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Bangladesh U-19 players go through a routine stretching session in Dushanbe yesterday ahead of today's match against Sri Lanka.

KEITA HIT WITH €415,000 FINE

Liverpool-bound Kabu Keita has reportedly been hit with a 415,000 euro fine for allegedly using a fanged driving licence. The Guinea international and RB Leipzig midfielder fell afoul with police after twice attempting to gain a German driving permit by using fake Guinean documents. Germany daily Bild quote the figure of 415,000 euros, due to calculations based on Keita's daily salary, and Leipzig's district court would only conform to 50,000, an AFP subsidiary, that the fine is a 'six-figure sum'. The 22-year-old, who will join Liverpool for the 2018/19 season, has lodged an appeal against the penalty and should the matter now go to court, the case is likely to be heard next year. Prosecutors in Leipzig accuse Keita of forgery after he allegedly tried to use fake Guinea driving documents to obtain a German licence last December, then again in January.



Roxy wants to end on a winning note

U-19s take on Sri Lanka today

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Bangladesh are looking forward to completing their AFC U-19 Championship Qualifiers campaign on a winning note when they take on Sri Lanka in their last Group B match at the Hisor Central Stadium in Dushanbe, Tajikistan today.

Bangladesh's hopes of qualifying for the final round all but evaporated after a single goal defeat against favourites Uzbekistan in the third match, which left them in third position with four points. Uzbekistan are top of the group with nine points, followed by Tajikistan on seven.

The ten group champions and five best runners-up teams will go through to the 16-team final round, and Bangladesh only have an outside chance of finishing as runners-up, depending on a lot of ifs and buts.

If Tajikistan (+10 goal difference) lose to Uzbekistan and Bangladesh (0 goal difference) beat Sri Lanka by a big margin so as to overtake Tajikistan on goal difference, only

then they can finish as runners-up. However, coach Mahbub Hossain Roxy is not thinking about the second position; he wants to end the campaign on a winning note.

"I am not thinking whether we can become group runners-up, rather we want to complete the tournament with a victory which is more important for us. All's well that ends well. We want to keep our consistent performance in the tournament and keep that consistency by beating Sri Lanka," Roxy said yesterday.

"Everything is possible in football, but we don't know what margin of victory would be favourable for us because hosts Tajikistan will play against Uzbekistan after our match," Roxy said when asked about the possibility of a second-place finish in the five-team group.

"Before leaving the country, we said that we would like to beat Maldives and Sri Lanka and secure a point in the two matches against Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. Our target will be fulfilled if we can secure three points against Sri Lanka," Roxy added.

PHOTO: BFF

Hockey team climbs to 30th

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Bangladesh climbed four places up to 30th in the world rankings following their sixth-place finish in the recently concluded Asia Cup. In the new rankings published by the International Hockey Federation (IHF), Bangladesh started the Asia Cup campaign in 34th position with 278 points, but the lone victory over higher-ranked China helped them earn 20 points.

Argentina and Australia remained in the top two places. Coach Mahbub Hanun was happy to see the progress, but wanted more activities from the federation. "After the 2013 Hockey World League Round-2, we had moved up to 29th position. To keep this new position, we need to participate in international tournaments with good preparation and it all depends on how the federation organises things," said the coach.

Mymensingh, Tangail in semis

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Holders Mymensingh and Tangail moved into the last four of the IFA U-14 Women's Football Championship yesterday. Mymensingh handed a 3-0 defeat on Tangail to emerge Group B champions and set their semifinal clash against Rajshahi. Tangail finished runners-up in the group and will play against Dhaka Green in the semifinals. Both matches will take place today.

Hockey transfers this month?

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Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) instructed the premier league clubs to take the proper preparation for a probable players' transfers from November 28 to 30.

The decision was made at a meeting between the BHF general secretary Abdus Sadeque and 12 club representatives except for Mohammedan SC, who reached the BHF headquarters after the meeting.

"Big clubs like Abahani, Usha KC and Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club did not oppose the tentative date of the players' transfers which has been proposed for November 28 to 30, but representatives of Dhaka Wanderers Club, Wari Club and Bangladesh Sporting Club questioned what will happen if the executive committee is changed in near future," BHF general secretary Abdus Sadeque said after the meeting.

"We replied them that if the committee is changed, the players, who are roped by the clubs, will not be changed. So you all take the preparation for the players' transfers," said Sadeque. "In last 14 years, only seven leagues were held and the clubs are mostly responsible for the irregular leagues."

The former national player said that they intend to start the season with Club Cup in December and complete the Premier League by February 15 so that the national team can take preparation for March's Asian Games Qualifying round, which will be held in Oman.

The last edition of the premier league was completed in July last year after the players' transfers took place in January, 2016. Since then most of the players except for the national team players sat idle for nearly 15 months.

Meanwhile, the existing committee of the hockey federation completed its four-year tenure in July and the scheduled BHF polls were suspended on August 17 due to flood. There is a whisper that government is going to form an ad-hoc committee instead of rescheduling the polls.

Sadeque said he believes a decision regarding the BHF executive committee should come within this month.

SAFF U-15 WOMEN'S C'SHIP Dhaka to host Dec event

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Bangladesh will host the SAFF U-15 Women's Championship in December with the participation of four teams.

The participating teams – India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Bhutan – will play in round robin format and top two teams will play in the final which is scheduled to take place on December 24. All matches will be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

"From the beginning, four teams were supposed to take part. Sri Lanka are not taking part due to their internal problems while Maldives have no youth team at this level," said SAFF secretary Anwarul Haque Helal adding Pakistan are not taking part as its football federation is suspended by FIFA.

It is the first time that the South Asian regional football body is hosting the U-15 Women's Championship after successful completion of SAFF Women's Championship four times. It will also organise SAFF U-18 Women's Championship next year ahead of the AFC U-19 Women's Championship Qualifiers.

The Bangladesh U-15 team, meanwhile is training under coach Golam Rabbani Chetani. **Bangladesh matches:** December 17 – vs Nepal December 19 – vs Bhutan December 21 – vs India

Jet-setting Hamilton under investigation

AGENCIES, London



Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton avoided paying taxes on his private jet using an elaborate scheme now under investigation by British tax authorities, new leaked documents revealed on Monday.

The driver received a £3.3 million VAT refund in 2013 after his luxury plane was imported into the Isle of Man – a low-tax British Crown Dependency, according to the BBC and Guardian newspaper.

The revelations are the latest to emerge from the Paradise Paper.

They allege accountancy firm EY and Appleby – the Bermuda-

based law firm at the centre of the leaks – assisted Hamilton in setting up seemingly artificial leasing businesses to get VAT rebates.

The complex arrangements may contravene European-wide rules forbidding refunds for personal use, the media outlets said.

Hamilton's lawyers told the BBC a review by a tax barrister found the structure was lawful, and that some VAT had been paid through the arrangements.

There is also no indication Hamilton was directly involved in creating the scheme, and simply followed advice the Guardian said.

Questions have also been raised about who controls Everton FC and whether Premier League rules have been broken.

Farhad Moshiri sold his Arsenal stake in 2016 to buy nearly 50% of Everton. But the leaks suggest his original Arsenal stake was funded by a 'gift' from Alisher Usmanov, who owns 30.4% of Arsenal, raising the question of whether his money is now in Everton.

Mr Moshiri strenuously denied the money was a gift. Lawyers acting for him in the Everton deal said any allegation Premier League rules had been violated were wholly false.

They say Mr Moshiri is independently wealthy and funded the football investments himself.

Sports giant Nike were also heavily implicated, having spun a complex web of businesses based in dozens of countries that allowed them to beat the taxman.



Lewis Hamilton posing atop his now infamous jet last year.

PHOTO: INSTAGRAM

Mbappe almost joined Barca

AGENCIES, Paris

Although he is continuing to set the French League on fire, Paris Saint Germain forward Kylian Mbappe was only moments away from joining Barcelona in the summer, a documentary by L'Equipe revealed yesterday.

With PSG contemplating how they would go about paying the massive 180-million-euro price tag on the 18-year-old only days after spending a record-shattering 222 million euros on Neymar, his then-club Monaco began to weigh their options in a case deal could not be worked out, an easy task considering the number of suitors for the Frenchman.

PSG were in a bind after meeting Neymar's massive buy-out clause as they could not have possibly prised away Mbappe and still be within UEFA's strictly enforced Financial Fair Play (FFP) model.

That was when La Liga giants Real Madrid and Barcelona stepped in, with both clubs making late attempts to sign the teenager as the transfer deadline loomed, the documentary titled 'Kylian Mbappe - Hors normes', shows.

Conscious of PSG's cashflow problems, Monaco reached an agreement with Barcelona who had been willing to spend an unspecified 'vast fee'. They would also include Adnan Turan in the deal as a make-



weight after having brought in Ousmane Dembele for 180 million euros only days prior.

The documentary explains that the deal had become concrete and Barcelona had arranged for Mbappe to be flown to Catalonia where he could put pen to paper and complete the deal on the penultimate day of the transfer window, with PSG still having no agreement with their French counterparts.

However, Le Parisiens finally found a way to circumnavigate FFP on deadline day, convincing Monaco to part with their teenage sensation on a one-year loan deal, at the end of which they will be paid a king's ransom of 180 million euros.

Mohammedan in talks with Emeka

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Mohammedan Sporting Club is trying to solve the issue of unpaid wages of its former coach Emeka Ezeugo after FIFA recently instructed the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) to curtail three points of the club from the ongoing Bangladesh Premier League campaign.

The game's local governing body received the FIFA documents on Thursday and forwarded those documents to the club, asking them to clear the unpaid wages and the fine.

"We communicated with Emeka about the matter and he will let us know about it within a few days," Mohammedan's director-in-charge Lokman Hossain Bhuiyan said yesterday. "We have talked with the BFF about what to do."

"I went through the documents but we don't have any option to appeal against the decision of deduction of three points," Lokman added.

The long-serving Mohammedan organiser however said that they would take immediate action to avoid any further punishment from football's world governing body.

Emeka had guided Mohammedan to a third-place finish in the BPL in 2011-12 season, but claimed he was not paid a single penny at a press conference in July, 2012. Later, the Nigerian filed a complaint to FIFA's disciplinary committee, which ordered the club to clear his wages worth \$20,000 in 2015.



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