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DAY'S EVENT

DHAKA PREMIER LEAGUE
 Time: 9:00am
 Mohammedan v Prime Bank
 Venue: Fatullah

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 Venue: BKSP-4

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:

Serena Williams confirms pregnancy, will sit out 2017

Tennis superstar Serena Williams is pregnant and taking maternity leave through the rest of 2017, expecting to give birth this fall, her spokeswoman said in an announcement that upended a sport the 35-year-old athlete has dominated for the past decade.

'Want to win Clásico for Neymar'

Barcelona midfielder Rakitic wants to win Sunday's El Clásico against Real Madrid for Neymar, who is missing the game due to a suspension.

Gerrard set to play for Liverpool again

Former Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard will wear the iconic red shirt once again when Jurgen Klopp's men travel to Australia in May.

'Nadal among favourites for French Open'

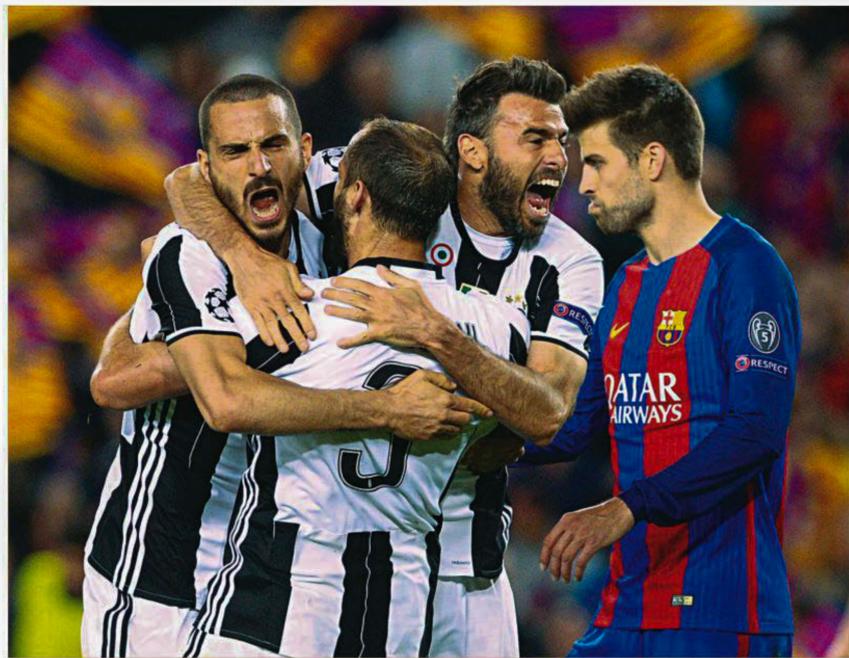
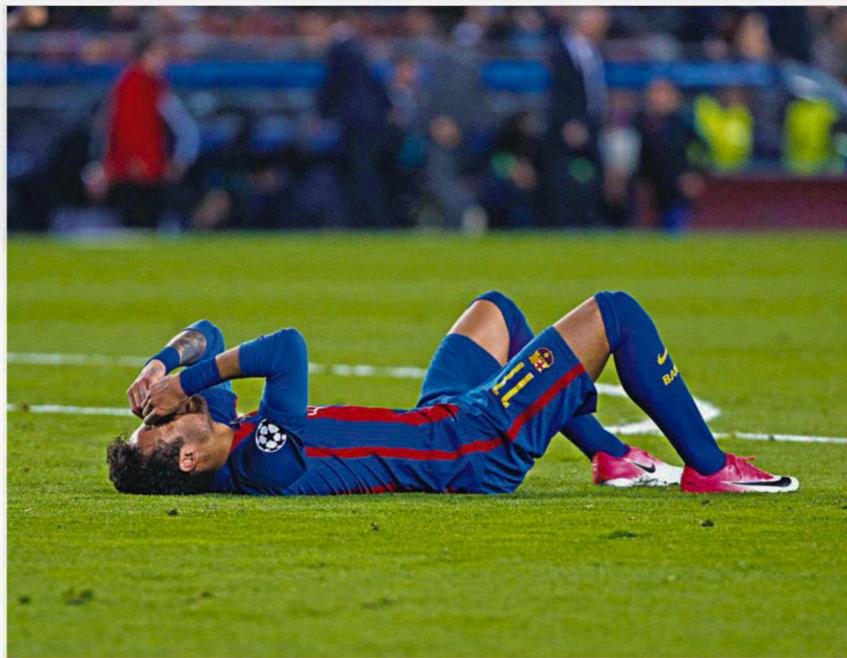
Nine-time winner Rafael Nadal remains among the favourites for this year's French Open -- but Roger Federer is stronger than ever at 35, according to Spanish great Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario.

Misbah to receive Spirit of Cricket Trophy

Retiring Test cricketer Misbah ul Haq wins hearts of Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) with his good behaviour and will soon become the first-ever recipient of the Imtiaz Ahmed Spirit of Cricket Trophy, which will also earn him a cash prize of Rs 500,000.

Chelsea, Tottenham dominate PFA Team of the Year

Players from Premier League title-chasers Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur dominate the Professional Football Association's Team of the Year announced, occupying eight of the starting 11 spots.



CONTRASTING EMOTIONS: (L) A disconsolate Barcelona star Neymar lies on the field while, (R) Juventus defenders Leonardo Bonucci, Giorgio Chiellini (C) and Andrea Barzagli celebrate their qualification at the end of their Champions League quarterfinal second-leg tie at the Nou Camp on Wednesday.

PHOTOS: AFP

Barca bruised & beaten

AFP, Barcelona

Lionel Messi ended with a bloodied face, Neymar in tears, but no matter what they tried Barcelona couldn't break down a Juventus defensive wall as the Spanish champions crashed out of the Champions League.

Wednesday night's 0-0 draw wasn't the cause of their demise, but an error-strewn 3-0 first leg defeat that left even Messi, Neymar and Luis Suarez too much to do against the team with the best defensive record left in the Champions League.

"A goodbye with pride," ran the headline in both Barcelona sport dailies Mundo Deportivo and Sport.

The hosts were even handed a rousing reception by the near 100,000 fans at the Camp Nou, but there is little time for Barca to lick their wounds as Sunday's El Clásico at La Liga leaders Real Madrid offers a final chance to save their season.

"There was blood, sweat and tears and the Barca fans recognised that with a standing ovation," said Sport.

"The Clásico arrives as a final chance to lift a season undermined by

inconsistency."

Even a victory at the home of their eternal rivals might not be enough for Barca to win a third straight league title.

Madrid lead the league by three points and also have a game in hand to come.

However, winning at the Santiago Bernabeu would ramp up the pressure on Zinedine Zidane's men and at the very least offer some joy in a season short on things to shout about.

"We have the chance to put ourselves in the fight for La Liga," said coach Luis Enrique after overseeing his last Champions League game in charge before stepping down at the end of the season.

"I feel happy to be able to work in a club that always wants to win everything. It is not a good night and it is not a good moment for Barca fans, but we will fight until the end."

Without the suspended Neymar on Sunday, Barca will need Messi and Suarez to recover their killer instinct. Of Barca's 17 shots on Wednesday, only one was on target and that came from defender Javier Mascherano.

"Impotent against a wall," said Madrid sports daily AS.

"The shots on target are the ones

that count," conceded Enrique.

Emotions ahead of the Clásico couldn't be more contrasting for Spain's two powerhouses.

Whilst Barca have failed to make it beyond the Champions League quarters for two successive seasons for a first time in a decade, Madrid booked their place in a seventh straight semifinal thanks to Cristiano Ronaldo's hat-trick in a thrilling 6-3 aggregate win over Bayern Munich.

Real have always considered themselves the kings of Europe thanks to their 11 European Cups. However, now they seek to end Barca's recent rule of domestic matters in Spain with just a second league title in eight seasons.

Messi and Barca captain Andres Iniesta have been two of the mainstays to Barca's decade of dominance.

A bruised Messi will pick himself up to go again at the Bernabeu in search of his 500th Barcelona goal. And Iniesta insisted the Catalans aren't yet a spent force.

"It is disappointing to be eliminated from the Champions League, but being able to win La Liga depends on winning at the Bernabeu and that is our intention."

Italy hails Juventus

AFP, Milan



"Unbeatable" Juventus can finally hand goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon an elusive Champions League title after making five-time winners Barcelona "cry" in the quarter-finals.

Those were the headlines splashed across the front pages in Italy after rock-solid Juventus followed their impressive 3-0 first-leg win over the Spanish giants with a defensive masterclass that held Barca to a frustrating scoreless draw at the Camp Nou on Wednesday.

As Juve celebrated a 3-0 aggregate win at a stunned but appreciative Camp Nou, Barcelona -- who beat Juventus on their way to triumphing in 2015 -- crashed out of the competition after seeing Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Neymar fail to find the net over 180 underwhelming minutes.

"Fly Juve Fly" was the front page headline on Italy's biggest-selling sports daily La Gazzetta dello Sport, which included a vignette showing teary-eyed Neymar being comforted by former club defender Dani Alves.

Corriere dello Sport used the same dramatic picture of Alves and Neymar to fully illustrate the Brazilian starlet's disappointment.

"You made them cry," screamed Corriere's headline, while in Turin-based Tuttosport Juventus are simply "unbeatable".

Even Barcelona, outdone by Paulo Dybala's impressive brace and Giorgio Chiellini's 55th minute header in Turin last week, had to agree.

"Compliments to @Juventusfc for reaching the semi-final," the Catalan club wrote on its official Twitter page.

To which Juventus replied: "Thanks @FCBarcelona, it's an honour to beat such a great opponent."

Juve go into Friday's semi-final draw along with Real Madrid, Monaco and Atletico Madrid -- all of whom have faced Massimiliano Allegri's men in recent European campaigns.

For Barca defender Gerard Pique, though, the Italians showed enough over the two legs to merit another tilt at the trophy they last won in 1996 with a 4-2 victory on penalties over Ajax.

"Over the two legs, they were better than us so they deserve to go through to the semi-finals. I think they can win the Champions League this season," said Pique.

Gazzetta dello Sport suggested Juve's virtually "impenetrable defence" should also give 39-year-old club legend Buffon the chance to add a trophy from Europe's premier club competition to his long list of titles and accolades.

"It's your year. With a defence like this you can lift the trophy," said an inside-page headline.

Currently on their way to a record sixth consecutive Serie A title and a third successive league and Cup double, Juve can also target an unprecedented treble -- last achieved by an Italian club by Inter Milan under Jose Mourinho in 2010.

"Henceforth, there's no doubt: there's a smell of the treble in the air," wrote Gazzetta columnist Alessandro De Calo.

Murray crashes out of Monte Carlo

AFP, Monte Carlo

Andy Murray surrendered a 4-0 lead in the decisive third set on his way to defeat at the Monte Carlo Masters on Thursday as the world number one's 2017 season hit another setback.

Murray suffered a shock third-round loss to Spain's 15th seed Albert Ramos-Vinolas 2-6, 6-2, 7-5 in more than two and a half hours.

Ramos-Vinolas toppled the Scottish top seed on his second match point to progress to the quarter-finals on the Monaco clay for the first time at the French Open warm-up event.

Bale back in training

AFP, Madrid

Gareth Bale's chances of being fit for Sunday's blockbuster La Liga clash between Real Madrid and Barcelona were boosted as he returned to training yesterday.

The Welshman has missed Madrid's last two games against Sporting Gijon and Bayern Munich due to a flare up of the muscles around where he suffered ligament damage in his right ankle earlier in the season.

Madrid host Barca with a three-point lead at the top of La Liga and with a game in hand.

Therefore, Real coach Zinedine Zidane is reluctant to rush Bale back into action with the first leg of the Champions League semi-finals less than two weeks away.

"When he came back he was desperate to be involved and now he has a small niggle that is preventing him from being fully fit," Zidane said ahead of the Bayern second leg.

Monaco dream on

AFP, Monaco



A brilliant Monaco side that has taken Europe by storm will not relent in their bid for glory after beating Borussia Dortmund to reach the Champions League semifinals, promised coach Leonardo Jardim.

The team from the Mediterranean principality were too good for their German opponents in Wednesday's quarterfinal second leg, winning 3-1 at the Stade Louis II to advance 6-3 on aggregate.

"We have won nothing, but we have made history," declared Portuguese coach Jardim after the game, as his side extended a run that began in the third qualifying round against Fenerbahce last July, nine months ago.

Teenage sensation Kylian Mbappe, skipper Radamel Falcao and substitute Valere Germain got their goals with Marco Reus netting for Dortmund on a memorable night for the hosts.

The last team to come through two qualifying rounds to reach the semifinals of the Champions League was Dynamo Kiev in 1999, although the format was different in those days.

Nobody expected Monaco -- conquerors of Pep Guardiola's Manchester City in the last round -- to get this far but they have done it playing a superb brand of football that has yielded 141 goals so far this season.

Now they are preparing for their first semifinal appearance since 2004 as they join Juventus, Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid in the draw.

None of those teams will fancy playing Monaco, who for all Paris Saint-Germain's efforts in recent years will be the first French representative in the last four since Lyon in 2010.

"We have taken France into the semifinals. We want to go out and enjoy it but all four sides are capable of winning the competition," warned Jardim, whose team were visited by Prince Albert in the dressing room afterwards.

Independence Cup Kabbadi begins today

SPORTS REPORTER

The final round of Bashundhara Presents Independence Cup Kabaddi tournament gets underway from tomorrow at the Suhrawardi Indoor Stadium in Mirpur with the participation of eight teams.

The participating teams -- seven services teams and three qualifying districts -- will be split into two groups and play round-robin matches. The top two from each group will advance to the semifinals.

"We don't have any hesitation in saying that kabaddi is not in the position it was supposed to be in, but we are trying to elevate it since taking over. We went to the grassroots level to organise the Independence Cup," said Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation general secretary additional DIG Habibur Rahman at a press conference yesterday.

He added that they have started the Independence Cup Kabaddi from the Upazila level and then staged it at district and divisional levels before holding the final round in Dhaka.

BKF president and IGP AKM Shahidul Haque said their main target for the tournament would be to select talented players and train them under the supervision of foreign coaches in a bid to produce good results in the Asian Games.

The inspector general of police also informed that the ad-hoc committee has planned to hold 11 competitions in one-year calendar.

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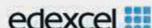
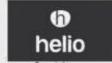
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5	Asst. Manager /Executive	Sales	10	Masters in any Discipline, Major in Marketing is preferable.	3-5 Years
6	Supervisor	Production	6	BSC in any Discipline.	1-2 Years
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