

CHANNEL 9
Bangladesh Premier League
Sylhet Superstars v Rangpur Riders
Live from 2:00pm
Chittagong Vikings v Dhaka Dynamites
Live from 6:45pm

STAR SPORTS1
India v South Africa
Third Test, Day 2
Live from 10:00am

TEN ACTION
UEFA Europa League
Krasnodar v Dortmund
Live from 10:00pm
Qarabag v Tottenham
Live from 12:00am (Friday)
Liverpool v Bordeaux

TEN HD
UEFA Europa League
Dinamo Minsk v Plzen
Live from 10:00pm
Basel v Fiorentina
Live from 12:00am (Friday)
Brugge v Napoli

TEN SPORTS
UEFA Europa League
Rubin v Sion
Live from 10:00pm
Lazio v Dnipro
Live from 12:00am (Friday)
Celtic v Ajax

TEN CRICKET
Pakistan v England
First T20I (D/N)
Live from 10:00pm

Bangladesh Premier League

Venue: SBNCS

Sylhet Superstars v Rangpur Riders

Jose plays the role of groundsman

AGENCIES, London

Jose Mourinho demoted himself to the role of groundsman during Chelsea's match against Maccabi Tel-Aviv in the Champions League.

After seeing his side's intricate build-up play derailed by the bobbly pitch, the Portuguese manager marched onto the turf after Cahill's goal, to repair large divots near his technical area and stamped it into shape.

"The pitch doesn't help, it was really difficult for us," said Mourinho. "One injury yesterday with Ramires, one for John Terry today and I'm happy with just two. In a season blighted by needless inflammatory comments and actions, it's refreshing to see Mourinho creating headlines for amusing incidents again."

Popular boost for Police AC

SPORTS REPORTER

Popular Life Insurance Limited came forward to sponsor Police Athletic Club for the Bangladesh Championship League, which gets underway at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today.

Police AC, one of the eight participating teams, were promoted to the second-tier of professional football league by the game's governing body despite the fact that they only became champions in the second division league last season and were expected to graduate to the first division.

Yousuf Ali, managing director of Popular Life Insurance, handed over a check worth Tk 50 lakh to inspector general of police AKM Shahidul Haque at the press conference at the Police Headquarters yesterday.



Barcelona superstar Lionel Messi (L) celebrates his second goal with teammate Luis Suarez during their Champions League encounter against Roma at the Nou Camp on Tuesday.

PHOTO: AFP

Blistering Barcelona

AFP, Paris



Holders Barcelona celebrated qualifying for the last 16 of the Champions League with another stunning display on Tuesday, Luis Suarez and Lionel Messi both scoring twice in a 6-1 win against Roma.

The Catalans and Bayern Munich both secured their places in the knockout draw and demonstrated once again why they are surely the best teams in Europe just now, with Bayern crushing Olympiakos 4-0 at the Allianz Arena.

Barcelona discovered they had qualified from Group E before they had kicked a ball at the Camp Nou, the 1-1 draw between BATE Borisov and Bayer Leverkusen in Belarus ensuring their passage.

Fresh from crushing eternal rivals Real Madrid 4-0 at the weekend, they then produced a performance that the Italians could not live with to secure top spot in the section.

Dani Alves set up Suarez to tap in the opener before Messi, in his first start since returning from injury, made it two at the end of a superb move involving Neymar and Suarez.

Suarez struck again just before the interval with a sweet volley and the rout continued in the second half as Neymar,

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RESULTS

BATE Borisov	1 – 1	Bayer Leverkusen
(Gordechuk 2)	(Mehmedi 68)	
Barcelona	6 – 1	Roma
(Suarez 15, 44, Messi 18, 60, Pique 56, Adriano 77)	(Ozil 90)	
Arsenal	3 – 0	Dinamo Zagreb
(Ozil 29, Sanchez 33, 69)		
Bayern Munich	4 – 0	Olympiakos
(Costa 8, Lewandowski 16, Mueller 20, Coman 70)		
Porto	0 – 2	Dynamo Kiev
	(Yarmolenko 36, Gonzalez 64)	
Maccabi Tel Aviv	0 – 4	Chelsea
	(Cahill 20, Willian 73, Oscar 77, Zouma 90)	
Zenit St Petersburg	2 – 0	Valencia
(Shatov 15, Dzyuba 74)		
Lyon	1 – 2	Gent

Thomas Mueller tapped in the third. Holger Badstuber was sent off early in the second half on his return after his latest lengthy lay-off but Kingsley Coman

Suarez and Messi all combined to give Gerard Pique a tap-in.

Neymar and Suarez then helped set up Messi to get his second and Barca's fifth on the hour and Adriano crashed in the sixth after Neymar's penalty had been saved by Wojciech Szczesny.

Roma's misery was compounded when Edin Dzeko had a late penalty saved by Marc Andre ter Stegen, although Dzeko did pull one back with the last kick of the game.

BATE opened the scoring in the second minute in Belarus through Mikhail Gordechuk, but Admir Mehmedi equalised in the second half for Leverkusen.

Roma still have their destiny in their own hands, though – a win at home to BATE next month will see them finish second.

A draw between Bayern and Olympiakos in Germany would have taken both teams through but Pep Guardiola's team showed no mercy for their visitors as they raced into a three-goal lead inside the first 20 minutes.

Douglas Costa got the opener and Robert Lewandowski scored his 28th goal in 25 games this season before

AFC Cup play-off qualifiers in August (21-27) as the 2014-15 Bangladesh Premier League champions, subject to their qualification in the final round of AFC Cup of 2016.

However, the game's governing body has decided not to send any clubs of the Bangladesh Premier League to any invitational tournament outside the country in the next season in a bid to completing the calendar accordingly.

"In a bid to completing the calendar, we want to stick to it properly and will not arrange any friendly matches in an unplanned manner and we will not even allow clubs to take part in overseas tournaments in the middle of the season," vowed Salahuddin.

Despite that the game's governing body will need to halt the domestic competitions to accommodate the assignments of the national team, which is supposed to take part in play-off matches of the Asian Cup Qualifiers in June (2, 7) and September (6, 11).

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Barisal Bulls' Al Amin Hossain and Sylhet Superstars' Mohammad Shahid have been found guilty of breaching the BCB

Code of Conduct during the teams' Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) match at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium on 24 November 2015.

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