

## DAY'S EVENT

Bangladesh Premier League  
Team BJMC v Ctg Abahani  
Time: 4:00pm  
Venue: Shaheed Bulu Stadium, Noakhali

## SEMEDO SUFFERS CONCUSSION

Barcelona added Nelson Semedo to their lengthy list of injury concerns on Sunday, six days before their Copa del Rey final against Valencia. Full-back Semedo suffered a concussion during Barca's 2-2 draw with Eibar and joins Luis Suarez, Marc-Andre ter Stegen, Philippe Coutinho, Ousmane Dembele and Kevin-Prince Boateng in the group of players with fitness problems ahead of the final in Seville. "Nelson Semedo has a head injury picked up in the game against Eibar," a club statement read. "The player will remain overnight under observation in hospital in Bilbao. The player is expected to return to Barcelona on Monday."

-AFP



Juventus players celebrate with the Scudetto at the end of their Serie A match against Atalanta at the Allianz Stadium in Turin on Sunday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Allegri bids farewell in title party

AFP, Rome

Departing Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri bid farewell to the Turin fans in the team's final home game this season on Sunday, a 1-1 stalemate against Atalanta that kept the visitors' hopes of a first-ever Champions League qualification alive.

The Juventus fans paid tribute to Allegri, who the club's management have decided will not be their coach next season, despite winning 11 trophies in five years, but missing out on winning the Champions League.

Juventus have already wrapped up their record eighth consecutive title, which was Allegri's fifth.

The team were officially presented with this year's Serie A trophy -- the first for Portuguese superstar Cristiano Ronaldo.

Former World Cup winner Andrea Barzagli played his final home game after eight years in Turin, and received a resounding ovation when he came off after an hour.

On the pitch, forward Mario Mandzukic struck ten minutes from time to cancel out Josip Ilicic's 33rd-minute goal for Atalanta.



The point keeps Atalanta's hopes of a first Champions League campaign alive, which they can seal if they beat Sassuolo in their final game next weekend.

Atalanta moved third ahead of Inter Milan on head-to-head after Luciano Spalletti's side lost 4-1 at Napoli.

Juventus and second-placed Napoli are already through to the Champions League next season.

AC Milan are just one point behind Inter and Atalanta in fifth after Krzysztof Piatek and Suso

struck in a 2-0 win over Frosinone.

Inter will play their final match against Empoli, who are trying to avoid relegation.

Polish striker Piatek got back scoring on 57 minutes at the San Siro, with Spanish winger Suso adding a second nine minutes later.

Milan goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma saved a Camillo Ciano penalty before Piatek broke his five-match scoring drought with his 22nd goal of the season.

Milan are at least assured of a place in next season's Europa League, along with Roma, who were held to a goalless draw at Sassuolo on Saturday.

The two teams benefited from seventh-placed Torino's shock 4-1 defeat at Empoli, which ended the northerners' European hopes.

Lazio, in eighth, are sure of playing in the Europa League group stage thanks to their Coppa Italia victory.

Empoli moved out of the relegation zone at the expense of Genoa, who were held 1-1 by Cagliari, and are now 18th ahead of next week's clash with Fiorentina, themselves just three points off the drop zone.

## Police take Championship League crown

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Police Athletic Club emerged champions of the Bangladesh Championship League

– the second-tier of professional football league – with a game in hand following a 1-0 win over Agrani Bank SC at the Bishreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

Kabirul scored the all-important goal in the 67th minute to help the services team take their tally to 36 points from 19 matches.

Their nearest rivals, Uttar Baridhara Club, have 30 points from the same number of matches. Police

will play their last match of the league against Feni Soccer Club on May 24, the concluding day of the league.

This title and promotion, which was confirmed in the previous round, will be a debut appearance in the top flight of football for Police AC.

The services team had previously played in the Senior Division Foot-ball League in 1998 – then the second tier of football. In recent times, Police AC

became champions of second division in 2013 to get promotion to the first division before making their debut in the Bangladesh Championship League in 2015.

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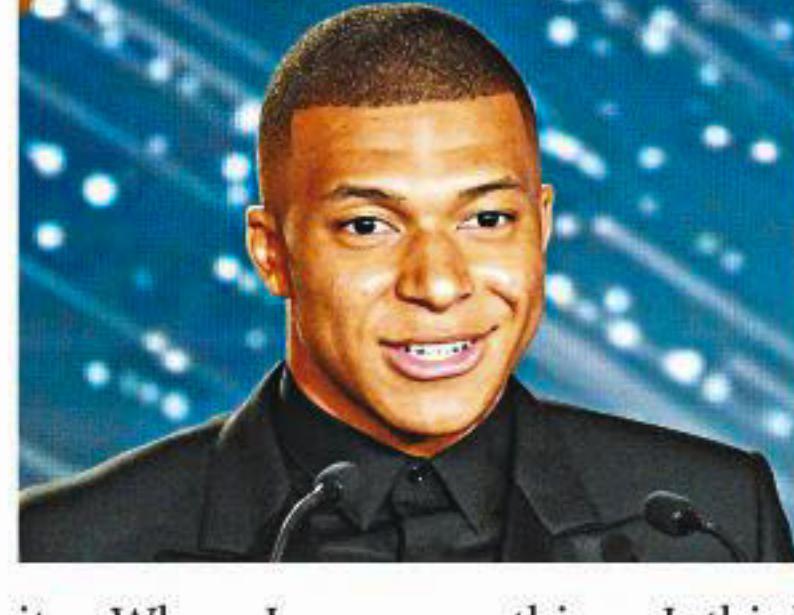
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## Mbappe wants more responsibility

AFP, Paris



rumours about Mbappe joining his fellow Frenchman at the Santiago Bernabeu have intensified.

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### SHORT CORNER

#### Kroos pens new deal

Germany international Toni Kroos has extended his contract with Real Madrid until 2023 ahead of an expected summer overhaul at the club, the Spanish giants said Monday.

The 29-year-old midfielder has won 12 titles in five seasons in Spain, lifting the Champions League trophy in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Kroos has scored 13 goals in 233 appearances for Real since arriving from Bayern Munich in 2014 after helping Germany win the World Cup in Brazil.

Real finished third in La Liga this term, 19 points behind champions Barcelona after registering their lowest points haul in 17 years, ending with a limp 2-0 home defeat to Real Betis on Sunday.

Coach Zinedine Zidane has promised changes to the squad ahead of next season, with Gareth Bale, goalkeeper Keylor Navas, Nacho, Sergio Reguilón, Isco and Marcos Llorente all tipped to leave the club. --AFP

#### Pizarro to retire next year

Veteran Peruvian striker Claudio Pizarro says that he will end his playing career in 2020 at the age of 41.

Pizarro, 40, announced a one-year contract extension at Werder Bremen on Saturday, but admitted a day later that next season would be the final act of a

two-decade long career in European football.

"Next season will be my last. I want to end my career in good condition," he said at a friendly match against lower league side Papenburg.

Fan favourite Pizarro is currently in his fourth spell at Bremen, whom he first joined in 1999. He has scored 197 goals in 472 Bundesliga appearances for Bremen, Bayern Munich and Cologne. --AFP

#### Stuttgart appoint Tim Walter

Relegation-threatened Bundesliga club VfB Stuttgart announced Monday that current Holstein Kiel boss Tim Walter will take over as head coach at the end of the season.

Walter, 43, led Kiel to sixth in the second division this season and has now signed a two-year deal to become the long-term successor to former Stuttgart boss Markus Weinzierl, who was sacked in April.

"Tim Walter's idea of brave, attacking football fits Stuttgart brilliantly," said Stuttgart sporting director Thomas Hitzlsperger.

"Together, we want to place more focus on our own youth players."

Walter, who worked as a youth coach at Bayern Munich and Karlsruhe before taking over at Kiel last year, will take over after Stuttgart's fate is decided in the relegation play-off next week. --AFP

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## Day to return on Thursday

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English coach Jamie Day is all set to return to Dhaka on Thursday after having confirmed a one-year extension of his contract till June, 2020 with the Bangladesh national football team.

Following his arrival, Day will fly out with the team to Thailand for a 10-day training camp ahead of their away match of joint qualifiers for the World Cup and the Asian Cup against Laos on June 6.

Day went back to England in early April following the completion of the AFC U-23 Championship Qualifiers in Bahrain and he was supposed to return to Dhaka before his contract expired on May 10. The Englishman guided the senior team to four victories in eight matches and steered the under-23 team to two wins and a draw in seven matches since taking charge in May 2018.

"We have sent documents to Day for his signature two days ago and we are waiting for his reply," informed Bangladesh Football Federation's general secretary Abu Nayem Shohag.

"There are no disputes over agreements as we knew his salary would be increased from US\$2000 to US\$2500 along with some other facilities."

The English coach also confirmed that everything are on the right track and that he is supposed to return to Dhaka on Thursday.

"It is a one-year contract and it is all done. I haven't sent back [the documents] because they did not want those. I will just sign those when I return," Day said through a text message yesterday.

The coach, meanwhile, said that he is going to pick a 23-member squad for the 10-day camp in Thailand with some senior and under-23 players, and there will be no surprises in the squad.

During the stay in Thailand, Bangladesh will play two practice matches against Air Force United FC on May 28 and BG Pathum United FC on June 1 before leaving for Laos on June 3.

## BANGABANDHU'S BIRTH CENTENARY Sports calendar being prepared

SPORTS REPORTER

To celebrate the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman next year, country's sports fraternity will have year-long domestic and international events.

The sports and international subcommittee of national committee for national-wide celebration of the birth centenary of Bangabandhu held a meeting yesterday to prepare a sports calendar after different sports federations submitted their proposals in line with directives of youth and sports ministry.

Different national federations and associations have placed their workplan and budget in a bid to celebrate the birth centenary of Bangabandhu. The federations and associations have planned 36 international events and 48 domestic events throughout the year starting from March 17, 2020 to March 21, 2021. The national committee of birth centenary celebration of Bangabandhu will approve the calendar," state minister for youth and sports Jahid Ahsan Russel told reporters after the meeting at the International Mother Language Institute yesterday.

Out of 53 federations and associations, some 37 submitted their proposals and estimated budget to conduct programmes round the year. However, Russel informed the meeting that they have cut down the budget to half from the estimated one.

### Vehicle Sale

Contact 01712369436 between 9.00 AM to 4.00 PM by May 27, 2019

A reputed MNC will sell 6 used and well maintained (purchased brand new) vehicles, used by senior corporate officials:

#### 2 Nissan Sunny - Sedan

Model: 2012  
Registration: 2013  
CC: 1,300  
Mileage (KM): i) 65,600 ii) 91,000

#### 3 Hyundai Accent - Sedan

Model: i) 2014, ii) 2014, iii) 2015  
Registration: i) 2014, ii) 2014, iii) 2015  
CC: 1,400  
Mileage (KM): i) 67,000, ii) 54,000, iii) 48,000

#### 1 Nissan X Trail - Hard Jeep

Model: 2016; Registration: 2016; CC: 2,000, Mileage (KM): 23,000