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THE CARNIVAL BEGINS

Neymar double gets troubled hosts Brazil rolling

AGENCIES, Sao Paulo

Brazil's poster boy Neymar scored twice and the outstanding Oscar added a late third as the hosts came from behind for a dramatic 3-1 victory over Croatia in a thrilling World Cup opening match on Thursday.

But the 71st-minute penalty from Neymar that tipped the Group A game Brazil's way seemed a soft one after Japanese referee Yuichi Nishimura harshly ruled that Croatia skipper Dejan Lovren had fouled Fred who appeared to throw himself to the ground.

Neymar had brought Brazil back into the game after 29 minutes with the equaliser after defender Marcelo put through his own net after 11 minutes to give Croatia a shock lead.

Marcelo's misfortune meant he became the first Brazilian ever to score an own goal at the World Cup.

The cross came from Ivica Olic whose low ball from the left went through the legs of Brazil skipper Thiago Silva, clipped Nikica Jelavic's foot and bounced in off Marcelo with keeper Julio Cesar helpless.

Neymar created Brazil's first opening when he jinked along the byline, resulting in a half-cleared ball to Oscar who slammed in a curling 25-metre drive that goalkeeper Stipe Pletikosa acrobatically pushed away.

But Croatia's reprieve only lasted seven minutes and the equaliser was greeted by scenes of unbridled joy.

Oscar started the move by beating two men in midfield before finding Neymar who advanced a few metres before cracking in a low left-foot shot that went in off the base of Pletikosa's left-hand post for his 32nd goal in his 50th international.

BRAZIL 3 (Neymar 29, 71-pen, Oscar 90+1)
CROATIA 1 (Marcelo 11-og)



Neymar (R) has been tipped as one of the impact men in the World Cup 2014 and the Brazilian lived up to that billing. Here the striker is seen embarking on a celebratory run after his equalising goal against Croatia in the opening match at the Arena Corinthians in Sao Paulo on Thursday. Brazil won 3-1.

PHOTO: REUTERS



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Back from the brink of death

Escaped sailors tell of their 3½ years in captivity of Somali pirates

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After three and a half years of tethering between life and death, the seven Bangladeshi seafarers held captive by Somali pirates, are finally back home.

Freedom took its finest form when they returned to the soil of their motherland - landing at Shahjalal International Airport at 8.40am yesterday morning.

Yet even the joy of coming home seemingly could not override the trauma the sailors have suffered - questions by the press were met with responses like, "Please not now, I do

not want to recall it" or "It is a long story, I am tired".

"Our fate could have been like that of the Indian sailor with us. He was shot dead because no one wanted to pay ransom for him," 46-year old Nurul Haque from Satkhira, one of the rescued, said when he finally talked to journalists.

Abul Kashem described how the Somali pirates suspended their captives into the sea with a piece of rope everyday to torment the sailors.

"When the UN refused to pay the ransom of \$ 3.5 million, the pirates intensified their torture," Haque said.

"We were off the coast of Maldives, about 1200 nautical miles away from where the pirates were anchored on the Indian Ocean," he said.

Pirates took 23 men - nationals from Iran, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh - into captivity when they hijacked the Malaysian flagged vessel called MV Albedo on November 26, 2010.

The Albedo ultimately sank last year after which the abducted sailors were transferred to the jungles of Somalia. Four Sri Lankan sailors drowned when the ship went down.

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Sailor Golam Mostafa is inconsolable, as his tears make it obvious, after landing at Shahjalal International Airport. Golam and six other sailors returned home yesterday after being held captive by Somali pirates for three and a half years.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

BUILDING CODE VIOLATION AT RANA PLAZA

ACC to sue Savar mayor, 16 others

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday gave the approval for suing the mayor of Savar Municipality and 16 others for allowing the construction of Rana Plaza in violation of the National Building Code.

The ACC probe found that the nine-storey Rana Plaza, which collapsed on

April 24 last year killing at least 1,135 people at Savar on the outskirts of the capital, was not approved by the Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) though obtaining the approval was mandatory.

ACC Director Wing Commander Tahidul Islam said the building authorities initially obtained approval for a six-storey building but later they

ended up building three more floors.

He added Savar municipal authority, including its engineers, gave the approval for the illegal construction.

The corruption watchdog also found that substandard materials were used in the construction of Rana Plaza, which housed mostly garment factories.

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ILLEGAL TRIP TO MALAYSIA

Survivors tell of horrific attack

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

The traffickers, who were sending over 300 Bangladeshis illegally to Malaysia on a trawler through the Bay of Bengal, hacked and dumped a number of passengers in the sea, said the survivors.

A day after the five Bangladeshis were killed by traffickers on the trawler, the survivors gave a horrific description of how they were tortured, left starving and hacked and shot when they protested the torture.

At least 151 others were injured when a gang of miscreants, linked with the traffickers, from Myanmar opened fire on the trawler around noon on Wednesday. Twelve more Bangladeshis have remained missing ever since.

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Shab-e-Barat tonight

UNB, Dhaka

Muslims across the country will observe the holy Shab-e-Barat tonight with due religious fervour and devotion.

The devotees will pass the night through prayer, recitation from the Holy Quran, and

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HOLIDAY

The offices of The Daily Star will remain closed today on the occasion of Shab-e-Barat. Therefore, there will be no issue of the newspaper tomorrow. The 44th issue of Star Showbiz will also not get published tomorrow.

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