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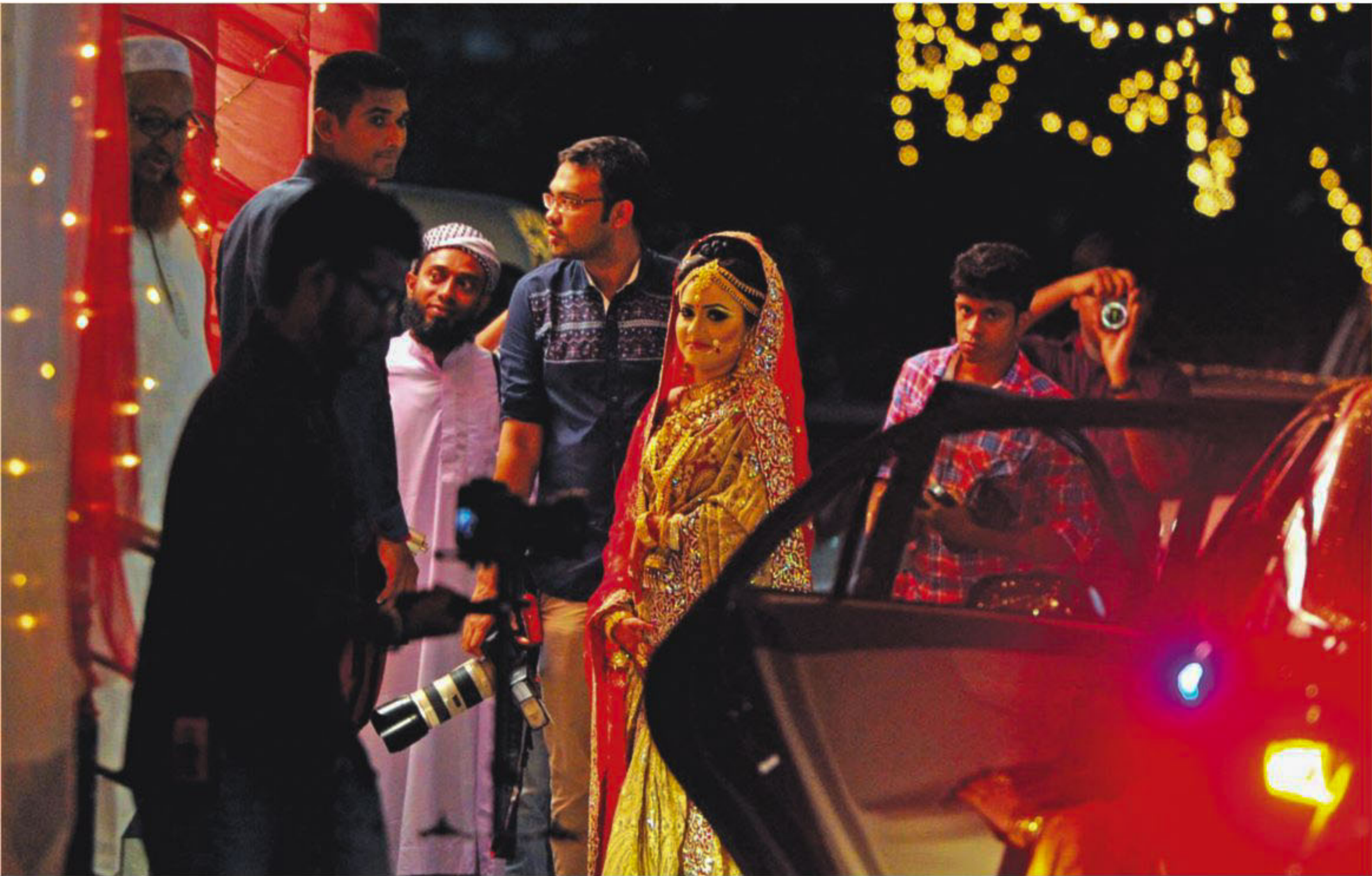


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Jannatul Khifayet Mondi arrives at the Ladies' Club in Eskaton for her wedding ceremony last night.

Mushfiquur & Mondi one soul now

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh cricket captain Mushfiquur Rahim began a new innings in his life yesterday when he got married to Jannatul Khifayet Mondi. The marriage ceremony took place at the Ladies' Club at Eskaton in the city last evening.

The captain, who has taken time-off from his national duties for his wedding, is not travelling to South Korea along with the rest of the members of the team to take part in the Asian Games.

Mond, who also happens to be all-rounder Mahmudullah Riyad's sister-in-law, is a student at Prime University studying BBA.

PSG move to second

AFP, Paris

Brazilian duo Lucas and Marquinhos gave Paris Saint Germain a 2-0 win at Caen on Wednesday, ending a run of three successive draws and moving the champions into second spot.

Barca fire blanks

AFP, Madrid



Barcelona dropped their first points of the La Liga season as they were held to an uneventful 0-0 draw away to Malaga on Wednesday.

Sevilla moved level with the Catalans on 13 points at the top of the table with a 1-0 win over Real Sociedad thanks to on-loan Barca winger Gerard Deulofeu's winner, whilst Atletico Madrid are now just two points behind the leaders as they too won 1-0 away at Almeria.

Barca stretched their run without conceding a goal to six games, but lacked the spark they have shown so far this season as Lionel Messi was kept in check by the Malaga defence.

Indeed it was the hosts who came closest to scoring as Luis Alberto's fine free-kick was turned onto the post by Claudio Bravo.

In a first-half of few chances Nordin Amrabat had the only shot on target as his low effort was easily held by Bravo.

Barca were struggling to create clear-cut openings but twice Messi came close from Jordi Alba crosses as he chested the ball inches wide before just failing to stretch for a tap in a minute before the break.

The visitors were similarly short of ideas in the second period provoking coach Luis Enrique to replace Pedro and Neymar with youngsters Sandro and Munir El Haddadi in search of a breakthrough.

However, it was Malaga who enjoyed their best spell shortly after those changes as Roberto Rosales fired wide when well-

Juve cruise past Cesena

AFP, Milan



A brace from Arturo Vidal and a late Stephan Lichsteiner strike in a 3-0 romp of Cesena sent Juventus top of Serie A on goal difference as the pressure grew on Rafael Benitez after Napoli drew 3-3 with Palermo.

Roma, along with Juve the only other team with a perfect record in Italy's top flight, thanked Miralem Pjanic's free kick two minutes from time for all three points in a 2-1 win away to Parma.

Inter Milan moved up to third thanks to a 2-0 home win over Atalanta while Sampdoria's solid start was given a boost by a 2-1 home win over Chievo which left Sinisa Mihajlovic's men fourth.

Champions Juventus sit top on 12 points from four games with Roma second due to inferior goal difference and Inter in third, four points off the pace but one ahead of city rivals Milan, who could only manage a 2-2 draw away to promoted Empoli on Tuesday. Juventus dominated Cesena from the outset and after Sebastian Giovinco tested Nicola Leali with two volleys in the early stages Vidal stepped up to beat the 'keeper from the spot after Roberto Pereyra's shot came off the arm of midfielder Emmanuel Cascione.

With Giovinco stepping in for Carlos Tevez, it was a case of little and

RESULTS

Cagliari 1 (Cossu 11) **Torino 2** (Glik 21, Quagliarella 29) Fiorentina 0 Sassuolo 0 Verona 2 (Tachtsidis 52, Ionita 64) Genoa 2 (Matri 34, 47) **Inter Milan 2** (Osvaldo 40, Hernanes 87) Atalanta 0 **Juventus 3** (Vidal 18-pen, 64, Lichsteiner 85) Cesena 0 Napoli 3 (Koulibaly 2, Zapata 11, Callejon 45+1) Palermo 3 (Belotti 18, 61, Vazquez 24) Parma 1 (De Sceglie 56) **Roma 2** (Ljajic 27, Pjanic 88) **Sampdoria 2** (Gastaldello 45, Romagnoli 80) Chievo 1

large for Juve up front with the diminutive striker partnering towering Spaniard Fernando Llorente.

Just after the half hour Llorente spun on Patrice Evra's low drive only to send his effort just wide, although it was Giovinco who came closest to adding Juve's second on three separate occasions.

Juve finally settled their nerves in the 64th minute when Vidal had time to control on the edge of the area before beating Leali with a precision strike -- another reason why the Chilean is reported to be a target for English giants Manchester United.

Lichsteiner put the icing on the Juve cake with a fine angled strike after Simone Padoin sent the Swiss wingback through with a defence-splitting pass five minutes from time.

At Parma, Adem Ljajic gave Rudi Garcia's visitors a 27th-minute lead when he ran on to Francesco Totti's sublime chip to fire a half-volley through the legs of 'keeper Antonio Mirante from 10 yards.

Antonio Cassano was a nuisance to the Roma defence all evening but it was Paolo De Sceglie who levelled with a header from a corner on 56 minutes.

Roma pressed in the late stages but a superb tackle from defender Felipe stopped Alessandro Florenzi in his tracks as the Italian teed up to strike yards from goal.

Minutes later a Felipe foul on Mattia Destro gave away the free kick which allowed Bosnian forward Pjanic to step up and beat Mirante with a well-placed curler.

Napoli's title hopes have been compromised by a shaky start to the season and the future of Benitez now looks uncertain after Palermo managed to claim their first draw against the Partenopei in four years.

Kalidou Koulibaly rose to head his maiden Napoli goal past Stefano Sorrentino in the Palermo goal after just two minutes and soon after Duvan Zapata fired into the top corner from Marek Hajmsik's lay-off after a midfield interception.

However goals from Andrea Belotti and then Franco Vazquez had levelled the score by 24 minutes and despite Jose Callejon hitting a third for Napoli on the stroke of half-time Belotti hit his second just after the hour to stun the hosts.

Pablo Dani Osvaldo scored arguably the goal of the night with a superb volley to beat Marco Sportiello in the Atalanta goal on 40 minutes, although Hernanes' rocket free kick three minutes from time was a close second.

Immobile rescues Dortmund

REUTERS, Berlin



Borussia Dortmund staged a late comeback from two goals down to draw 2-2 with troubled VfB Stuttgart on Wednesday as they continued their stuttering start to the Bundesliga season.

The visitors looked to be cruising to their first win of the campaign when Daniel Didavi struck twice early in the second half for a two-goal cushion.

But goals from Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang in the 73rd and Ciro Immobile in the 86th minute helped avoid what would have been Dortmund's third loss in five games.

Dortmund are on seven points, four behind leaders Bayern Munich, who beat Paderborn 4-0 on Tuesday. Stuttgart moved off the bottom spot and into 17th place after scoring for the first time this season.

Missing their entire first choice midfield, Dortmund lacked any attacking edge for most of the game and had also Stuttgart keeper Sven Ulreich to thank for completely misjudging a cross that led to their equaliser.

The hosts did have the first real chance when Shinji Kagawa chipping the ball onto the cross bar in the 33rd minute.

The 24-year-old Didavi, however, punished Dortmund's sluggish defending when he was left unmarked in the box to slot in three minutes after the restart.

The midfielder then doubled their lead when Marcel Schmelzer's clearance landed at Timo Werner, who found Didavi for an easy tap in.

Dortmund coach Juergen Klopp, who became the longest serving Dortmund coach with his 209th Bundesliga game on their bench, saw his team spark to life after the second goal and Aubameyang cut the deficit with a darting run.

Dortmund captain Mats Hummels came on as a late substitute for his season debut but again it was Stuttgart who came close with Vedad Ibisevic firing over the bar with keeper Roman Weidenfeller beaten.

City in 7th heaven

AFP, London



Holders Manchester City smashed Sheffield Wednesday 7-0 and Chelsea edged Bolton Wanderers 2-1 as both teams overcame Championship opposition to reach the League Cup fourth round on Wednesday.

Frank Lampard and Edin Dzeko each scored twice as City strolled to victory with seven second-half goals at the Etihad Stadium, setting up a home game with either Crystal Palace or Newcastle United.

Lampard broke the deadlock in the 47th minute, tapping home a low cross from James Milner at the near post to score his second goal in two games following Sunday's equaliser against his former club Chelsea.

Dzeko turned in a Jesus Navas cross in the 53rd minute and Navas made it 3-0 with a jinking run and fierce shot a minute later.

Yaya Toure added a fourth from the penalty spot on the hour after Kamil Zayatte had been sent off for tripping Lampard, before late goals from Dzeko, substitute Jose Pozo and Lampard completed the rout.

Chelsea gave a first appearance of the season to goalkeeper Petr Cech and took a 25th-minute lead when debutant Kurt Zouma lashed home at the second attempt after Gary Cahill's header was blocked at a corner.

Matt Mills equalised for Bolton six minutes later with a deep header from a free-

kick that crept inside Cech's right-hand post, but Oscar gave Chelsea victory in the 55th minute with a low long-range drive.

Chelsea will visit fourth-tier Shrewsbury Town in round four.

Meanwhile, Tottenham Hotspur had to come from behind to win 3-1 at home to Nottingham Forest.

Championship leaders Forest made a bright start, hitting the bar through Ben Osborn's curler, and took the lead in the 61st minute when 19-year-old Jorge Grant tucked in a Lars Veldwijk cross.

But substitute Ryan Mason drew Spurs level with a 25-yard shot in the 72nd minute and late goals from Roberto Soldado and Harry Kane sent Mauricio Pochettino's side through.

Spurs will now host second-tier Brighton and Hove Albion, who won 3-0 at fourth-division Burton Albion.

West Bromwich Albion produced a stunning late rally to beat Hull City 3-2 and set up a trip to Championship outfit Bournemouth.

Goals from Tom Ince and Robbie Brady put Hull 2-1 up after Brown Ideye had given the hosts a 15th-minute lead, but Gareth McAuley equalised in the 87th minute before Saido Berahino grabbed the winner a minute later.

The night's other all-Premier League tie went to extra time after Sullay Kaikai marked his Palace debut by making it 2-2 against Newcastle in injury time at Selhurst Park.

Keeper scores one, misses another

REUTERS, Rio de Janeiro

Veteran Sao Paulo goalkeeper Rogerio Ceni converted one penalty before missing another in a 2-2 Brazilian championship draw against Flamengo, who were left fuming over the referee.

Rogerio, who has scored more than 100 goals from free kicks and penalties over the course of his career, converted his first spot kick in the 17th minute of Wednesday's match after a foul on Alan Kardec that was hotly disputed by Flamengo.

It was his sixth goal of the season but the 41-year-old's evening went downhill from there.

Shortly after the 30-minute mark, Rogerio fumbled a weak Gabriel shot to gift Everton the simplest of opportunities to level the game for Flamengo.

Sao Paulo won another penalty at the start of the second half for handball, even though Flamengo claimed the incident was both unintentional and outside the area, but this time Rogerio's spot kick was saved by his opposite number Paulo Victor.

Rogerio, who made his debut for the team in 1993, was then caught out of his ground as Flamengo launched a counter-attack but Everton's shot flew over the Sao Paulo crossbar.

Liverpool face FFP inquest

BBC ONLINE



Liverpool are one of a number of clubs set to be investigated for possible Financial Fair Play (FFP) breaches.

According to UEFA's rules, all clubs competing in Europe must limit losses to £35.4m over two seasons.

There are punishments for those who do not, with Manchester City hit with a fine and a limit on spending and squad size in May after breaking the rules.

But despite losses of £49.8m in 2012-13 and £41m in 2011-12, Liverpool are confident they will be cleared.

The Reds, along with Monaco, Inter Milan and Roma - none of whom took part in European competition last season - have submitted their accounts to the Club Financial Control Body (CFCB), but are due to be asked to provide further information on their finances.

After signing a series of lucrative commercial deals over the past 18 months though, Liverpool are confident they have adhered to the FFP regulations.

The money raised commercially can be offset against the £90m losses, which can be further reduced if Liverpool can show they have invested some of their spending in youth development, infrastructure and community projects.

Last season 76 clubs were deemed to be "at risk" of breaching FFP, but only nine were punished.

Manchester City and Paris St-Germain were the clubs hit hardest by UEFA, each fined £49m and handed restrictions on transfer spending and a reduction in their squad size for the Champions League.

If Liverpool are deemed worthy of investigation by UEFA, they would have their £6.8m prize money for reaching the group stages of the Champions League withheld.



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