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# Obligated to win: Scolari

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

Brazil manager Luiz Felipe Scolari on Wednesday unveiled the 23 men he trusts can deliver a sixth World Cup ahead of this year's event starting June 12 on home soil.

"We have a very good group," said Scolari, 65, while insisting there must be no premature thinking about the knockout phase.

"We are not interested in who our rival might be in the final. The players know we have to get through the opening phase and that means Croatia (who Brazil face in the first game) are our most important opponent for the moment."

But he repeated an earlier assertion that, in Brazil, "We are obliged to win".

Scolari also said it was an honour to be at the helm for a second World Cup, giving him "the greatest satisfaction".

"It was easier to name the squad this time," said Scolari, remembering that in 2002 he had fretted about his final

selection. "The Confederations Cup team is the base," he noted.

Just four of the players are with Brazilian clubs -- reserve keepers Jefferson and Victor and strikers Fred and Jo, the latter who had brief spells in England with Manchester City and Everton.

Scolari could have named 30 players before later trimming them back by June 2.

But the Brazilian Football Confederation had indicated ahead of Wednesday he was happy to name his final squad now in readiness for group games against Croatia, Mexico and Cameroon.

Scolari will now welcome his selection at the end of May to the refurbished Granja Comary training complex outside the rural town of Teresopolis around an hour north of Rio.

Brazil prepared there in 1994 and 2002 -- winning the tournament in both years.

He will then oversee a June 3 friendly against Panama at Goiana and a final warm-up against Serbia three days later at the Morumbi stadium in Sao Paulo before the Cup starts at the Corinthians Arena on June 12.



Manchester United starlet James Wilson (R) scores the opening goal against Hull City during their Premier League encounter at Old Trafford on Tuesday.

# MU see off Hull

AFP, Manchester

Teenage debutant James Wilson scored twice as Manchester United rang out the old and ushered in the new in a 3-1 win at home to Hull City on Tuesday.

While the 18-year-old Wilson introduced himself to Old Trafford, captain Nemanja Vidic made his last home appearance, and there was also a late cameo from United great Ryan Giggs that may have been a farewell.

Wilson scored once in each half, with substitute Robin van Persie adding a late third after Matty Fryatt had replied for FA Cup finalists Hull.

Giggs chose to name himself and Vidic among the United substitutes, but the biggest surprise on the team-sheet was the presence of debutants Wilson and Lawrence in the hosts' starting

# Napoli seal third place

AFP, Milan

Napoli celebrated cementing a third-place finish in Italy's Serie A, and a place in the qualifying stages of next season's Champions League, with a 3-0 rout of ten-man Cagliari on Tuesday.

Fresh from victory over Fiorentina in a violence-marred Cup final on Saturday, Rafael Benitez's men were assured of third spot earlier in the evening when Fiorentina, in fourth, were stunned 4-3 by Sassuolo in Florence.

Napoli went on to outclass their visitors from Sardinia, who played much of the second half with 10 men

after 'keeper Marco Silvestri saw red for a foul on Goran Pandev on 54 minutes.

By then, Napoli had already raced to a 2-0 lead thanks to Dries Mertens' 33rd minute spot-kick after Daniele Conti had hauled Pandev down in the box as the striker prepared to strike.

Pandev doubled Napoli's lead three minutes before the interval when he turned Jose Callejon's unselfish square ball into a virtually empty net after the Spaniard had intercepted defender Davide Astori.

Despite having little to do, Napoli 'keeper Pepe Reina had suffered a slight muscle problem and, with number two Rafael also injured, was replaced for the second half by Roberto Colombo, the 38-year-old making his

first official appearance for the Azzurri.

Cagliari 'keeper Silvestri was at fault nine minutes after the restart when he brought Pandev down in the box as the Macedonian prepared to round him and shoot.

Cagliari coach Ivo Pulga took off Agim Ibraimi and sent on 'keeper Vlada Avramov, who was only too happy to see Marek Hamsik smash his spot-kick off the underside of the bar.

Barely five minutes later, however, Blerim Dzemaili put the match beyond reach when he drove home Napoli's third.

Earlier, Domenico Berardi scored his second hat-trick of the season as Sassuolo stunned hosts Fiorentina 4-3 to move two points clear of the drop zone.

# Vidal's WC in balance

REUTERS, Santiago

Juventus midfielder Arturo Vidal will have knee cartilage surgery in Barcelona on Wednesday, casting doubt over his hopes of playing for Chile at the World Cup finals.

Vidal's recovery time hinges on how the operation goes, though the situation does not look good, according to a source on the medical team treating him in Barcelona.

A key member of Chile team, Vidal has suffered a tear to the external meniscus of his right knee.

# Atletico Kolkata unveiled

AFP, Kolkata

The owner of Spanish giants Atletico Madrid predicted exciting times for football in cricket-mad India Wednesday as he revealed one of the teams lining up in a controversial new league would be called Atletico Kolkata.

The Spanish club, who are in the final of this year's Champions League and top of La Liga, are co-owners of the Kolkata franchise in the newly-created Indian Super League (ISL) that kicks off in September.

"This is an exciting time to be in India," owner Miguel Marin told reporters as the franchise's name was announced at a press conference.

"We are very excited at the prospect of creating connection with one of the largest demographics for football globally," Marin added.

# Villarreal punished

AFP, Madrid

Spanish football authorities fined league side Villarreal 12,000 euros (\$17,000) for racism by a fan who threw a banana at Barcelona's Brazilian player Dani Alves, during the league clash at Villarreal's Madrigal stadium on April 27, a club source said on Wednesday.

The Spanish Royal Football Federation's disciplinary body imposed the fine but stopped short of ordering the club's stadium to be closed, the source who asked not to be named told AFP.

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### MESSAGE FROM COMMERCE MINISTER

I congratulate the Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre (BIAC) for having completed three successful years and stepping into the fourth year of its existence.

In the globalized world of today, business requires speedy, effective and confidential procedures to settle commercial disputes. No matter how hard companies may try to avoid them, disputes may arise in the implementation of contracts. Business cannot wait for long for their disputes to be settled; they need to resolve the problem and move on. Our Government has provided alternate dispute settlement options for resolving such disputes. Already, several laws have been changed, to provide for out-of-court settlement.

My Ministry is committed to providing an enabling framework for businesses. In fact, we lay great emphasis on investment, including FDI. I am aware that many investors are concerned about the time required to settle commercial disputes. We now provide the option of ADR and I hope our businesses will select the path most advantageous to them. At the same time, I believe our legal culture will also change gradually to make the environment more business-friendly.

I am delighted that BIAC has taken on the task of providing ADR services, particularly arbitration and mediation. BIAC's role in institutionalizing arbitration and mediation in the country will surely supplement our government's efforts.

I wish the Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre (BIAC) all success.

(Tofail Ahmed, MP)

### MESSAGE FROM KYLE F. KELHOFER

For IFC, this is a tremendous opportunity to support the establishment and operationalization of the first Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Center, Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre (BIAC) in Bangladesh.

BIAC was launched with support from IFC started with the vision to help businesses and investors settle commercial disputes out-of-court, in a quick, transparent and cost-effective manner, through a structured mechanism. A striking feature of BIAC is that it is led and driven by the private sector. Alongside BIAC's establishment, IFC is supporting capacity building of lawyers and judges in arbitration and mediation to develop an encouraging ecosystem for out of court dispute resolution.

A key focus of IFC's operation in Bangladesh is to create an enabling environment for domestic and foreign businesses, thereby promoting economic development, creating jobs and improving people's lives. BIAC is supported by the Bangladesh Investment Climate Fund (BICF) managed by IFC, in partnership with the UK Government and the European Union.

IFC is delighted to support BIAC as a partner and warmly felicitates BIAC on its 3rd anniversary, and wishes all the success in the future.

Kyle F. Kelhofer  
Country Manager  
Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal  
International Finance Corporation

### THREE EVENTFUL YEARS OF BIAC

Businesses have a preference for quick settlement of disputes, which is not possible in a court environment. The substitute is Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) methods.

The Arbitration Act 2001 was a major development on the legal scene, followed several laws incorporating ADR provisions. However, these provisions have not proven to be effective due to lack of awareness and absence of trained personnel.

Three business chambers -- the ICC-B, DCCI, and MCCI -- wanted to bring about a change. Led by Mr. Mahbubur Rahman, Chairman, ICC-B, a license for a not-for-profit company was obtained from the Government. The Centre began functioning in April 2011 with support from the IFC, in partnership with DFID and the European Union.



### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The rapid economic development of Bangladesh, and our exposure to the globalized world, has required us to adapt our institutions and systems.

As business becomes more and more complex, there will be disputes arising from the implementation of contracts -- this is inevitable. Going to our courts to resolve the disputes means delay, in view of the huge number of cases pending before them.

In our interaction with businesses from more developed countries, we noticed that they had institutions that supported settlement of disputes out of courts. We were convinced that such institutions, with appropriate modifications to suit our local conditions, would be required. This was a dream shared by three business chambers -- ICC-Bangladesh, DCCI and MCCI.

Turning a dream into reality was more difficult than we could imagine. Despite the support of our well-wishers, and taking out a licence from the Government in 2004 as a not-for-profit organization, we could not begin functioning. We were fortunate that the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a World Bank affiliate, came to our support at a critical phase. Using funds from UKAid and the European Union, the IFC provided operational and technical support for three years initially; this support was extended for another eighteen months. Thus, we began functioning in 2011.

On this 3rd Anniversary, I extend to all our well-wishers and clients, our gratitude for their support. I appeal to all businesses to adopt BIAC dispute settlement provisions in their contracts. Simultaneously, I urge our Governmental authorities to refer to the BIAC Rules in their contracts.

Allah Hafez

Mahbubur Rahman  
Chairman, BIAC

**Mediation:** For disputes over small sums, and where non-legal issues are involved, BIAC decided to offer Mediation. Although mediation is an option in some laws in Bangladesh, the absence of qualified mediators, trained in the modern techniques, has been a major stumbling block to the effective implementation of the laws. From 2013, BIAC began training in mediation, with the assistance of a UK-based firm. Thereafter, our draft Mediation Rules was prepared, which we expect to launch at our 3rd Anniversary.

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### MESSAGE FROM FOREIGN MINISTER

I congratulate the Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre (BIAC) for having completed three eventful years of operation.

No matter how hard we try, disputes will arise. Whether in inter-State disputes, or between companies or among individuals, how we try to resolve such disputes reveal a great deal about the society and state we live in. Our courts are now overburdened with cases, and new cases are being instituted every day. From the experience of other countries that have faced similar problems, alternate dispute resolution has been accepted globally.

I have a particular interest in this subject, as I was involved in the passage of the UNCITRAL Model Law in 1985. I am delighted that Bangladesh has not only joined the New York Convention in 1992, but has also enacted the Arbitration Act of 2001, which incorporates elements of the UNCITRAL Model Law. Now, our arbitration awards are enforceable abroad, while foreign awards are also enforceable within the country.

Many possible forms of dispute resolution techniques are available, from among which BIAC has concentrated on arbitration and mediation. Both these methods are not adversarial, and enable parties to continue with their relationship once the dispute is overcome. The presence of BIAC is of comfort to FDI, and publications on "Doing Business in Bangladesh" recommend approaching BIAC for dispute settlement.

I wish BIAC all success.

(Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali, MP)

**Arbitration:** BIAC commenced the process of framing its own rules early on. The draft Arbitration Rules was vetted by international experts, and finally by prominent jurists of the country to ensure that it is in conformity with our Arbitration Act 2001. The Rules were launched at our 1st Anniversary in 2012.

### MESSAGE FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

BIAC has completed three years of existence.

When I was invited to head BIAC, I did not realize what was in store. It is relatively easy to set up the physical facilities. My experience in dispute settlement was in the WTO (equivalent to arbitration, except that the disputants are countries and not companies). There, the WTO Secretariat handles all issues, and we, as arbitrators, were spared of all the background work that is involved. Now, I undertook to arrange those background tasks.

A new arbitration centre is a different story. And, in an environment in which the ancillary institutions are yet to develop, it is even more challenging.

BIAC got into the act. We recruited personnel, and set up shop. Contrary to what an arbitration centre would do, we began training in arbitration and in the art of negotiation. And, when the time was ripe, began training in mediation as well. Our Arbitration Rules were launched at our first anniversary and, today, we launch our mediation rules -- on both counts the first in the country and the only institution to take up this challenge.

Changing the culture of legal remedy is not easy. Fortunately, the Government is deeply committed to providing alternatives to courts, and has supported our venture. The experience from countries that have already travelled this path tells us that it is a question of time and acceptance of modern methods. We are grateful for the sponsorship of the three chambers, and the support from the IFC. Without this winning combination, we would not hope to go far.

BIAC looks forward to your support in the days ahead.

Dr. Toufiq Ali  
Chief Executive, BIAC

