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# Cameroon blasted over wage demand

KUFSTEIN, Austria

**FIFA WORLD CUP Brasil**  
Samuel Eto'o and Cameroon's other World Cup stars are locked in a battle with their federation over bonuses for the tournament, press reports said.

The African team, who will be playing in their seventh finals in Brazil, beat Macedonia 2-0 in a warmup match in Austria on Monday.

Back home the players face mounting press criticism over their wage demands. The Cameroon government last week offered 61,000 euros, which the players rejected, and then increased it to 68,000 euros, which was also turned down, Cameroon daily Le Jour reported.

Le Jour said the players were demanding more than 120 million CFA francs (182,000 euros) each. The daily blasted the demand as "indecent".

The Nouvelle Expression daily said there is "tension" over the bonuses, which have been a regular problem between the players and their bosses.

At the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, when Cameroon failed to get a point and slumped out after the first round, the players

received a reported 65,000 euros.

The team reached the quarter finals in 1990 but have otherwise failed to get past the first round.

Their record has been picked up by critics in the latest money dispute.

"It is urgent to question the unfettered mercantilism of the 'soldiers' of another kind for whom we are still waiting for the first prizes on the battle field," said Le Jour.

Eto'o watched from the substitutes bench as Cameroon, who start the World Cup in Group A against Brazil, Croatia and Mexico, confidently beat Macedonia in Kufstein.

Cameroon coach Volker Finke suffered a shock however when Pierre Webo performed a spectacular scissors kick for the first goal in the 52nd minute but fell on his shoulder and had to be helped off the field.

Finke played down the gravity of the injury to the Fenerbahce striker, however, saying: "I don't think it's too serious."

Choupo Moting, who plays in Germany, scored the second goal.

Cameroon's first match is against Mexico on June 13, before Croatia on June 18 and Brazil on June 23.

Finke did not talk about the bonus dispute. He said "it is a difficult group, but we are not going there for a holiday."

The team have a second warmup game



PHOTO: AFP

Candidates for the 'Miss World Cup' pose yesterday at Europa-Park in Rust, Germany. The election of Miss World Cup will be held on May 29.



President Abdul Hamid (L) receives a jersey of Brazil's football World Cup team from the country's ambassador who called on him at the Bangabhaban yesterday. Spain (C) and the Netherlands' ambassadors also called on him and presented their own teams' jerseys.

PHOTO: PID

# Milan to sack Seedorf

REUTERS

AC Milan are set to fire coach Clarence Seedorf and replace him with youth team coach Filippo Inzaghi, Italian media said on Tuesday.

Seedorf is only four months into a two-and-a-half year contract and has overseen a considerable improvement in results, but rumours about the Dutchman's future have been rife for several weeks.

Club president Silvio Berlusconi met chief executive Adriano Galliani to discuss the move at the former's villa in Arcore, around 20 kilometres outside Milan, late on

Monday night, media reported.

Italy's three sports papers, Gazzetta dello Sport, Corriere dello Sport and Tuttosport, all carried similar reports, which were unsourced.

Seedorf, 38, who spent 10 years of his playing career at Milan, took over at the end of January to replace Massimiliano Allegri, who was fired after two-and-a-half years in charge.

Former Italian prime minister Berlusconi had been chasing Seedorf for several months before finally appointing him, yet the Dutchman quickly fell out of favour.

Although Seedorf had no previous coaching experience, results improved markedly under him with 11 wins in 19 league games, compared to five in the previous 19 under Allegri.

## Army's female TT team shine

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Army started its journey in a new discipline of table tennis by participating in the South Bangla Bank Junior National Table Tennis Championships which got underway at the Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Indoor Stadium yesterday.

Bangladesh Army, which already has participation in football, hockey, athletics, shooting, kabaddi, volleyball, handball, archery etc - recruited a few hundred athletes including seven female table tennis players last year, as part of its sports wing expansion.

The women's team shone on the first day of the competition yesterday by moving into the third round of team event along with three others teams -- Dhaka, Narail and Rangpur.

In the boys' team event, Bagerhat, Rangamati, Barguna, Manikganj, Rangpur, Narail, Sylhet, Gaibandha, Chittagong, Patuakhali, Dinajpur, Munshiganj, Satkhira, Habiganj and BKSP moved into the second round.

# Lukaku strikes hat-trick

REUTERS, Genk

Belgium won for the first time in five matches on Monday with a Romelu Lukaku hat-trick securing a 5-1 friendly win over a Luxembourg side ranked 100 places below them.

Three weeks before their World Cup opener, Belgium showed off the neat passing that has prompted many to tip them to do well in Brazil and also blooded three debutants, including 19-year-old Manchester United winger Adnan Januzaj.

However, the defensive lapse that allowed a Luxembourg equaliser will encourage World Cup rivals Algeria, Russia and South Korea that they can upset the Group H favourites.

"I'm a bit of a perfectionist, but it was the first game in three weeks. I wasn't so happy with organisation in the first half," said coach Marc Wilmots.

"We had a reaction in the second half. We were perhaps a bit nonchalant. But we still have three weeks to go."

A catalogue of keeper injuries and the absence of number one Thibaut Courtois, recovering from Saturday's Champions League final, meant a first cap for Sammy Bossut, one of only three squad members still playing in Belgium.

Otherwise, Belgium, set to play in their first World Cup since 2002, began with a line-up that may well start their tournament

opener against Algeria on June 17.

When Lukaku struck in the third minute it looked like being a very tough night for the visitors, but 10 minutes later they equalised when Aurelien Joachim, who plays for Dutch side RKC Waalwijk, span off Thomas Vermaelen and fired in.

It was perhaps the wake-up call a slightly sleepy Belgium required, allowing Lukaku to score his first international hat-trick. He had the doggedness of Marouane Fellaini to thank for his opener, a failed Luxembourg clearance for his second, while he dribbled through the defence for his third.

Belgium brought on five substitutes at half-time, giving a debut to Januzaj, who only declared his allegiance to Belgium a month ago. Lille's Divock Origgi, another uncapped teenager in the squad, replaced Lukaku on the hour mark.

Substitute Nacer Chadli scored Belgium's fourth while Kevin De Bruyne converted a 91st minute penalty.

Belgium will fly to Stockholm on Tuesday for a training camp ending with a friendly against Sweden on Sunday in which Wilmots said he would try to simulate more of a World Cup feel with fewer substitutes.

After a few days at the Belgian coast, they play a warm-up match against Tunisia in Brussels before boarding their plane to Sao Paulo on June 10 and a match behind closed door against the United States two days later.

## Siddikur fails in US Open bid

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh's premier golfer Siddikur Rahman failed for his bid to qualify for next month's US Open Championship, after finishing joint 68th among 105 competitors in the England section of the qualifiers which was held on Monday at the Walton Heath Golf Club.

The two-time Asian Tour winner returned a card of two-over (74) and four-over (76) - for an aggregate of six-over (150) over the 36-hole qualifiers conducted by the USGA.

A total of sixteen competitors qualified from the England section, with Shane Lowry of Ireland grabbing the top spot with a score of eight-under (136).

Among the sixteen qualified from this leg, Shiv Kapur of India was the only Asian player who finished in joint fifth position with a card of five-under (139). The qualification mark was set at four-under (140).

The US Open will be held from June. Siddikur is expected to return home for a brief period of time briefly before flying off for the Queen's Cup in Bangkok

# Pizarro extends Bayern stay

AFP, Berlin

Veteran Peru hot-shot Claudio Pizarro has extended his Bayern Munich stay by signing a new one year deal with the Bundesliga champions up to June 2015, it was announced Tuesday.

Pizarro, 36 in October, was the Bundesliga champion's most efficient forward last season.

He scored 10 league goals and had three assists despite limited appearances as back-up to Pep Guardiola's first-choice striker Mario Mandzukic.

The Peru veteran only started six league games, but managed to score four goals off the bench including the winner in Bayern's final Bundesliga match of the season after the Bavarian giants won the title with a record seven games spare.

"Claudio has again proven how dangerous he is in front of goal and how important he is for the team," said Bayern chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge after they won the league and cup double.

"We are really pleased that we can continue to count on him."

Pizarro finished joint fourth amongst Bayern's top scorers last season behind Mandzukic, Thomas Mueller and Arjen Robben, but level with Germany star Mario Goetze.

Statistically, Pizarro was Bayern's most efficient player, needing just 53

## Premier h'ball

SPORTS REPORTER

Prime Sports Club and Suryadoy KC notched up wins in the Cuite Premier Division Handball League beating their respective rivals at the Mansur Ali National Handball Stadium yesterday.

Prime Sports defeated Bhratitro Samaj Kalyan Sangha 33-12 while Suryadoy KC beat Old Ideals 16-9.