

**BTV & CHANNEL 9**  
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**SONY SIX**  
Australian Open

**Third Round**  
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**Primera Liga**  
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Live from 1:30am (Saturday)

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Sevilla v Real Madrid  
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**STAR SPORTS SELECT HD 2**  
**Bundesliga**  
Freiburg v Bayern Munich  
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**Bangladesh Women v South Africa Women**  
Fifth ODI

Time: 9:30am  
Venue: Sheikh Kamal Int'l Cricket Stadium, Cox's Bazar



Uzbekistan's wildcard qualifier Denis Istomin is ecstatic after beating Serbia's Novak Djokovic in their Australian Open second-round match in Melbourne yesterday. *Inset*, six-time Australian Open champion Djokovic walks off court after his earliest Grand Slam defeat in eight years. PHOTOS: AFP

## Djokovic crashes out

AFP, Melbourne

Novak Djokovic suffered arguably the biggest defeat of his career when he crashed out of the Australian Open to 117th-ranked Uzbek Denis Istomin on Thursday, extending his mystifying slump in form.

With Istomin inspired, the defending champion sent down 72 unforced errors as he lost 7-6 (10/8), 5-7, 2-6, 7-6 (7/5), 6-4 in the second round to end his bid for a record seventh title at Melbourne Park.

Later, Rafael Nadal beat Marcos Baghdatis and in the women's draw, Serena Williams ousted Lucie Safarova 6-3, 6-4. But third seed Agnieszka Radwanska was a major casualty when she lost 6-3, 6-2 to Croatian veteran Mirjana Lucic-Baroni.

It is more than a decade since Djokovic made such an early exit from the Australian Open, and he hasn't lost

in the second round of any Grand Slam since Wimbledon in 2008.

Djokovic had only been defeated by a player outside the top 100 once in the past seven years, when he went down to 145-ranked Juan Martin del Potro at the Rio Olympics.

"It's one of these days when you don't feel that great on the court, don't have much rhythm, and the player you're playing against is feeling the ball very well," he shrugged.

"That's sport."  
While Djokovic was rocked by the defeat, there was joy for Istomin, who is coached by his mother and has never got beyond the third round in 11 visits to Melbourne Park.

"I feel sorry for Novak, I was playing so good today," he said. "I surprised myself also."

Croatia's Ivo Karlovic made a miraculous recovery from his record-breaking 84-game win over Horacio Zeballos two days earlier to beat Australian wildcard

Andrew Whittington.

The 6ft 11ins (2.11m) Karlovic, who fired 75 aces as he beat Zeballos 22-20 in the fifth set on Tuesday, won 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 to set up an encounter with Belgium's David Goffin.

Nadal, attempting to improve on an injury-riddled 2016, swamped former finalist Baghdatis 6-3, 6-1, 6-3 and next plays top-rated German teen Alexander Zverev.

Radwanska was the strong favourite against Lucic-Baroni, 34, but the Pole's famous shot-making deserted her as she succumbed to her earliest exit since 2009.

Britain's Johanna Konta kept up her hot run of form as she beat Japan's Naomi Osaka 6-4, 6-2 to set up a meeting with former world number one Caroline Wozniacki.

US Open finalist Karolina Pliskova ousted Russian qualifier Anna Blinkova to stay unbeaten this year, and WTA Finals winner Dominika Cibulkova saw off Taiwan's Hsieh Su-Wei.

## Siddikur slow, but steady

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh's premier golfer Siddikur Rahman got off to a topsy-turvy start in the SMBC Singapore Open, finishing with a score of one-over-par as the first round was suspended due to fading light yesterday.

The 32-year-old will have the opportunity to improve his score as he takes to the course to for seven more holes of the first round today at the 7,398 yard Sentosa Golf Club course.

His current score sees him sit in 89th position, seven strokes behind the leading trio -- Japan's Satoshi Kodaira and Hideto Tanihara and South Korean Kyungnam Kang, who are tied for first with scores of six-under-par in the US 1,000,000 dollar event.

Starting off on the back nine, Siddikur carded consecutive bogeys on holes 12 and 13, before bringing the score back to par with consecutive birdies on holes 16 and 17. However, he hit another bogey on the 18th.

After the end of this event, there will be an Asian Tour event in Myanmar from January 26-29, followed by the Bashundhara Bangladesh Open at the Kurmitola Golf Club from February 1.

## AIUB V-DAY TENNIS Alamgir, Priti clinch titles

SPORTS REPORTER

Alamgir Hossain and Afrana Islam Priti clinched the titles of the men's and women's singles respectively after beating their opponents in the finals of the AIUB Victory Day Tennis Tournament at the National Tennis Complex in Ramna yesterday.

Alamgir of Nordic Club beat Mamun Bepari of Samson H Chowdhury Tennis Club 6-3, 6-4, while Priti of BKSP handed a 4-6, 7-5, 7-5 defeat to Ishita Afroz.

Sheikh Hasibul Haque and Mamun Bepari became champions in the men's doubles after Amol Roy and Anwar Hossain failed to turn up to the final, while Popi Akter and Ishita Afroz defeated Afrana Islam and Joly Akter 6-3, 6-2 to win the women's doubles.

Other winners of the tournament are Jewel Rana (U-16 boy's singles), Imon Islam (U-14 boy's singles), Alvi (U-12 boy's singles), Adnan (U-10 boy's singles), Sajib Mollah (U-8 boy's singles), Jerin Sultana (U-14 girl's singles), Masfia Afrin (U-12 girl's singles), Prottyasha Das (U-10 girl's singles) and Oshita Nawyar (U-8 girl's singles).

## Modern facilities beckoning for Kalsindur, Nayapukur

SPORTS REPORTER

The introduction of the Bangamata Begum Fajilatunnesa Mujib Gold Cup Primary School Football Tournament in 2011 completely changed the scenario of women's football in the country, with girls who had come up through the ranks in that tournament adding a multitude of feathers to their caps at the international level.

However, although hundreds of girls from primary schools across the country have been taking part in the Bangamata Gold Cup every year, quality women footballers are being produced only by a few non-descript villages such as Kalsindur, under the Dhobaura Upazila of Mymensingh, and Nayapukur, under the Sadar upazila of Rangpur.

The achievements of these girls at both national and international level are also testament to how the finest female footballers are being fostered in those two villages. Palichara Primary School of Nayapukur village have clinched the Bangamata Gold Cup once and become runners-up once, while Kalsindur Primary School were

crowned champions twice.

With a team comprising mostly of girls from those teams, Bangladesh have won the AFC Regional Girls Championship twice and have also become group champions in the AFC U-16 Women's Championship Qualifiers. Most recently, the women's team became runners-up in the SAFF Women's Championship.

These girls have undoubtedly been encouraged by the kind-hearted people of their villages, some of whom have convinced reluctant parents of the budding footballer to allow them to play, while others have arranged things such as boots, jerseys and footballs to make sure that training sessions on the grounds of the Kalsindur High School and College and Palichara Primary School and Palichara MS High School would continue unhindered.

Now the government has stepped forward and will be increasing facilities at the two grounds -- Kalsindur and Nayapukur -- by upgrading the grounds, setting up mini-pavilions and constructing dressing rooms, washrooms as well as office rooms.

"In line with the instructions from the parliamentary standing committee on the youth and sports, we have

prepared a project worth Tk 1.45 crore to increase the facilities at two grounds in Kalsindur and Nayapukur," National Sports Council secretary Ashok Kumar Biswas told The Daily Star.

The project has already been placed at the finance ministry and the game's regulatory body will implement it as soon as the project is approved.

"The development works in Kalsindur include developing the ground, constructing mini-pavilions, dressing room, office room, washroom and an RCC connecting road to the Kalsindur School and College. It will take Tk 64.33 lakh to complete the project," said Biswas. "The development works in Nayapukur is similar to Kalsindur, but there will be a surface drain for the ground instead of RCC connecting road. It will take Tk 75.55 lakh."

Biswas believes the development at these two grounds will inspire the locals to be more involved with women's football, which would ultimately benefit the country.

Asked whether they had further plans to enhance the facilities at other schools which are also producing good female footballers, Biswas said: "We are ready to fulfil the demand if there is national need."

## Emily, Enamul excluded

SPORTS REPORTER



The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday called up 62 players for a fitness assessment test where all recognised players were included, with the notable exception of Zahid Hasan Emily and Enamul Haque.

Three players from Bangladesh Championship League -- defender Jalal Mia of Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club, striker Matin Mia of Chittagong Mohammedan SC and forward Oushi Mong of Saif Sporting Club -- have been picked for the first time.

"The players who have been representing the national football team and performing well in the recently concluded Bangladesh Premier League and Bangladesh Championship League have been picked by the coaching staff," said national team manager Satyajit Das Rupu.

The players, divided into two groups, will be assessed under fitness coach John Whittle, assistant coach Syed Golam Jilani and goalkeeping coach Ryan Sandford at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan. The first group of 33 players will train from January 22 to February 2, while the second group will do the same from February 3 to 12.

"We are conducting this fitness camp keeping the upcoming Bangabandhu Gold Cup in mind. After the fitness camp, the players will join their respective clubs to prepare for next month's Sheikh Kamal International Club Cup tournament."

The National Teams Committee is supposed to appoint the head coach for the national team before the start of Sheikh Kamal International tournament, which will act as a proving ground for the players ahead of the Bangabandhu Gold Cup in March.

## Bangabandhu Cup starts today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

The Bangabandhu Cup football tournament involving some of the country's most popular clubs like Abahani, Mohammedan and Sheikh Russel will get underway at the Muktiyoddha Asaduzzaman Stadium in Magura today.

Apart from the three Dhaka-based clubs, nine more teams from Magura and outside are scheduled to take part in the tournament which is being organized by the Asaduzzaman Football Academy in Magura.

Asaduzzaman Football Academy will take on Jhenaidah district in the opening match of the tournament.

Deputy minister Arif Khan Joy, BFF vice presidents Kazi Nabil Ahmed and Badal Roy, BFF executive committee member Sheikh Mohammad Aslam and former national footballer Golam Rabbani Helal are also expected to be present there.

## Defeat surprises Zidane

AFP, Madrid



Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane admitted he was surprised by his side's slow start as they slumped to a second defeat in four days, 2-1 at home to Celta Vigo in the first leg of their Copa del Rey quarter-final on Wednesday.

Zidane's men hadn't lost in a Spanish record 40 games stretching back to April last year before conceding twice in the final five minutes to lose 2-1 at Sevilla on Sunday.

And Zidane believes the European champions suffered a hangover from that disappointment in a first 45 minutes devoid of goalmouth action at a frigid Santiago Bernabeu with temperatures plummeting below zero degrees



Real Madrid superstar Cristiano Ronaldo stands on the pitch dejected at the end of their Copa del Rey quarterfinal first leg match against Celta Vigo at the Bernabeu on Wednesday. PHOTO: AFP

"It was a strange game, especially the start," said Zidane. "We have to analyse it, something is wrong for sure. We didn't do what we had prepared to do, especially the intensity. The intensity wasn't good at the start of the game."

However, the real damage to the hosts was done in a six-minute spell midway through the second-half as Celta grabbed two vital away goals and their first win at the Bernabeu in a decade. Iago Aspas's 15th goal of the season put the visitors in front before Marcelo equalised with a sensational volley five minutes later.

However, Celta went immediately back in front when left-back Jonny exploited a huge gap in the centre of the Madrid defence to slot home.

The sides meet again for the second leg on January 25.

## Big wins for Patuakhali, Gopalganj

SPORTS REPORTER

Patuakhali, Gopalganj and Chittagong moved into the next round of the Agrani Bank 26th National Youth Hockey Championships by beating their respective opponents at Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Patuakhali thrashed Brahmanbaria 7-0 and Gopalganj outplayed Cox's Bazar 8-1 while Chittagong defeated Sylhet 3-1.

V-DAY KABBADI

## Army win title

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Army clinched the title of Victory Day Kabbadi tournament with a 25-19 win over Border Guard Bangladesh at the Kabaddi Stadium in Paltan yesterday.

Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation president and Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Haque witnessed the final and distributed prizes among the winners.

## Lucas leads Liverpool

AFP, Plymouth

Lucas Leiva scored a rare goal to earn Liverpool a 1-0 victory at fourth-tier underdogs Plymouth Argyle in an FA Cup third-round replay on Wednesday.

The Brazilian met countryman Philippe Coutinho's 18th-minute corner with a firm near-post header to sink Plymouth.



## Career Opportunity as Probationary Officer

Social Islami Bank Limited (SIBL), a leading Islamic Shariah based Bank, as a part of its growth and concurrent consolidation program, with a highly dynamic professional management team, is looking for self-motivated, aspiring and committed potential individuals who are willing to start career in bank as Probationary Officer.

### Qualifications and other competencies:

- Masters in Bank Management (MBM) from Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM) or MBA from any recognized University or Masters in Economics/English/International Relations/Public Administration/Accounting/Marketing/Finance & Banking/Management/MIS/Statistics/Mathematics/Law/Development Studies with minimum 2nd Class/CGPA 2.25.
- All candidates must have minimum total academic grade points 10 including at least two 1st Division/1st Class/CGPA 3.00. [(i) 1st Division/Class, CGPA 3.00 & above in any exams = 3 points, (ii) 2nd Division/Class, CGPA 2.25 to 2.99 in Graduation & Post Graduation level and 2.00 to 2.99 in SSC & HSC exam = 2 points].
- Candidates having 3rd Division/3rd Class/CGPA below 2.25 in Graduation & Post Graduation level and below 2.00 in SSC & HSC exam are not eligible to apply.
- Age not over 30 years as on 31.01.2017.
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- Selected candidates should have the mentality to work in any part of Bangladesh.
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