

MOU FREED UP FOR REAL GIG

Jose Mourinho is available for a dramatic return to Real Madrid after Manchester United paid him a reported £15 million in compensation following his sacking last month, according to British media on Thursday. The Daily Mail reports that a source close to Mourinho -- whose contract was due to run till the end of the 2019/20 campaign with the option of an extra season -- has revealed that compensation has been paid. The pay-out leaves the 55-year-old Portuguese free to be considered for Madrid if the club decide to dismiss under-pressure coach Santiago Solari. Mourinho's time at Real between 2010-2013 -- which brought a league title and a Spanish Cup but saw them largely play second fiddle to Barcelona -- ended as it did at United and Chelsea, with bad results and discord in the dressing room. --AFP



Ad-hoc committee asks NSC for polls

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After having worked for nearly one year, the ad-hoc committee of the Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) has recently asked the National Sports Council (NSC) to hold its polls immediately in order to elect an executive committee.

The NSC, the country's sports regulatory body, had formed a 31-member ad-hoc committee in January last year after dissolving the previous elected committee -- which had overstayed for nearly seven months following the expiration of its tenure in July 2017 as the polls, scheduled for August that year, were suspended by the NSC citing the worsening flood situation across the country.

"Yes, we wrote to the NSC in late December to hold the BHF elections immediately as we want to bring some changes to the BHF constitution [in order] to run activities smoothly. Besides, we can't get the services of all the members of the ad-hoc committee, so we need an elected committee," said ad-hoc committee general secretary Abdus Sadeque yesterday.

Explaining the reason behind pursuing constitutional changes, Sadeque said: "Most of the clubs want to play the Premier Division Hockey League once every three years. Top clubs like Usha KC have been relegated to the lower league while Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club don't want to play. In this case, if the executive committee would

have the power to include the new teams in top-flight hockey, then we could have invited some new teams to fill the void."

Usha were relegated after refusing to take part in the last Premier Hockey League while the ad-hoc committee suspended a couple of Mariner Youngs Club and Mohammedan officials following a disputed league match between Mariners and Mohammedan.

Abdus Sadeque, the former national hockey player, expressed his desire to contest the post of general secretary with the greater interest of hockey in mind, although he wants to form a non-partisan committee with the representation of all quarters.

Ad-hoc committee vice president and Usha general secretary Abdur Rashid Shikdar welcomed the initiative to hold the elections as he was one of the candidates for general secretary during the suspended polls.

"I welcome the initiative of holding the elections again," Shikdar said. "I can't say at the moment whether I am going to compete for the general secretary post again but I will consider it if the councillors want me again."

NSC secretary Masud Karim said that they would start the process of forming the election commission after receiving instructions from new NSC chairman and state minister for youth and sports Zahid Ahsan Russel.

"We will convey the matter to the new chairman and follow the instructions he gives us. We will also bring other things to his notice. It is our routine work to hold the election of the national sports federations," said Karim.



Teenage sensation Vinicius Jr brought the crowd at the Santiago Bernabeu to their feet in a Copa del Rey match against Leganes with an electric performance, which he capped with a sublime volley.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Vinicius eases Real woes

AFP, Girona



Vinicius Junior starred and Real Madrid steadied the ship as a 3-0 win over Leganes on Wednesday put them on the brink of the Copa del Rey quarter-finals.

Vinicius, the 18-year-old signed by Madrid last summer, capped an electric display at the Santiago Bernabeu with a stunning volley, his third goal for the club and the team's third of the night.

By then, Sergio Ramos had converted a first-half penalty and Lucas Vazquez doubled the advantage to set Madrid on their way to a much-needed first victory of 2019.

It will take a seismic comeback for Leganes to overturn the deficit in next week's second

leg but more important to coach Santiago Solari was the rhythm regained, following two La Liga games without a victory.

"He is taking big steps," Solari said afterwards. "He has always had the ability but to develop it and show it in the Bernabeu, alongside so many great players, speaks of his confidence and his courage."

Vinicius had been at the centre of things last weekend too after being denied a controversial penalty during the second half of Real Sociedad's shock win.

He finally got the goal his performance deserved after Odriozola floated a cross to the back post. Back-peddalling, the teenager adjusted his feet before swivelling into an acrobatic shot, the ball flying into left-hand corner.



Manchester City striker Gabriel Jesus struck four goals in a 9-0 thrashing of Burton Albion in the first leg of their League Cup semifinal on Wednesday, all but ensuring The Citizens' passage to the final.

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