

**Badal Roy
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Legendary footballer Badal Roy, who suffered a brain haemorrhage on Monday night, has been flown out to Singapore on an air ambulance yesterday afternoon.

Roy, also the vice president of Bangladesh Football Federation and the Bangladesh Olympic Association, has been admitted to the Glenelands Hospital and Medical Centre and he will be under the supervision of Timothee Lee, informed Hassan Rashed, Abulader director of sports and youth secretary of Awami League.

Rashed informed his wife and that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has made all the arrangements to ensure the best treatment for him.

The left side of Roy's body has been paralysed, but his condition is stable, it has been learnt.

"Before the departure, Roy went through a CT scan, which revealed no further damage in his brain and his condition didn't worsen after Tuesday," said Harunur.

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Andrew Ord (2nd from R) is presented with the national team jersey by BFF president Kazi Salahuddin (2nd from L) and vice president Kazi Nabil Ahmed (R) during the new coach's official unveiling at the BFF House yesterday.

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BECKHAM'S MIAMI TEAM EDGES CLOSER

David Beckham's hopes of launching a Major League Soccer franchise in Miami took a giant step towards becoming reality Tuesday after city officials approved the sale of land crucial to a proposed stadium project. Miami-Dade County commissioners voted 9-4 to approve the transfer of a three-acre parcel of land worth \$9 million to Beckham's consortium, which reportedly hopes to launch its MLS team by 2021. Beckham's group had already purchased six acres of land next to the site for some \$19 million in Miami's Overtown district. The group hopes to build a 25,000-seat stadium on the site. Beckham's group has said the cost of the stadium, which still needs to be approved by city planners, will be met by private investors with no public funds being used in its construction. Beckham announced in 2014 that he intended to bring a team to the South Florida city.

—AFP



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Tamim let down by teammates'

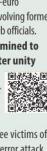
Former Bangladesh batsman and ambassador for the ICC Champions Trophy 2017 Habibul Bashar said that Tamim Iqbal was let down by his teammates in the match against Australia.

Modric to testify at key Croatia corruption trial

Real Madrid midfielder star Luka Modric will appear as a witness next week at a multi-million-euro corruption trial involving former top Dalmatian Zagreb officials.

Rashford determined to show Manchester unity

United youngster Marcus Rashford said his recent hospital visit to see victims of the Manchester terror attack was motivated by a desire to show the city remains united.



'Working hard is the only way up'

Andrew Ord says after signing one-year contract

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should not be 193 in FIFA Ranking as Bangladesh has to be 23 good footballers.

"I'm sure we will climb up the rankings because no way we should be 193rd in the world. I saw the game last night [Federation Cup final]; there were some good players. We want to improve and help the country climb out of

this position," opined Ord.

National Team Committee chairman and BFF vice president Kazi Nabil Ahmed pointed out the reason behind appointing a coach who has no prior experience at the dug-out of a national team.

"We wanted a European coach who has experience of working in Asia. We had CVs of coaches from Italy and Spain too. As he was an opposition scout for Australian national team, Ord knows how the other teams of Asia play football.

Besides, he had worked with clubs in Thailand and Myanmar, so we thought he is good for Bangladesh," said Nabil.

BFF president Kazi Salahuddin, however, urged the footballers play with more dedication.

"It is about time Bangladeshi footballers take charge of their own future as we can only provide them with facilities and coaches but we can't play them on the pitch. At the end of the day, it is the game for the players and coach, so I will request the footballers to take their job very seriously," said Salahuddin.

BFF vice president Tabith Awal, general secretary Abu Nayem Shohag and member Satyajit Das Rupu were, among others, present at the press conference.

Novak Djokovic was only bagelled (losing a set without winning a single game) in the final set once before in 984 career matches, against Kei Nishikori in Basel, 2011.

In Grand Slams, the only other time the 12-time Major winner suffered a 6-0 set defeat was against Gael Monfils in the 2005 US Open, but Djokovic came back to win that match.

Dominic Thiem will face next nine-time Open champion and 'King of Clay' Rafael Nadal in the semifinal, and the Austrian is the only player to beat Nadal on clay this season.

Thiem had won only one set in five matches against Djokovic leading into Wednesday's match.



PHOTOS: AFP

Austria's Dominic Thiem celebrates his stunning victory against a dejected Novak Djokovic of Serbia (INSET) during their French Open quarterfinal in Paris yesterday.

Thiem stuns Djokovic

Wawrinka-Murray, Nadal-Thiem in semis

AP, Paris

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Defending champion Novak Djokovic crashed out of the French Open on Wednesday, sparking fresh fears over his appetite for the sport he once dominated as Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray made the semi-finals.

World number two Djokovic slumped to a stunning 7-6 (7-5), 6-3, 6-0 quarter-final loss to Dominic Thiem for his earliest exit in Paris in seven years.

Nadal, chasing a 10th Roland Garros title, will face 23-year-old Thiem after making the last four without breaking sweat.

He was 6-2, 2-0 up on Pablo Carreno Busta when his Spanish compatriot quit with an abdominal injury.

Fridays other semi-final will pitch world number one Murray, the runner-up to Djokovic in 2016, against 2015 champion Stan Wawrinka.

Murray made the semi-finals for the fifth time with a 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-0), 6-1 win over Japanese eighth seed Kei Nishikori.

Wawrinka became the oldest French Open semi-finalist in 32 years when he brushed aside Marin Cilic 6-3, 6-3, 6-1.

Djokovic, who had brought in Andre Agassi as coach in an effort to boost his flagging career, invited him to step back from the sport to regroup, even with Wimbledon fast approaching.

"Trust me, I'm thinking about many things, especially in the last couple months," he said.

"At the same time, I have to be good to the game itself, towards others. We'll see. Obviously it's not an easy decision to make, but I will see how I feel after Roland Garros and then decide what to do next."

Wednesdays defeat to Thiem was Djokovic's first straight-set loss at a major in four years and comes just 12 months after he completed the career Grand Slam in Paris.

He then also held all four majors and won the US Open, which took him to \$100 million prize money barrier.

Wednesday saw him suffer a first 6-0 'bagel' at a Slam since the 2005 US Open while the defeat will see him slip out of the world's top two for the first time in six years.

"All the top players go through this. It's a big challenge but I am up for it," said Djokovic who was also runner-up

in Paris in 2012, 2014 and 2015.

Thiem had lost to the Serb in the semifinals last year, took revenge in a straight-set win in Rome in 2015.

"It's going to be the toughest match you can imagine," admitted the 23-year-old when talking about the semi-final against Nadal.

Fourth seed Nadal recorded his 100th best-of-five-sets victory on clay -- from just 102 matches.

Thiem advanced to his fourth straight semi-final in Paris, defeating with third seed Wawrinka after beating the Swiss in four sets at the same stage a year ago.

"He's played fantastic this tournament so far," Murray said of the 32-year-old. "He's Roland Garros semi-finalist since Jimmy Connors in 1985."

Like Nadal and Thiem, Wawrinka has not lost a set on his way to the Japanese title.

"It was perfect today," said reigning US Open champion Wawrinka after a 12th win in 14 meetings with Cilic.

Halep pulls off a great escape

AFP, Paris

Simona Halep produced an incredible escape act to reach the French Open semifinals on Wednesday, while Karolina Pliskova ended the run of the lone remaining home Caroline Garcia.

Romanian third seed Halep saved a match point as she trailed Elina Svitolina 6-3, 5-1 before launching a sensational comeback to stun the Ukrainian in three sets.

Fifth seed Svitolina twice served for the match at 5-2 and 5-4 in the second set and then had match point at 6/5 in the tie-break.

But she failed to pull it off and in 2014 Roland Garros runner-up power through the decider in just 20 minutes to complete a remarkable 3-6, 3-6 (8/6), 6-0 victory.

"I don't know how I came back. It was really tough. I was playing hard and strong. I was a little bit lucky," said Halep, who grabbed the second set on a fortuitous net winner.

"I think I was strong mentally. I didn't give up. That's maybe why I won this match."

Svitolina, 22, had looked well-set to become the first Ukrainian woman to make a Grand Slam semifinal.

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