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Brazil's talismanic forward Neymar failed to lift his side as the five-time champions bowed out of the World Cup following a 2-1 defeat in the quarterfinals against Belgium at the Kazan Arena yesterday.

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SYED ASHFAQULHAQUE

Four years ago, Brazil were hit by a tragedy bigger than a tsunami. A 7-1 thrashing by Germany was beyond the wildest imagination of the proud football nation.

Maracanazo was SEE PAGE 2 COL 1

TODAY'S MATCHES (QF)

SWEDEN V ENGLAND
Time: 8:00pm

RUSSIA V CROATIA
Time: 12:00am (Sunday)

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Belgium oust Brazil

To meet France in semifinals

AL-AMIN from Kazan

Belgium shot Brazil out of the World Cup with a 2-1 quarterfinal win yesterday to set up a semifinal clash with France on Tuesday.

The five-time champions did everything in their power to crawl out of the 2-0 hole they had found themselves in within the first 30 minutes -- which saw Fernandinho head the ball into his own net before Kevin de Bruyne fired in a clean right-footer into Allison Becker's far post -- but could only pull back one in the 83rd minute of the game. It was a Renato Augusto header that finally beat Belgium goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois, who made at least half a dozen saves to take the men in red close to dreamland.

Earlier, in the first quarterfinal match, France had made light work of Uruguay in a 2-0 win, who looked lost in attack without star striker Edinson Cavani to complement Luis Suarez. Raphael Varane soared high and headed home the opening goal from a brilliant Antoine Griezmann free-kick in the 40th minute before Griezmann doubled the lead in the 61st minute courtesy of goalkeeper Fernando Muslera's incredible blunder.

For Brazil it was a chastening blow after playing so well in the last three games. Interestingly, it was the very ground where young French forward Kylian Mbappe destroyed Argentina with his pace and guile a week ago. Last night it was the turn of Manchester United forward Romelu Lukaku, who rattled a Brazil defence that conceded just one goal in the last four games.

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Belgium's opening goal came off a quick counter attack. Lukaku made a darting run down the middle before releasing the ball to Marouane Fellaini, whose shot was blocked for a corner. Belgian defender Vincent Kompany's backwards header from the near post was deflected into Brazil's net by Fernandinho, who actually had a miserable game after coming into the team as a replacement for the suspended Casemiro.

Belgium silenced the five-time world champions again in the 31st minute. Although De Bruyne scored with neat right-footer past Alisson, the instigator was once again a giant Lukaku. The 25-year-old powered through the middle and drew almost all of Brazil's defensive pack towards himself before releasing a perfect through pass wide on the

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Interest rate cap New headache for pvt banks

Many businesses unwilling to keep money in banks at 6pc interest

AKM ZAMIR UDDIN

Most of the private banks are in trouble due to their recent decision to cap interest rate on deposits at 6 percent as the state-run organisations and corporate groups are unwilling to keep funds with them at such a low rate.

The Daily Star talked to a number of bankers who said state-owned enterprises and corporate groups are demanding 9 to 11 percent interest on deposits for three months.

"Depositors are not willing to keep money with private banks at 6 percent interest... We are now facing difficulties in liquidity management," said a top official of a private bank, seeking anonymity.

Earlier on June 21, Bangladesh Association of Banks (BAB), a platform of private banks' directors, decided to cap the interest rate on deposits at 6 percent and the lending rate at 9 percent from July 1, provided that the banks get deposits at 6 percent interest.

According to the BAB decision, the maximum interest rate on deposits for three months is 6 percent.

The BAB decision was vetted by the finance ministry and Bangladesh Bank.

The move came weeks after the government showered private banks with a raft of privileges, including one percentage point cut in cash reserve ratio (CRR) and 2.5 percentage points reduction in corporate tax, which drew criticism from different quarters.

The CRR is a specified minimum fraction of the total deposits that banks must hold as reserves either in cash or as deposits with the central bank.

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MAX HOSPITAL IN CTG Raifa died due to negligence

Probe body finds; recommends action against 3 doctors

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, CTG

The body formed to investigate the cause of death of Rafida Khan Raifa in the privately-run Max Hospital found negligence in treatment as the primary reason.

In its report submitted on Thursday night, the committee said the on-duty doctors lacked experience. Also, the doctors were not sincere.

On-duty doctors -- Debashish Sengupta and Shuvra Deb -- did not treat her with the care even when the patient's condition was critical.

Child specialist Bidhan Roy Chowdhury did not give enough time to examine the kid, the report added.

The three-member committee, led by Chittagong Civil Surgeon Azizur Rahaman Siddique, also recommended taking action against the three doctors.

Although the nurses were sincere, they did not have adequate knowledge to handle the situation, said

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West Indies thump Bangladesh

STAR SPORT DESK

After two days and a session of mediocrity, the Bangladesh cricket team succumbed to an innings and 219-run defeat in the first Test against West Indies in Antigua yesterday. Rookie wicketkeeper-batsman Nurul Hasan scored 64 on the third morning, but it could not avert a capitulation of 144 all out shortly before lunch at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium.

The Tigers were bowled out for 144, 101 runs more than their first innings effort, with West Indies pacer Shannon Gabriel taking five wickets for 77 runs to follow Kemar Roach's five for eight in the

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Graft charges Nawaz Sharif gets 10 years in jail

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan's former prime minister Nawaz Sharif was sentenced in absentia to 10 years in prison by a corruption court in Islamabad yesterday, lawyers said, dealing a serious blow to his party's troubled campaign ahead of July 25 elections.

The verdict, a potentially significant boost for the main opposition party led by former World Cup cricketer Imran Khan, immediately raised questions over whether Sharif will return to Pakistan from London, where his wife is receiving cancer treatment. Pakistan has no extradition treaty with the UK.

Sharif was ousted from his third term as prime minister by the Supreme Court last year following a corruption investigation and banned from politics for life, but remains a powerful symbol for his ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz.

He has framed the charges against him as a conspiracy by the powerful military, which has ruled Pakistan for roughly half its 70-year history.

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Govt playing 'dubious role'

Citizens' demo also slams police inaction, demands judicial probe into attacks on quota reformists

"It's more painful than death."

TORIQUEL ISLAM
Now under treatment at a private hospital in Rajshahi.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of guardians and other citizens yesterday accused the government of playing a dubious role on the quota issue.

Although quota reform activists were attacked, they were the ones getting arrested and "driven out of hospitals with serious injuries". On the other hand, the attackers are moving freely, they said at a protest rally.

They slammed police inaction in this regard as the law enforcers could not arrest any of the attackers, although they were clearly seen in many photos and videos published in the media.

Parents, rights activists, teachers and eminent citizens attended the rally, organised by "Concerned Guardians and Citizens", in front of the Jatiya Press Club.

They criticised some Chhatra League men and police

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ওয়ার্ডের ভিতরের মাঝে গভীর নলকূপের পানি পান করুন।

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A Chittagong lawmaker is running a campaign to warn residents of the city's ward No 11, 12, 25 and 26 not to drink water supplied through Wasa lines amid fear and allegation that it may be contaminated with hepatitis E virus. Besides, a special arrangement has been made to supply drinking water to people in those areas. The photos were taken at Mansurabad yesterday.

ADB okays \$100m for Rohingyas

UNB, Dhaka

The Asian Development Bank has approved a grant assistance of \$100 million -- the first of an envisaged package totaling \$ 200m to help Bangladesh develop basic infrastructure and services for Rohingyas.

Since late August last year, over 700,000 Rohingyas have crossed the border from Myanmar's Rakhine State into Cox's Bazar of Bangladesh. The displaced people are living in 32 camps in the district.

Providing food, shelter, health, sanitation, water, and other essential services at the camps and fending off diseases is a daily challenge. If unaddressed, conditions are feared to worsen dramatically.

"Given the scale of the humanitarian needs, we are coordinating closely and promptly with World Bank and other development partners to support the government in addressing the crisis in Cox's Bazar," ADB President Takehiko Nakao said yesterday.

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