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 Live from 7:00pm

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 Australia v New Zealand
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 3rd T20

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 Fenerbahce v Krasnodar
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DAY'S EVENT

SHEIKH KAMAL INTERNATIONAL CLUB CUP
 Asmayee v Manang Marshyangdi
 Time: 4:00pm

Mohammedan v Ctg Abahani
 Time: 7:00pm
 Venue: MA Aziz Stadium, Chittagong

BANGLADESH CRICKET LEAGUE
Round-4, Day 4
 Walton Central Zone v Islami Bank East Zone

Time: 9:30am
 Venue: KSOAS, Fatullah
 Prime Bank South Zone v BCB North Zone

Time: 9:30pm
 Venue: BKSP-3

QUICK SINGLES

The following are a few samples of stories that did not make the print edition. However, if they pique your interest, you can always read them online on The Daily Star website by simply scanning the QR codes listed below:

India win ICC Women's World Cup Qualifier

The India women's cricket team pull off a stunning one-wicket victory off the last ball against South Africa to win the ICC Women's World Cup Qualifier final.

Bolt congratulates Kohli on Puma deal

Jamaican sprint king Usain Bolt reaches out to Indian superstar Virat Kohli with a congratulatory message after the latter inked a 110-crore-rupee deal with Puma.

Five infamous India-Australia controversies

A look back at the tumultuous history between India and Australia ahead of their Test series, starting tomorrow.

Ronaldo's Indonesian protege hit by injury

An Indonesian tsunami survivor and Cristiano Ronaldo protégé is forced to take a break from his football career after a knee injury.

Wozniacki gets back to work with Dubai win

Two days after playing the Doha final, Caroline Wozniacki plunges straight back to work on Monday at the Dubai Tennis Championships with a 6-2, 7-5 first-round defeat of Darya Kasatkina.

Ronaldo explains ridiculous WC 2002 haircut

Former Brazil striker Ronaldo explains that he donned the ridiculous haircut during the 2002 World Cup in South Korea and Japan to divert attention from his injury problems.

More than just a sport

ATIQUÉ ANAM



The 4th Roll Ball World Cup in Dhaka has so far been a big congregation of countries; and though this congregation has come as a culture shock for some it is also a pleasant eye-opening experience for many. Since the game is still an amateur pursuit for most, it brings with it stories of people who are more willing to soak in the fun while they are at it rather than being bound by the code of conducts of professional sport.

'THE TRAFFIC IS CRAZY'

The Danes' participation over for this year's world cup is already over as both the men's and women's teams have lost in the early knock-out stages. So there is ample time for the Danes to roam around and enjoy things that they might not be familiar with back home. Leise Karlsen, one of the women's team members of the Denmark side, said that it is unlike anything they are used to back home, but they are happy to learn about a completely different culture and way of life.

"The traffic is crazy here. I mean I still don't get how they drive through this traffic as it looks quite dangerous. In fact the first time we were in the car, we were frightened for our lives. But now we are getting used to it." The 26-year-old, who was drafted in after one of the teammates broke her hand at the last moment, says she is lucky to have been here and seen things. "It's more than just sport as we are very new to this game. This experience surely gives us a new perspective on life. We have actually been learning about the local stuff. We have been told about the International Mother Language Day and we went to visit the Old Pink House [Ahsan Manzil] the other day. And at the moment some of our team members were in the river, rowing. So it's



Isabella Marengo is having an early lesson on roll ball with her parents while the Argentine women joined in with the Kenyan celebrations at the M Mansur Ali National Handball Stadium yesterday.

been a great experience for us," said the lady as she waved the Bangladesh flag.

KENYA A BIG HAPPY UNIT

The Kenyans love their sport, whatever it is. And they do love to celebrate flamboyantly. The Kenyan men's and women's teams -- both very strong on paper -- are through to the semifinals of the world cup. The women's team, who are the defending champions, had already made it through and were left with time to cheer on their male counterparts at the Shaheed M Mansur Ali Handball Stadium yesterday. The men's team got through with a 6-5 win against Latvia after extra time. As soon as the final whistle was blown, the women, draped in Kenyan flags, started running from the



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sidelands and joined the men in their traditional song and dance. The mood was electrifying and it soon spread among the other teams present. Caleb Mbandu, one of the members of the men's team, said they are like one big family. "Yes, we are very close. All of us are from Nairobi and we know each other. So we cheer on the women when they are playing and they do likewise when we are playing. And we do these steps every time we win. It's a lot of fun."

AN EARLY EDUCATION

Isabella Marengo is having a very early taste of roll ball. The 15-month-old Argentine is busy being pushed around the roll ball courts in a stroller by her parents, both of whom happen to be members of their

national teams in this world cup. While the mother, Natalia Solano, is still going strong with her teammates, father Sebastian Marengo is already out of the competition, hence left with ample time to do the strolling and take care of the child at the hotel. Sebastian, originally an in-line hockey player, hopes that while he has learnt the game relatively late, his daughter will pick it up quicker. "Yes you could call it early education. She watches things intensely when we play," the 29-year-old from Mendosa says. "She has her grandpa and grandma back home, but we still like to take her around. It's part of our job as we move around a lot with our in-line hockey team and now roll ball team. So I hope she picks up both games early, a lot earlier than us."

Acid test for Juventus

AFP, Milan



A potent new attacking formation that has sent Gonzalo Higuain towards another top scorer's award faces the acid test Wednesday when Juventus take on Porto away in the last 16 of the Champions League.

Juventus, beaten 3-1 by Barcelona in the 2015 final, are en route to a record sixth Serie A crown and remain many pundits' favourites to challenge the likes of Real Madrid for the trophy in Cardiff next May.

Massimiliano Allegri's Serie A league leaders head to Porto's Estadio do Dragao as favourites, but aware that they also ended Roma's hopes of even qualifying for the competition in clinical fashion last summer. "Juventus are a top side who have made it to the final of the Champions League recently, so they will be a challenge for us," Porto president Pinto da Costa was quoted as saying in Corriere dello Sport.

"But Roma were also favourites against us, and in the end we won 3-0."

Allegri's decision to ditch his tried and trusted 3-5-2 for a more attack-minded 4-2-3-1 has seen Higuain, thanks to support from Juan Cuadrado, Paulo Dybala and

Mario Mandzukic, pull level with Roma's Edin Dzeko at the top of the Serie A charts on 19 goals so far.

But while the Juventus front line is firing on all cylinders, Porto have reason to be targeting a makeshift Juve defence that could be missing key components in Andrea Barzagli and Giorgio Chiellini.

Both remain doubtful due to recent injury niggles, meaning either Daniele Rugani or Mehdi Benatia could partner Leonardo Bonucci in central defence.

Allegri's switch to a flat back four means Stephan Lichtsteiner, Dani Alves, Kwadwo Asamoah and Alex Sandro -- who are all adept as wingbacks in a five-man midfield -- are all available for the left and right-back positions.

On Friday Allegri said: "Unless some strange things happen in the meantime, we will deploy a 4-2-3-1 in Portugal."

Both Rugani and Lichtsteiner were completely rested for Friday's 4-1 win over Palermo, in which Dybala hit a brace and Higuain hit one. Mario Mandzukic was also completely rested, suggesting he is a definite starter on Wednesday.

Allegri's two holding midfielders are likely to be Miralem Pjanic, the side's free-kick specialist, and Germany midfielder Sami Khedira.

Finger gesture costs Carlo 5,000 euros

REUTERS, Berlin

Bayern Munich coach Carlo Ancelotti will donate 5,000 euros to charity after making an obscene gesture to Hertha Berlin fans after their 1-1 draw on Saturday, the German football association (DFB) said on Tuesday.

The Italian had raised his middle finger after leaving the pitch at the end of the game and later said he had done it because he had been spat on by the home fans.

Bayern scored in the sixth minute of stoppage time with hosts Hertha left fuming over the length of added time that was played.

The DFB said it had ended an investigation into the incident in return for the charity payment.



Bangladesh players celebrate a point during their quarterfinal victory against Nepal in the 4th Roll Ball World Cup at the Shaheed Suhrawardi Indoor Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

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'Players right behind Enrique'

AFP, Barcelona



Under-fire Barcelona coach Luis Enrique has the total support of his players, influential central defender Gerard Pique insisted on Monday.

Pique was keen to rally fans to the cause after they had booed the team during a 2-1 league win over lowly Leganes on Sunday, as the fallout from a 4-0 Champions League first-leg last-16 defeat to Paris Saint-Germain last week turned ugly.

"All the players are completely behind the coach," Pique said of Enrique, who bore the brunt of criticism after the PSG thrashing and who had a good share of the boos on Sunday.

"When the fans come here to the stadium we want their support," Pique said.

"Sometimes we get it right, and sometimes not. But this is the same coach that led us to the treble," Pique said, reminding fans of the 2015 feat Enrique managed in his debut season, winning the Champions League, La Liga and Copa del Rey.

The current coach took over after Pep Guardiola's reign was followed by more modest success from Tito Villanova, who won a league title and Gerardo Martino, who won nothing.

Pique, a World Cup and European Championship winner, admitted Barcelona had been below par of late.

"We've been unrecognisable, unable to hold possession, but trust me we're the ones hurting most."

"We are alive in all three competitions however and stranger things have happened in football, even if it looks highly compromised for us in the Champions League."

"I swear we will do everything to turn that around," he promised.

Barca face a stiff test next weekend when they travel to Atletico Madrid, before hosting PSG on March 8.

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