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France forward Kylian Mbappe (C) ran roughshod over the Argentine backline, becoming the first teenager to score at least twice in a World Cup match since the great Pele against Sweden in 1958, as France emerged 4-3 winners in the round of 16 clash at the Kazan Arena yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

France send Messi and Co packing

AL-AMIN from Kazan

A superstar in the making sent a superstar out of the World Cup as France prevailed over Argentina 4-3 in the first blockbuster World Cup round of 16 game at the Kazan Arena yesterday.

Kylian Mbappe, the 19-year-old French forward, set up the first goal and then struck twice in space of four minutes after the break to effectively dash Argentina's hopes of their third World Cup title, and more importantly superstar Lionel Messi's dream of win-

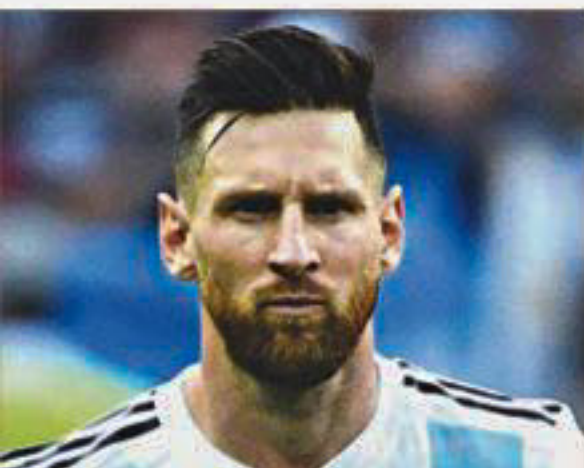
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ning the biggest prize at his fourth attempt. It looked like Messi was heading for victory when Gabriel Mercado deflected his shot into the net, giving Argentina a 2-1 lead three minutes after resumption. But after Benjamin Pavard made it 2-2 in the 57th minute, it was once again the showtime Mbappe, who killed the game as a contest with strikes in the 64th and 68th minutes.

Argentina striker Sergio Aguero pulled one goal back third minute into the injury time when he headed in a

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Messi remains Club King



SYED ASHFAQUL HAQUIE

With hands on hips, eyes bleary and lips quivering, he looks on after losing another crunch match.

It's the same script from Brazil being replayed in Russia four years after. The other difference was that it was not the final against Germany but a round of 16 match against France last night. The margin of defeat was 0-1 then and 3-4 now.

But the fate is identical. The World Cup, tragically for Argentina, remains elusive for a player considered one of the greatest of

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Cavani ends Ronaldo's dream

AFP, Sochi

Edinson Cavani scored twice as Uruguay shattered Cristiano Ronaldo's World Cup dream with a 2-1 victory over Portugal here Saturday.

Paris Saint-Germain striker Cavani curled home a superb 62nd-minute winner to settle a thrilling second round duel in Sochi which sends Uruguay into a quarter-final against France next Friday.

Cavani had already put Uruguay in front early on, only for Pepe to head Portugal level in the 55th minute in a thrilling contest that was not the battle of attrition many predicted.

Pepe's goal was the first time the South Americans' defence had been breached in this tournament, but they stood firm after that and are beginning to look like genuine contenders moving into the latter stages in Russia.



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UN-Myanmar struck secret deal in May

It offers no guarantees of Rohingya citizenship

REUTERS, Yangon/Cox's Bazar

Rohingya refugees returning to Myanmar will have no explicit guarantees of citizenship or freedom of movement throughout the country, under a secret agreement between the government and the United Nations seen by Reuters.

The UN struck an outline deal with Myanmar at the end of May aimed at eventually allowing hundreds of thousands of Rohingya Muslims sheltering in Bangladesh to return safely and by choice, but did not make the details of the deal public.

Reuters on Friday reviewed a copy of the memorandum of understanding (MoU) agreed between the UN and Myanmar authorities. The draft also leaked out online. Citizenship and rights of refugees who return to

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QUOTA MOVEMENT BCL swoops on reformists



DU CORRESPONDENT

At least seven members of the platform demanding civil service quota reforms, including its two leaders, were beaten allegedly by a group of BCL activists in front of Dhaka University Library yesterday.

The incident happened right before the protestors were about to hold a press briefing demanding immediate publication of the gazette on abolishing the quota system.

Bangladesh Sadharan Chhatra Adhikar Sangrakkhan Parishad, the platform spearheading the quota reform movement, called for the press briefing to announce their next course of action as three months have gone by since Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina declared the quota system would be removed.

Before they could start, a group of 200-250 BCL men swooped on the quota reform leaders around 10:45am, MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 16

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2 YRS OF GULSHAN TRAGEDY

All-out efforts in tough times only

SHARIFUL ISLAM and MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

Socio-political campaigns against militancy get momentum after a major terror attack but fizzle out when the situation comes under control. Then a laid-back attitude prevails until terrorists regroup and strike again.

This has been the case in Bangladesh for the last one decade despite calls from local and foreign experts for relentless multi-pronged and long-term efforts to curb extremism.

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Epitome of bravery

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two years have passed and yet, this day still brings the terrifyingly fresh memories of the brutal killings of the 12-hour long bloody siege at the Holey Artisan Bakery in Gulshan.

On the night of July 1, 2016, five young militants took hostages and opened fire inside Holey Artisan

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