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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:

Dybala signs till 2022

Argentina forward Paulo Dybala extended his contract with Juventus by two years, keeping him at the club until 2022.

No one safe as sport becomes growing magnet for extremists

Three bombs hidden in a hedge that exploded when the Borussia Dortmund Champions League team passed by proved that no sporting event is now safe from a militant attack, experts said.

UEFA denies Dortmund and Monaco did not want to play

UEFA has responded to criticism over the rescheduling of Borussia Dortmund's Champions League match against Monaco, insisting it never received information suggesting the teams did not want to play.

Drogba to end career in Phoenix

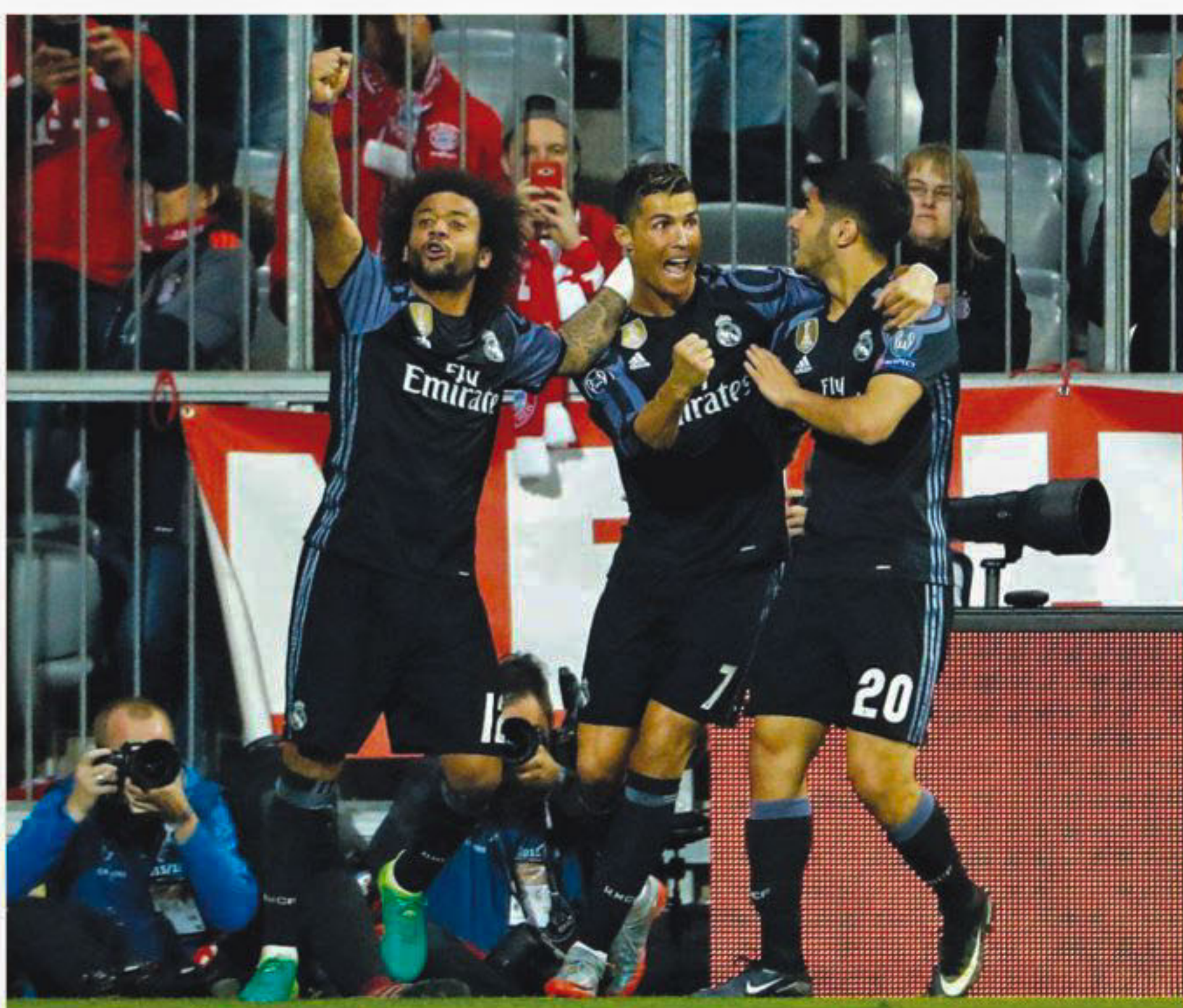
Former Chelsea striker Didier Drogba has agreed to join second-tier United States team the Phoenix Rising in an effort to help them join an expanded Major League Soccer (MLS) competition before he takes an executive role with the team when he retires.

Clasico concern for Bale

Real Madrid boss Zinedine Zidane has confirmed that Gareth Bale was withdrawn from the 2-1 win at Bayern Munich due to an injury concern.

Taylor comes out of retirement

Less than a year since retiring from Test cricket, Jerome Taylor made himself available for selection in the five-day format.



Real Madrid superstar Cristiano Ronaldo (C) celebrates his second goal with teammates during their Champions League quarterfinal first leg encounter in Munich on Wednesday.

PHOTO: AFP

Ronaldo sinks Bayern

Happy to reach 100-goal milestone

AFP, Munich



Zinedine Zidane said Cristiano Ronaldo was happy to claim his 100th European goal in Real Madrid's 2-1 win at 10-man Bayern Munich, but insisted the quarterfinal is far from decided.

Ronaldo, the four-time world player of the year, volleyed Real level at the Allianz Arena, then reached his milestone by slotting home the winner 13 minutes from time in the first-leg with the return on Tuesday in Madrid.

"He was happy of course, but he wasn't too happy as he had chances to score more goals," said Real's coach Zidane.

"We're all content, because it's never easy to win at Bayern."

Ronaldo said it was a moment to savour.

"I wanted to reach this record. To be able to reach this mark is an honour and

against a team like Bayern it is even better," the Portugal skipper told BeIN Sport Spain.

Arturo Vidal headed Bayern into the lead, but then skied a penalty attempt on the stroke of half-time before Ronaldo volleyed the defending champions' level after the break.

Bayern played the last half an hour a man down after centre-back Javi Martinez was sent off for two fouls on Ronaldo within three minutes of each other.

Real pressed home the numerical advantage as Ronaldo tapped the ball between the legs of Bayern's goalkeeper Manuel Neuer for the winner on 77 minutes.

Zidane warns the slender lead may not be enough in Madrid in the Spaniards' bid to become the first club to defend the Champions League title.

Bayern hope to have top-scorer Robert Lewandowski fit having missed the Munich match with a bruised shoulder.

"You never decide a tie like this in the

first-leg, but we created our chances and we could have scored more goals," said Zidane.

"We're happy with the game we played. We showed patience and we showed the willingness to get the right result."

"Even another goal would not have made that much difference. We'll have to see if the one goal lead is enough."

The Frenchman is hoping Welsh winger Gareth Bale will be fit for the return having gone off in the second-half Munich with a leg injury.

"Gareth felt something at half-time and I didn't want to take any risks, he didn't feel very well, we hope it's nothing major, nothing big," said Zidane.

The Real coach said his side were lucky to have only been a goal down at the break after Vidal's penalty miss.

"We could have been 2-0 down at half-time, which could have changed the match, but we managed to show some patience and get the equaliser," said Zidane.

Tuchel fumes at UEFA

AFP, Dortmund



Borussia Dortmund coach Thomas Tuchel accused UEFA of treating the bomb attack on their team bus as if only a "beer can" had been thrown and claimed they were only informed by text message that they would have to play their Champions League game against Monaco.

The German side were defeated 3-2 by the French club in the first leg of the quarterfinal on Wednesday, 24 hours after the scheduled game had been postponed.

The fixture was postponed from Tuesday after three explosions rocked the Dortmund team coach and left Spain international Marc Bartra needing surgery on a broken wrist.

Teenager Kylian Mbappe struck twice as Monaco claimed victory at Signal Iduna Park, with Tuchel furious at UEFA's handling of the situation.

"We felt completely passed over, it came down to 'tomorrow, you're playing,'" said Tuchel.

"We were told by text message. They treated it as if a beer can had been thrown at the bus."

"Ultimately, it was decided in Nyon in Switzerland whether or not to play the next day."

"It was a somewhat powerless feeling. Each player had the right to start with a somewhat queasy feeling."

"We would have liked to have had more time to work through it," added Tuchel.

"There are players who easily brushed it off, but there are also players who really took it to heart. They are more thoughtful."

Dortmund defender Sokratis Papastathopoulos also felt the feelings of the players were ignored.

"We aren't animals, we're humans, who have family and children at home," said the Greece international.

"I feel (treated) like an animal, not a human."

"Unless you experienced it, you can't understand how bad it was for us."

"I am just happy to be alive, it was the worst day of my life," he added, referring to the night of the attack.

UEFA, however, insisted that both clubs had agreed to play on Wednesday at the earlier 1645GMT kick-off.

"We were in touch with all parties and never received any information which suggested that any of the teams did not want to play," said a UEFA spokesman.

Germany's Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere had said it was important for the match to go ahead: "we can not make the mistake of being intimidated. Then the terrorists have already won."

But Sky pundit and ex-Germany international Lothar Matthaeus criticised UEFA, saying it was a mistake to play the game so soon after the attack.

"From what I heard in the team circle, a lot of players didn't want to play, but UEFA put some pressure on and politicians asked Dortmund to play," said Matthaeus.

"For me, it is irresponsible that the players had to run out. It's an incomprehensible decision from UEFA to put Dortmund under pressure. In this case, the players must come first."

The Dortmund players clearly struggled on the pitch with Monaco now favourites to reach the last four.

After the final whistle, several Dortmund stars were still shell-shocked by the attack 24 hours before.

"I'm doing better now, it (the game) was good as a distraction," said 23-year-old Germany international Matthias Ginter in barely more than a whisper.

"Apparently there was no other possibility, but from our side, no one wanted to play."

"Of course, no one was thinking about football before the game and I believe that was obvious from the way it began."

"We were lucky, when you hear how bad it could have been."

Captain Marcel Schmelzer said the "players had to function like puppets" and midfielder Nuri Sahin said it was wrong to use football as a sign against terrorism.

Simeone awaits pure night of football

AFP, Madrid

Atletico Madrid coach Diego Simeone believes his side face a "pure night" of football when they take a 1-0 to Leicester City's King Power for the second leg of their Champions League quarterfinal.

Antoine Griezmann's penalty was the only goal at the Vicente Calderon on Wednesday as Atletico failed to make the most of their dominance as Leicester failed to have a single shot on goal in 90 minutes.

"We anticipate a fantastic football night. An English stadium, the fans close to the pitch, it will be a pure night of football," Simeone said of the return leg on April 18.

Griezmann was by a distance the stand out performer as he also created the penalty as he was brought down right on the edge of the box after a storming run from inside his own half.

The French international had missed his last four Atletico penalties, including in last season's Champions League final.

However, he dusted himself down to slot home his 24th goal of the season.

"He is a fabulous player," added Simeone.

"He is still growing, he is playing very well at an important part of the season and has assuming more responsibility in the hierarchy of the team."

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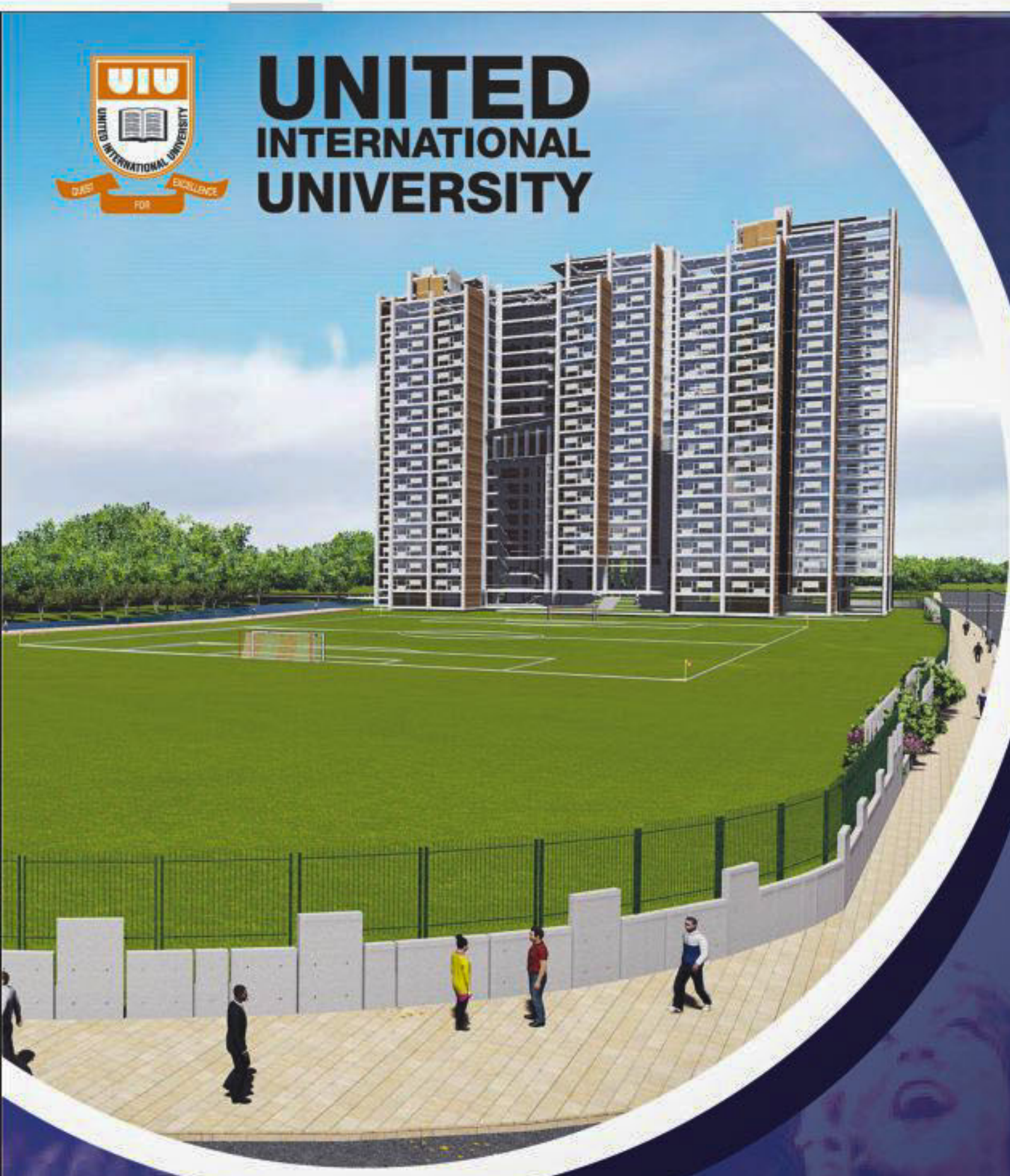
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