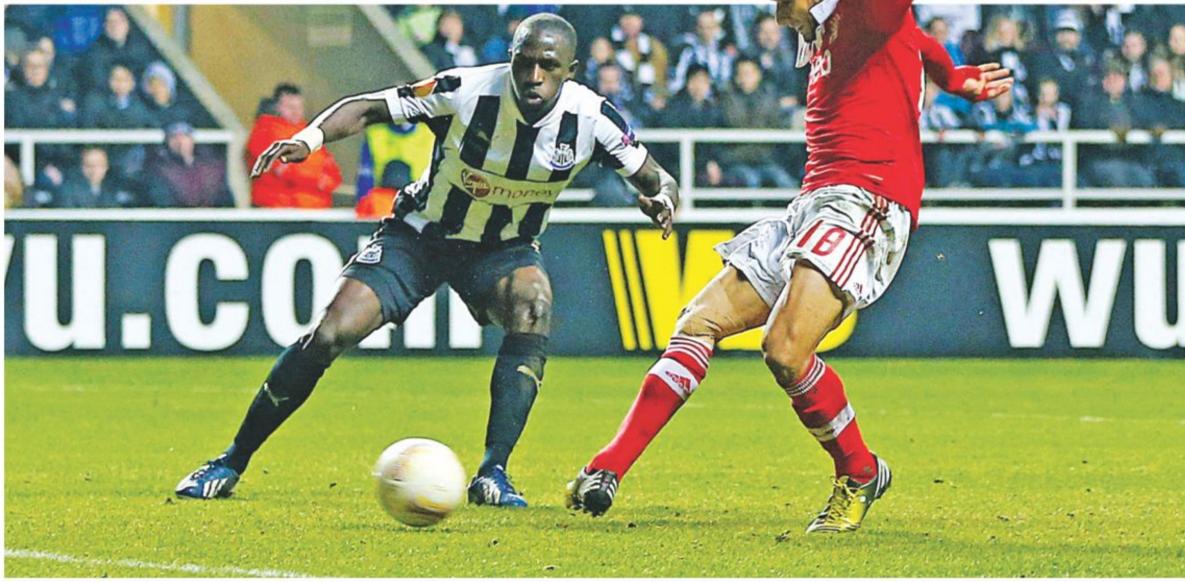
AFP, Paris
Northern Ireland's World Cup qualifier with Russia - postponed last month because of bad weather in Belfast -- will now be played on August 13, FIFA announced on Friday.
The date of the rescheduled fixture was agreed after a meeting between representatives of both countries' football associations in Zurich this week.
The original match at Windsor Park had been due to take place on March 22 but the pitch was deemed unplayable despite efforts to clear heavy snow.

What to WATCH

- SET Max**
Indian Premier League
Mumbai v Pune
Live from 4:30pm
Chennai v Bangalore
Live from 8:30pm
- ESPN**
English Premiership
Reading v Liverpool
Live from 10:30pm
FA Cup
Millwall v Wigan
Live from 10:30pm
Serie A
Atalanta v Fiorentina
Live from 12:45am (Sunday)
- STAR Sports**
English Premiership
Arsenal v Norwich City
Live from 8:00pm

DAY'S EVENT

Bangladesh U-19s v Sri Lanka U-19s
(Four-Day Match, Day-4)
Time: 9:30am
Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, Mirpur



Benfica striker Eduardo Salvo (R) scores the equalizer against Newcastle United during their Europa League quarterfinal second leg match at St James' Park on Thursday.

PHOTO: AFP

'I don't need Pep's advice'

REUTERS, Berlin



Bayern Munich coach Jupp Heynckes said he will not ask former Barcelona boss Pep Guardiola for advice ahead of their Champions League semifinal with the Spanish giants.

Guardiola will take over from Heynckes at the German champions next season, having led Barcelona to 14 trophies in four seasons before taking time out and signing for Bayern earlier this year.

"Respect me and my work," Heynckes curtly told reporters on Friday. "I have never consulted anyone or asked for advice."

"I do not need anyone to study an opponent." Barcelona, chasing their third Champions League title in five years, will face a Bayern side, who have won the Bundesliga title already this season and have played in two Champions League finals in the last three seasons. "Guardiola has not made contact yet," said the club's chief executive officer Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

Spurs, Newcastle out

AFP, Paris



Ten-man Tottenham crashed out of the Europa League on Thursday, losing a quarterfinal penalty shoot-out to Basel, leaving Chelsea as England's sole survivors after Newcastle also exited.

Basel won the shootout 4-1 after the second leg in Switzerland had ended 2-2 following extra-time for a 4-4 scoreline on aggregate.

Clint Dempsey gave Spurs a 23rd minute lead before Egyptian winger Mohamed Salah levelled four minutes later.

Basel, who will be playing in their first European semifinal, went ahead thanks to Aleksandar Dragovic in the 49th minute after goalkeeper Brad Friedel parried.

With seven minutes left, Dempsey sent the tie into extra-time, where Spurs played with 10 men following a 90th-minute red card for Jan Vertoghen.

In the shoot-out, Tom Huddlestone and Emmanuel Adebayor both missed before Marcelo Diaz buried the winning kick for Basel.

Chelsea reached the semifinals despite losing 3-2 to Rubin Kazan.

RESULTS

Rubin Kazan (RUS) 3 (Marcano 51, Gokdeniz 62, Natcho 75-pen) **Chelsea 2** (Torres 5, Moses 55)
Chelsea win 5-4 on aggregate
Newcastle United (ENG) 1 (Cisse 71) **Benfica (POR) 1** (Salvo 90+2)
Benfica win 4-2 on aggregate
Lazio (ITA) 1 (Lulic 60) **Fenerbahce (TUR) 1** (Erkin 73)
Fenerbahce win 3-1 on aggregate
Basel (SUI) 2 (Salah 27, Dragovic 49) **Tottenham Hotspur (ENG) 2** (Dempsey 23, 83)
4-4 on aggregate; after extra-time
Basel win 4-1 on penalties

The London club went through 5-4 on aggregate after winning 3-1 in last week's first leg and remain on course to win the Europa League a year after triumphing in the Champions League.

Thursday's match was played on the artificial surface at the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow, 800 kilometres west of Rubin's home in Tatarstan, because UEFA ruled the Russian club's own pitch to be in unfit condition.

The Premier League side got off to a glorious start, taking the lead in the fourth minute when Fernando Torres lobbed into an empty net as Rubin 'keeper Sergei Ryzhikov came racing out of his area.

Rubin were given hope when Spanish defender Ivan Marcano headed in a cross from compatriot Pablo Orbaiz six minutes into the second half, but Victor Moses soon restored Chelsea's lead on the night, playing a one-two with Ramires and then curling a shot into the net from 15 yards.

That goal left the Russians needing to score four times without reply to rescue the tie.

Captain Gokdeniz Karadeniz did pull one back before Bebras Natcho converted a penalty after Cesar Azpilicueta was harshly penalised for a foul on Aleksandr Ryazantsev in the box.

Spanish v Germans

AFP, Nyon



The prospect of an all-German or an all-Spanish European Champions League final next month remains alive after Friday's semifinal draw.

But with the Spanish and German teams kept apart when European football's governing body UEFA made the draw for the last four, the Wembley showpiece could just as easily feature yet another Germany-Spain clash.

Last year's beaten finalists Bayern Munich, who have already secured the Bundesliga title, take on Spanish league leaders Barcelona.

In the other match, Borussia Dortmund will play Real Madrid, as representatives of Europe's current dominant

footballing powers go head-to-head.

Remarkably, the four semifinalists can boast a total of 18 European titles between them.

Real lead the way with nine victories, although their last success dates back to 2002.

Their arch-rivals Barcelona and Bayern both have four and Borussia weigh in with their single victory in 1997 when they upset favourites Juventus 3-1 in the final.

Neutral fans were probably hoping for a Bayern v Barcelona final, promising a feast of football between arguably the continent's two top teams of the moment.

Bayern, having comprehensively dispatched Juventus in the last round,

again have home advantage first but are unlikely to find the Barca defence as porous as the Italians, who shipped four goals without reply over the two legs.

FIXTURES

Semifinals first leg
Tuesday, April 23
1845 GMT Bayern Munich (GER) v Barcelona (ESP)
Wednesday, April 24
1845 GMT Borussia Dortmund (GER) v Real Madrid (ESP)
Semifinals second leg
Tuesday, April 30
1845 GMT Real Madrid (ESP) v Borussia Dortmund (GER)
Wednesday, May 1
1845 GMT Barcelona (ESP) v Bayern Munich (GER)
The Champions League final will be played at Wembley Stadium in London on Saturday, May 25.

Hearty greeting to honored city dwellers



Dhaka Metropolitan Police

Special tips for Bengali new year celebration

On behalf of DMP we offer a warm welcome to the honored citizens of the city on the occasion of 1st Baishakh 1420. The day will remain vibrant with a range of programs being undertaken at Ramna Park, Suhrawardy 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.

- (A)**
- Whenever police assistance is needed, please contact the Police Control Room at Abdul Gani Road, Ramna Park Police Sub-control Room, Suhrawardy Uddyan Police Sub-control Room and Shahbag Police Station.
 - 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.
 - Honored city dwellers are requested to leave Ramna by 05.00 pm & Suhrawardy Uddyan by 07.00 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 anything suspicious, please inform Police Sub-control Room, and Shahbag Police Station.
 - Hawkers are required to enter Suhrawardy Uddyan prior to 4.00 am.
 - Everybody is requested to use the entry and exit way.

Ramna Park
Entrance : Orunodoya (opposite to 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 (Motsha Bhaban).

Suhrawardy Uddyan
Entrance : Engineering Institute Gate, TSC Gate & Tin Netar Majar.
Exit : Shishu Park Gate opposite to 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, Suhrawardy Uddyan, TSC and Shahbag.
Entrance to Ramna Park, Suhrawardy Uddyan, TSC and Shabag adjacent to 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 enclosure.
- 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.
- VIP, Print & Electronic Media personnel vehicles are requested to park at a pre-determined location.

- (i) Road Diversion**
- Buses from Mirpur through Farm Gate, Gulshan, Saidabad, Jatrabari will travel via the diversion route from Sonargaon left turn-rainbow crossing, Malibag or Bangla motor left turn Magbazar, Mouchak Malibag - to terminal.
 - Buses from Mohammadpur through Motijheel, Saidabad-Jatrabari-Shampur will be re-routed through a diversion route from Mohammadpur Science Lab, New Market, Baby Ice-cream Turning, Dhakeshwari Temple, Bakshi Bazar, Chankhar Pul, Gulistan to terminal.
 - Buses from Tongi Airport through Gulistan Saidabad will be re-routed from Tongi-Airport, Progodi Sharonnee, left turn into Bishaw Road, Malibag Rail Crossing and then a left turn Khilgaon Fly Over-terminal.
 - Buses from Dhamrai, Manikganj, Gabtoli through Gulistan, Fulbaria will be re-routed through Manikganj, Dhamrai, Gabtoli Mirpur Road, Science Lab, New Market-Nilkhet Crossing, Ajimpur Baby Ice-cream Turning, Sher-sha Majar left turn Dhakeshwari Temple, Bakshi Bazar, Chankhar Pul-Terminal.

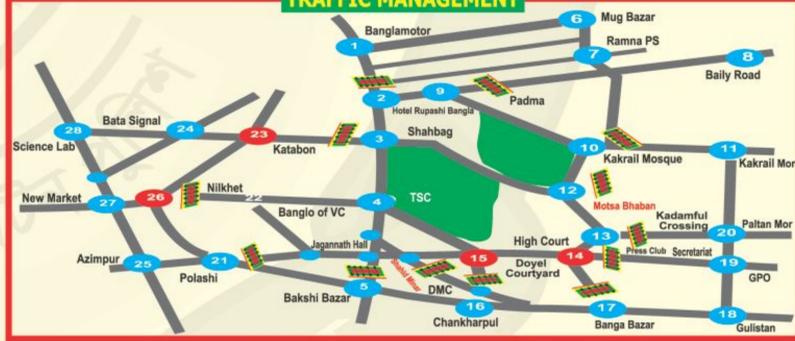
- (ii) Road closer**
- Bangla Motor-Old Elephant Road & Telecommunication Building Crossing-Rupashi Bangla Crossing;
 - Shahbag Crossing-Motsha Bhaban-Kadamful Crossing-High court Crossing;
 - Rupashi Bangla Crossing-Mintu Road-Baily Road-Hair Road-Kakrail Mosque Crossing left turn-Church Crossing-Motsha Bhaban Crossing;
 - Nilkhet Crossing to TSC Crossing;
 - Polashi turn to Doyel Courtyard Crossing through Shahid Minar;
 - Bakshi Bazar to TSC Crossing via Jagonnath Hall;

- (iii) Vehicle parking**
- T&T Gap to Old Elephant Road (North side's vehicles)
 - Esakaton Garden Road (North side's vehicles)
 - Karjon Hall to Abdul Gani Road (South side's vehicles)
 - Karjon Hall to Fulbaria (South side's vehicles)
 - Motsha Bhaban to Shegun Bagicha (East side's vehicles)
 - Baily Road (East side's vehicles)
 - Katabon to Polashi Turn (West side's vehicles)

- (C) Assistance at Police Control/Sub-control Room**
- Legal Assistance
 - Pure drinking water
 - First aid
 - Lost & Found
 - Rescue team
 - Temporary resting area

- (D) Necessary Phone Numbers**
- Police Control room : 9559933, 9551188, 9514400, 01713-398311, 01713-373119 or DMP-999
Police Sub-Control room (Ramna park) : 2533 (DMP) (when occasion continues)
Ramna P.S. : 01713-373125
Shahbag P.S. : 01713-373127
Dhanmondi P.S. : 01713-373126

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 safely maintained.



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

Dhaka Metropolitan Police is always at your service.
Help Police by giving information regarding Terrorists, persons who vandalize or set fire on vehicles and those who are involved in subversive activities to the country.

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