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SANCHEZ'S FURRY SOCIAL MEDIA STARS

Dogs are man's best friend, or at least Alexis Sanchez's that is. The Arsenal star has created an Instagram page dedicated to his beloved four-legged companions. The page, which has already garnered 15,000 followers, is host to an array of images of him with his two dogs --Atom and Humber-- the pair also feature on the Chilean international's personal account. This really comes as no surprise however as in the past Alexis has treated his Labrador retrievers to private jets, lavish beaches and professional photo shoots, amongst more homely treats such as naps in the former Barcelona forward's bed. —GOAL.COM

A sneak peek into favela life

ATIQUÉ ANAM from Rio de Janeiro

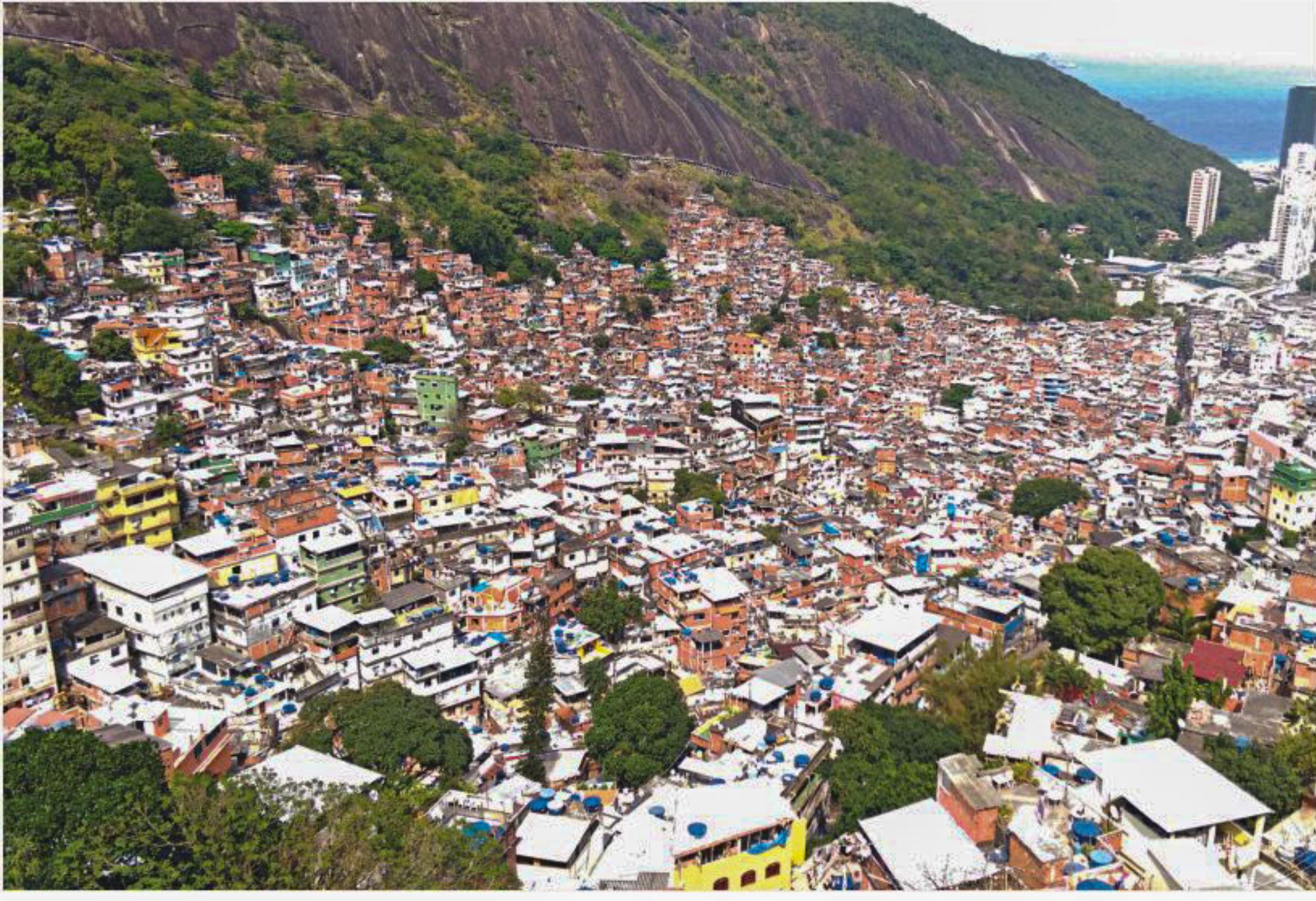
Rio de Janeiro has many faces. It is fraught with such extremes that it's quite hard to fathom the true nature of this beautiful city. Brazil's most cosmopolitan city, Rio enralls its tourists with a number of iconic landmarks and natural beauty spots while at the same time throwing in some sad aspects of life.

As the Olympic Games neared its end and the number of daily events thinned out, we were left with time to take a look around the tourist attractions of Rio de Janeiro. A day and a half's excursion was enough to leave us with an eye-opening experience. Here is the first part of a two-part travelogue on that experience.

A fellow Bangladeshi sports journalist and I spent the first day of the excursion in a township named Rocinha, located towards the centre of the city. Favelas are notorious for their poverty and violence, and thanks to world media's attention turned on Brazil for the 2014 FIFA World Cup and the Rio 2016 Olympics, these favelas have earned a lot of column inches in international media. With that knowledge, we cajoled our tour operator to arrange a tour to Rocinha, which is the largest favela in Brazil, sheltering close to 70,000 people over 355 acres of hilly land.

Our guide for the day, Monica, herself came from one of the 700 favelas of Rio de Janeiro and that helped us have a valuable and unbiased insight into what these favelas were all about. She guided us through the narrow allies of the township which slope down towards the plain. We were first taken to a souvenir shop at the top of the hill and the view from its balcony put some of the things we had read into context.

It was a view quite like one in Dhaka or Mumbai or any other megacities of the third world. From the top, Rocinha looked like a jumbled assortment of



one-storied tin-shed houses, with tall skyscrapers bordering the slums. Most favelas of Rio, Monica says, are usually located within close reach of posh neighbourhoods.

Rocinha is sandwiched between Sao Conrado and Gavea -- two of the upscale areas of the city -- and despite the close proximity, Rocinha is kept by its wealthy neighbours at arm's length as its people remain poor and desperate. And that is what brings tourists to this place. It is not the chic architecture mansions and modern skyscrapers that attract tour-

ists, rather it is the poverty of Rocinha that lures tourists from around the world.

Poverty, it seems, is an exhibit and the exhibit is selling big here.

A walk down the steps of the narrow alleys makes things more vivid. The steps which lead to a slightly broader alley are marked by graffiti on the walls of the houses, each one telling a unique story of hunger and angst.

The elderly sit by the small windows of their houses or at the doorsteps as we pass by while

Monica explains the history of the favelas. "The desperately poor people of the north come to Rocinha with a dream of making a life in the big city, but eventually the dream never realises," Monica says. "And the fact that the government provides most utilities for free encourages these people to not leave these favelas. Things too are very cheap here."

Things are indeed cheap in the favelas. A shoe of moderate quality, which sells for around 300-500 real in the city markets, can be found at a third of that price at the shops of Rocinha.

The low cost of living and free utilities is one reason, apart from poverty and lack of education, which drives the young men and women of these favelas into violence, drug peddling and other crimes. Monica says things have, however, improved a lot since police forces trained by US SWAT teams were deployed inside each of the favelas some eight years ago to contain the violence ahead of the two major sporting events.

Statistics say the rate of crime has come down drastically, and from our time spent in Rocinha, we did not notice any drug peddlers or vagabonds loitering around the streets. The people we saw on the streets were mostly busy workmen, minding their jobs, however pitiful that job might seem to the eyes of the rich.

As we made our way towards the end of the favela, walking through the zigzag alleys, we stumbled upon a unique cultural exhibition. It was a combination of dance and martial arts, named Capoeira, imported from Angola and Congo along with the slaves. The Africans held on to the tradition and spread it around the locals as well. There were young boys and girls taking part in this exotic art form, and we were asked to join them in their rituals. The end of the tour finished in a cheerful mood, much to our surprise.

Celtic fans raise funds for Palestine

AFP, Glasgow

Two Palestinian charities have picked up an unexpected financial windfall with £45000 (52000 euros, \$59000) raised by supporters of Scottish Champions Celtic it was revealed on Monday.

One of the historic club's supporters groups Green Brigade launched the fund-raising effort initially to match an anticipated £15000 fine from European governing body UEFA for fans waving Palestinian flags at last week's Champions League qualifying first leg clash in Glasgow against Israeli side Hapoel Beersheba.

The money raised will be distributed to Medical Aid Palestine, who deliver health and medical care to those "worst affected by conflict, occupation and displacement"; and the Lajee Centre, a cultural and sports project for children in Aida refugee camp in Bethlehem.

The Green Brigade said the money for the Lajee centre would be put towards football kit and equipment so they can set up a team, to be called Aida Celtic and who will compete in the Bethlehem youth league.

Drogba was just training

AGENCIES, Los Angeles

Didier Drogba has laughed off reports linking him with a move to Aston Villa. Social media went into overdrive when Villa owner Tony Xia claimed the Championship club were closing in on a "world class" striker. Chelsea great Drogba emerged as a possible arrival, given he worked under Villa boss Roberto Di Matteo at Stamford Bridge, with the pair winning the 2012 Champions League.

But the 38-year-old Montreal Impact striker dismissed the speculation, using Twitter to apparently distance himself from any possible move. "Just come out of training at @impactmontreal & a million messages & trending on Twitter saying I was in Birmingham today," Drogba wrote.

Drogba has scored eight goals in 15 MLS games for the Impact this season.

Greg swaps spikes for dancing shoes

AFP, London

Britain's long jump world champion Greg Rutherford is to take a break from his day job to appear on the BBC's popular programme 'Strictly Come Dancing', he revealed on Monday.

The 29-year-old 2012 Olympic champion, who had to settle for bronze at the Rio Olympics, said he was facing a vastly different challenge from trying to jump the furthest into a sandpit.

"I love being challenged and taking to the Strictly ballroom is like nothing I have ever done before," said Rutherford, who won the world title in 2015 and is also a two-time European champion.

"Doing this is definitely a long jump from my day job for sure!" he joked.

Rutherford has been honoured with a statue of himself erected in his home town of Milton Keynes in 2014.

Neymar's Barca return postponed

AGENCIES, Barcelona



Neymar will make his return to Barcelona following the September international break after he was named in Brazil's squad for the World Cup qualifying matches against Ecuador and Colombia.

The 24-year-old forward captained the home nation to glory at the Rio Olympics, netting a stunning free-kick in Saturday's final before scoring the winning penalty to defeat Germany and prompt delirious celebrations at the Maracana.

His inclusion for Tite's first game in charge of the full national side has prompted Barca boss Luis Enrique to give permission for Neymar to remain in South America and miss Sunday's LaLiga trip to Athletic Bilbao.

Gabriel Barbosa and Gabriel Jesus starred in attack at the Olympics alongside Neymar and the teenage forwards have been given the nod by Tite, who has selected seven Olympians in total.

Manchester City-bound Jesus will be hoping to make his senior international bow, although his future club-mate Fernandinho does not make the cut in midfield despite an impressive start to the

SQUAD	
GOALKEEPERS	
Alisson Becker (Roma/ITA), Marcelo Grohe (Gremio), Weverton (Atletico Paranaense)	
DEFENDERS	
Gil (Shandong Luneng/CHN), Marquinhos (Paris Saint-Germain/FRA), Miranda (Inter Milan/ITA), Rodrigo Caio (Sao Paulo), Dani Alves (Juventus/ITA), Fagner (Corinthians), Filipe Luis (Atletico Madrid/ESP), Marcelo (Real Madrid/ESP)	
MIDFIELDERS	
Casemiro (Real Madrid/ESP), Giuliano (Zenit St Petersburg/RUS), Lucas Lima (Santos), Paulinho (Guangzhou Evergrande/CHN), Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool/ENG), Rafael Carioca (Atletico Mineiro), Renato Augusto (Beijing Guoan/CHN), Willian (Chelsea/ENG)	
FORWARDS	
Gabriel Barbosa (Santos), Gabriel Jesus (Manchester City/ENG - on loan at Palmeiras), Neymar (Barcelona/ESP), Taison (Shakhtar Donetsk/UKR)	

Premier League season.

Atletico Paranaense goalkeeper Weverton and Beijing Guoan midfielder Renato Augusto joined Neymar as "overage" players in the Under-23 squad for the Games and also make the cut along with fellow gold medallists Marquinho and Rodrigo Caio.

Bravo joining Man City

REUTERS, London

Claudio Bravo was pictured leaving Barcelona Airport on Tuesday and his expected move to Manchester City is likely to trigger the departure of England goalkeeper Joe Hart.

The 33-year-old Bravo is set for a medical this week at the Etihad Stadium where he will team up again with Pep Guardiola, his former manager at Barca.

The Spanish champions said on Saturday they had reached a "preliminary agreement with City" for the sale of the Chile captain.

Guardiola confirmed Bravo's imminent arrival when asked about Bravo at a news conference on Tuesday, saying: "I cannot deny what everyone knows".

Argentine Willy Caballero has been preferred to Hart in City's three games this season but England's number one could yet feature in Wednesday's Champions League playoff.

Bauza reveals Messi talks

AGENCIES, Buenos Aires



Argentina head coach Edgardo Bauza says he advised Lionel Messi to block out the "idiots" prior to the Barcelona superstar changing his mind on international retirement.

Messi announced his plans to step away from national-team duties following Argentina's loss to Chile in the Copa America Centenario - their third major final defeat in as many years.

But earlier this month, the 29-year-old confirmed he had gone back on that decision, with Bauza then selecting the forward in his first squad, for upcoming World Cup qualifiers against Uruguay and Venezuela.

And Bauza, appointed as a replacement for Gerardo Martino at the start of August, says he told Messi to shrug off any external criticism.

"I went [to speak to Messi] not to convince, I went to talk football," Bauza told La Nacion.

"We were almost two hours talking about football and naturally it came out [from that] that he would be on the list."

"I told him that in Argentina there are 100 idiots, who speak and criticise, but I told him that people want much, and if you are still heeding 100 idiots who criticise, you would go crazy."

"Then came this statement, which I found very natural, and that tells you about his desire to be in the selection and win something with the national team."

"Having the best in the world does not guarantee you'll win the game, but you are guaranteed a great threat to the opponent. We need to better take advantage of Messi."

Terry recall pondered

AFP, Burton on Trent



New England manager Sam Allardyce will consider ending former captain John Terry's four-year international exile, he revealed on Monday.

Terry, 35, retired from England duty in September 2012 after the Football Association charged him with racially abusing Queens Park Rangers defender Anton Ferdinand. He was later fined and given a four-game ban.

Roy Hodgson, Allardyce's predecessor, said in March that England had still not successfully replaced the Chelsea centre-back and Allardyce has not ruled out handing him a recall.

Asked if Terry might be in line for an England return, Allardyce said: "Maybe so. I think it depends on what John said."

"Maybe if I get the opportunity, I might have to give him a ring. But until I come to that selection or that process, we'll wait and see."

"I don't know what the political side of that might mean, if there is a political side. I'll have to have that conversation if I feel that John Terry may be a possibility."

Terry, capped 78 times, signed a one-year Chelsea contract extension in May and has played in their two games to date under new manager Antonio Conte.

Allardyce, 61, was appointed England manager in July after Hodgson stepped down following England's humiliating elimination by Iceland at Euro 2016.



Trnava on September 4 and will name his first squad on Sunday.

Allardyce, known as 'Big Sam', confirmed goalkeeper Joe Hart will be selected, despite having lost his place at Manchester City under new manager Pep Guardiola.

But Allardyce warned it is "critical" for Hart to secure regular first-team football if he is to remain England's first-choice goalkeeper.

"If it goes for a longer period of time, then I think it's difficult to select them," Allardyce told reporters at the St George's Park national football centre in Burton, central England.

Guardiola has expressed reservations about Hart's passing ability and Allardyce said he would speak to the City manager about the matter.

Another England player now under Guardiola's orders is centre-back John Stones, who recently joined City from Everton.

Allardyce expressed hope that Guardiola will improve Stones's defending, citing his work with Gerard Pique at Barcelona as an example.

Pakistan proud to be No.1

AFP, Karachi



Cricket-obsessed Pakistanis were Tuesday celebrating their national team's "incredible journey" to the top of the Test rankings after a turbulent seven years in which they were forced to play home matches on neutral venues.

Pakistan supplanted arch-rivals India to become the world's number one Test side on Monday, after India's final Test against the West Indies ended in a rain-hit draw at Port of Spain.

It capped a remarkable rise under captain Misbahul Haq's leadership for a team which was nearly thrown out of the international arena over a spot-fixing scandal on their tour of England in 2010.

Pakistan have also been forced to play their home matches in the United Arab Emirates since an armed attack on the Sri Lankan team bus in 2009, a significant disadvantage.

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Shaharyar Khan branded the rise "historic".

"The ascension to the top of the ICC Test rankings culminates an incredible journey for Pakistan cricket," he said.

"This is a historic moment in our rich Test cricket history and the credit for this great achievement goes not only to this team but to all the players, coaches and support staff members who have represented Pakistan in recent years."

New coach Mickey Arthur stressed that the work was just beginning.

"It's a fantastic achievement and a lot of people deserve the credit for that, but the top of them all will be the players who have worked hard and been outstanding," said Arthur, who coached Pakistan to a 2-2 draw in the four-Test series against England. "I am just the lucky coach who has been with the team now but others have done wonderfully well," he added, singling out his predecessor Waqar Younis.

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