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UEFA Champions League  
Man United v Benfica  
Live from 1:45am (Wednesday)

## JOSHUA REVEALS IBRA'S ADVICE

Anthony Joshua, the world heavyweight boxing champion, has revealed the special advice he received from Zlatan Ibrahimovic before his fight with Carlos Takam on Sunday. Joshua stopped Takam in the 10th round in front of a world record indoor crowd of 78,000 at Cardiff's Principality Stadium and the legendary Swede was ringside for the bout. Ibrahimovic gave him some very helpful advice in Joshua's dressing room just prior to the big fight, as recounted by Joshua to the Daily Mirror. "He heard me say 'I'm not perfect, but I'm trying' and told me to say 'I'm perfect and I'm not trying!'" Meanwhile Zlatan told the paper: "It's my first time to come and watch him and he's the perfect example of how a boxer needs to be. He's powerful, he has the movement, he's a knockout artist." And finally, a quite brilliant line from the Manchester United star: "He's not yet as good a boxer as I am a footballer, but he's getting there!"



AFC president Shaikh Salman Bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa (C) speaks as the Bangladesh Football Federation and the AFC high-ups look on during a press conference at the BFF House yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

# Salman praises women's & age-group football

SPORTS REPORTER

Asian Football Confederation (AFC) president Shaikh Salman Bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa has praised the recent progress made by Bangladesh in age-level and women's football while he hoped that the national team would come out of the bad phase that it has been going through in recent times.

The AFC boss also assured that they would continue to extend their support to Bangladesh in regards to helping the game grow.

"Bangladesh is improving in women's football. We all saw how Bangladesh's women played in the U-16 final round. You have a very good under-19 team as well," the AFC president said while speaking at a press conference at the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) House yesterday. "Countries like Bangladesh can do a lot better and for a country of 170 million, the only way is up," he added.

Salman's visit to Bangladesh coincides with a time when the country's football is going through a mixed bag. While the women's team have far exceeded their expectations and the age-group teams have shown signs of

real promise in recent times, the national team has hit rock-bottom, being out of running for the Asian Cup and placed 196th in FIFA rankings. The people who are running the show are being put on the dock, and rightly so, for the rather hapless situation of the national team.

The AFC president apparently gave his vote of confidence to the BFF committee and its president Kazi Salahuddin, at the helm for the third consecutive term. And that is believed to be the purpose of his two-day visit to Bangladesh even though the official line is that it is part of his South Asia tour as he comes here after visiting Bhutan and India.

"Your teams have been participating in all AFC competitions which showed your commitment to develop sports in the country. We are working with you and your administration to see what can be done," the former Bahrain Football Association president, who was beaten to the top FIFA post by Gianni Infantino last year, said.

Salman also hoped that the national team would get back on track after enduring a bad patch at the international scene. "When I was made the Bahrain FA president in 1996, we played our first friendly against Otto Pfister's Bangladesh. We had to work hard to get a result that time. I am sure

this can be repeated as there are talents here."

However, the ground reality does not quite paint a rosy picture for the future. While there are sporadic promises shown by the age-group sides that success is proving hard to be long-lasting as grassroots football is largely ignored. Two of the main blames against the current committee of the federation are its failure to open a functional academy and not forcing the formation of youth teams of professional league clubs.

The AFC president, borrowing words from his host, said that it is more of a responsibility of the clubs to ensure these things where the federation can only play an enabling role.

"The FA has responsibility and the clubs have also some responsibility to run the show. You can't expect the association to run football academies. It has to come from the clubs because clubs can create leagues on their own for the youths. The success depends on the clubs' base and club structure and development at the grassroots level because at the end of the day, they are the future of your team," Salman said.

The press conference was also attended by AFC general secretary Dato Windsor John Paul, other AFC officials and executive committee

# Tajik test for U-19s

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh will start their campaign to secure a place in the finals of the AFC U-19 Championship when they take on hosts Tajikistan in one of the opening day's two matches of Group B at Hisor Central Stadium today.

The match will get underway on the newly-laid astro-turf of the stadium at 6:00pm (Bangladesh time).

After appearing in the final round in 1975, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1996 and 2002, Bangladesh have failed to qualify for that level over the last seven editions.

This time they have set their sights on the finals either as group champions or as one of the five best runners-up teams, thanks to their spirited performances in the SAFF U-18 Championship where they finished runners-up despite having equal points with eventual champions Nepal.

Under the guidance of Mahbub Hossain Roxy, the boys in red and green played some exciting football against their South Asian rivals. However, they will face an uphill task in the AFC campaign considering the presence of opponents like Tajikistan and four-time semifinalists Uzbekistan.

Bangladesh team will have to overcome three obstacles -- the fear of playing against the hosts, the chilling condition and a strong home crowd -- if they are to make a

good start against Tajikistan.

The charges of Roxy, however, got three days in Tajikistan to acclimatise to the conditions after a nine-day camp at home. The coach believes everything is going in the right direction, but he is obviously tipping the hosts as favourites.

"They have the advantage as they are physically imposing and they also have the home crowd and conditions in their favour," Roxy said. "We need to motivate our players not to feel afraid. If they can settle themselves during the first match, there will be no problem in the whole tournament."

The coach seemed a bit worried about the crowd too. "The players will not only have to fight against Tajikistan but also combat against the strong home crowd who come at the venue with drums and whistles to support their team continuously from the gallery," said the former national player, hoping that his charges will not get overawed by the crowd as they went through the same situation in Bhutan during the SAFF U-18 Championship.

The coach said they have some idea about the playing style of the opposition and has prepared his side accordingly.

"We have learnt that they play in 4-4-2 formation. We have provided as much as information to the boys we could," said Roxy adding that he will line up his side in 4-3-3 formation to get a positive result.

## 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:

### BPL ticket sale causes upheaval in Sylhet

Protests took place in UCB outlets around Sylhet as fans gathered to buy their BPL tickets.

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) had already announced via a media release that BPL tickets will go on sale at Sylhet from October 31. Tickets will be available in three UCB Branches at Sylhet suburb.

### What's gone wrong at Real Madrid?

Following a shock 2-1 defeat to newly-promoted Girona, European champions Real Madrid's La Liga title challenge is fading fast as they trail leaders Barcelona by eight points.



## Lewa out of Celtic clash

AFP, Berlin

Celtic were handed a boost ahead of Tuesday's Champions League match at home to Bayern Munich as the Germans' star striker Robert Lewandowski was ruled out by injury.

The 29-year-old hot-shot injured his left thigh in the first half of Bayern's 2-0 win over RB Leipzig on Saturday and stayed in Munich when the squad flew to Scotland on Monday.

Second-placed Bayern need a win in Glasgow to keep the pressure on Group B leaders PSG, who are three points clear at the top, while Celtic are third.

# Soma regains title

SPORTS REPORTER



Sonom Sultana Soma regained her title as the champion in women's singles of National Table Tennis Championship after four years as she handed a straight sets (4-0) defeat to Moumita Alam Rumi at the Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Indoor Gymnasium yesterday.

Soma of Bangladesh Ansar, who came into the final with a 4-2 win over defending champion Rahima Khatun in semifinals, thrashed the three-time champion Rumi of Bangladesh Army with an 11-2, 11-8, 15-13, 11-6 points defeat. The victory saw her win the title she had last won during the 2013 Bangladesh Games, which is also considered as national championship.

It was the fifth overall national title and

third in the current season for Soma who returned to the game after a three-year gap following the birth of her second son. However, she worked hard to get back to top form and took part in the national championship after participating in a ranking tournament and the Federation Cup, clinching both titles on the way.

"I can't express my feelings in words because playing in the national after a three-year gap was a big challenge. I want to thank to my husband [former national table tennis player Mohammad Ali, who is also her coach], brother-in-law and sister-in-law who supported me tremendously," said Soma, who is playing in top flight for more than two decades.

Soma had earlier won the women's doubles title with Sadiya Rahman Mou. She dedicated her victory to federation's former joint secretary Somir Uddin, who passed away recently.



## Institute of Business Administration (IBA)

# MBA Admission Test

59<sup>th</sup> Batch, Full time & Part time (Session 2017-2018)

MBA Admission Test (2017-2018) of Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka, will be held on Friday, November 24, 2017 at 10:00 am.

For all other foreign certificates/degrees, equivalence is determined by the Equivalence Committee of IBA. Without such equivalence, the applicants are not allowed to sit for the admission test.

### ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must have at least a Bachelor Degree in any field of study. The minimum qualifying point is seven (07) for all applicants. The points are calculated as follows:

### SSC and HSC or Equivalents

SSC GPA/Div	HSC GPA/Div	O-Level GPA*	A-Level GPA*	Points Earned
>= 3.5/1st	>= 3.5/1st	>= 3.0	>= 2.5	3
>= 2.5/2nd	>= 2.5/2nd	>= 2.5	>= 2.0	2

\* Letter grades of O-Level and A-Level subjects are converted into grade points as follows: A = 4, B = 3, C = 2 and D = 1. Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated by averaging the grade points of the best five grades (including mathematics) for O-Level and the best two grades for A-Level.

Candidates with third division or GPA of less than 2.5 in SSC or HSC or GPA of less than 2.5 in O-Level or less than 2.0 in A-Level examinations will not be eligible for application.

Grade below D in any subject in O-Level or A-Level is not acceptable.

### Bachelors and Masters Program

Certificate/Degree	GPA / Division / Class		
	>=3.5/1st	>=3.0/2nd	>=2.5/3rd
Bachelor Degree (Pass)	4	3	2
Bachelor (Hons. /4 yr.)	5	4	2
Masters	1	1	1

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application must be submitted online by November 20, 2017. For detailed application procedure, visit the website at [www.iba-du.edu](http://www.iba-du.edu) or [iba.registrationbd.com](http://iba.registrationbd.com)

Application fee is Tk. 1000/- (including service charge).

For further information contact the MBA Program Office (Room # 217, 1st floor, IBA) or call at 01764119001 or 01764119002 between 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on any day except Friday.

### SELECTION PROCEDURE

The test has two components: Written Test and Interview. The Written Test component evaluates applicants' aptitude in Language, Mathematics, and Analytical ability. An applicant must obtain a minimum qualifying score in each of the above areas to pass the Written Test and appear at the interview.

An applicant with foreign nationality with minimum 75 percentile in GMAT will be exempted from the Written Test. However, he/she will be required to appear at an interview.

Mobile phone, calculator or any other electronic devices are strictly prohibited in the Examination Hall.

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