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World Cup Qualifiers

China vs Australia

Live from 09:00 pm

Wales vs Belgium

Live from 01:45 am (Wednesday)

NCL (Round 5, Day 3)

Dhaka vs Rangpur, BKSP-4

Khulna vs Sylhet, BKSP-3

Chattogram vs Rajshahi, Sylhet

Dhaka Metro vs Barishal, SICS

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# Ample motivation for Bangladesh as they eye final berth

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Bangladesh have one foot with a shot at the Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa Trophy as they take on hosts Sri Lanka in the final group match at the Racecourse Stadium in Colombo today.

The match will get underway at 9.30pm Bangladesh time after Maldives and Seychelles battle it out in the day's first match at the same venue.

The charges of interim head coach Mario Lemos, after winning against Maldives, sit on top of the table with four points along with Seychelles as both sides face the task of avoiding defeats in their respective fixtures to secure final berths.

"We played differently in the last match [against Maldives]. But every game is different, I've said before. We are preparing to win the last match against Sri Lanka," said Portuguese coach Lemos at the pre-match conference.

Captain Jamal Bhuiyan mentioned they have no shortage of motivation.

"We have an opportunity to take the trophy home from foreign soil and that is a big motivation for us. Apart from that, expectations from 170 million people

inspire us to deliver."

In terms of overall head-to-head count, Bangladesh have a clear edge over Sri Lanka. However, Sri Lanka have the upper hand in Colombo as they had beaten Bangladesh in the 2008 SAFF Championship in the now-defunct AFC Challenge Cup in 2010.

"I watched Sri Lanka's match against Seychelles and one thing that stood out was they received great support from the fans even when they were playing badly.

"So we have to be very calm and be disciplined like the last match and read the momentum of the game because they need to take risks and if they do, we must make them pay," said the 35-year-old coach adding that the winless record in Colombo is a big motivation for them to win against Sri Lanka.

Bangladesh came tantalisingly close to qualify for the final of the recently concluded SAFF Championship, however, they were up against a more difficult equation then, in which they had to beat Nepal but a 1-1 draw against the Himalayan nation forced Bangladesh's exit.

The Men in Red and Green will also be eyeing a second finals appearance this year, having played the Three Nations Cup final in Nepal last march.



## MITROVIC, MORATA find redemption

REUTERS, Belgrade



Serbia striker Aleksandar Mitrovic hit the lowest point of his international career last November when he missed the decisive penalty of their Euro 2020 playoff final against Scotland in a shootout that sent the Scots through to the finals.

One year later, he emerged as his country's hero with a 90th-minute goal that gave the Serbians a 2-1 2022 World Cup qualifying win at Portugal on Sunday and a berth in the 32-nation tournament in Qatar.

Serbia finished top of Group A on 20 points from 10 games, three ahead of Portugal who only needed a draw to clinch an automatic berth in the finals but will now head to the March playoffs.



The 27-year-old Fulham striker, who had also suffered a loss of form at his club during the tough, year-long spell, sparked wild celebrations in Belgrade as fans thronged the Serbian capital's streets after the game.

Very few pundits would have anticipated such joyous scenes after the Euro 2020 qualifying

fiasco, with Serbia only reaching the playoffs through the Nations League after a poor run in the Euro qualifiers.

But Mitrovic, who in the meantime also became his country's all-time top scorer with 44 goals in 69 appearances, spearheaded Serbia's charge as he netted eight in as many qualifying

games having come on as a halftime substitute against Portugal.

"Payback time for Scotland, with interest," a delighted Mitrovictold Serbia's Nova television after silencing a vocal home crowd in Lisbon. "When you work hard, it's only a matter of time before you get your reward."

Meanwhile, Spain's Alvaro Morata came off the bench to strike a late winner as they qualified for next year's World Cup finals in Qatar by beating stubborn visitors Sweden 1-0 in a tense clash.

Morata said he was blessed to have scored the goal in the same venue where he suffered jeers from the national team fans in June.

In the La Cartuja Stadium in June, also against Sweden, Morata was substituted to a chorus of boos after missing a penalty and wasting another clear opportunity in a disappointing 0-0 draw in Spain's Euro 2020 opener.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR SETTING UP ELECTRICAL TESTING LABORATORY

(Package No. S-10)

No: 27.71.0000.002.12.002.21-939

Date: 15/11/2021

- The vision of the Government of Bangladesh is to provide quality electricity to all by 2021. Commendable achievement has been made in the power sector during the last decade in meeting the target. Power System Master Plan 2016 has been drawn up with a target to generate 60,000 MW by 2041. To achieve the Vision 2041, enormous number of power plants needs to be set up with huge expansion of transmission and distribution networks. The tremendous growth in power sector requires transmission and distribution utilities to procure hundreds and thousands of power and distribution transformers with associated switchgears, electrical apparatus/equipment and line items. In absence of accredited electrical testing laboratory Electric utilities and private sector entities has to rely on certificates of foreign Electrical Testing Laboratory, which costs them a lot of foreign currency. To lesser the dependency on foreign testing laboratory, Bangladesh needs to establish an accredited high voltage electrical testing laboratory to provide world-class testing, inspection and certification services to the power sector.
- The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a fund from the International Development Agency towards the cost of the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Development II (RERED II) Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payment under the contracts for appointment of consultant for "Setting up Electrical Testing Laboratory". Power Cell, therefore, intends to appoint an internationally reputed consultancy firm to accomplish the mentioned services by using World Bank fund under "TA for Strengthening and Development of Sustainable Power Sector in Bangladesh" project.
- Interested consulting firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. The short-listing criteria are:
  - General experience
  - Experience of the firm in similar task
  - Experience of the firm in power sector
  - Resources, key experts & support services of the firm
- A consulting firm is allowed to submit the Expression of Interest (EOI) alone if it considers itself to be fully qualified on its own for the assignment, as it is not mandatory for consultants to associate with any other firm(s), whether foreign or local. Alternatively, if consultants themselves choose to associate to enhance their qualifications and capability for the assignment, then such associations may either be as a Joint Venture (i.e. all members of the joint venture shall be jointly and severally responsible) and/or Sub-consultants (i.e. the Consultant will be responsible, including for the services of the sub-consultant). In case of an association, the Consultants must explain in the EOI submission (a) the rationale for forming the association and (b) the anticipated role and relevant qualifications of each member of the Joint Venture and/or of each sub-consultant for carrying out the assignment, to justify the proposed inclusion of the JV members and/or sub-consultants in the association. Failure to provide the above explanation in the Expression of Interest may risk the association not being shortlisted for the assignment. However, the qualifications/experience of sub-consultants will not be considered by Power Cell in the evaluation of Expressions of Interest for Shortlisting purposes.
- If shortlisted, Consultants will still have the opportunity at the subsequent proposal/Request for Proposal (RFP) preparation stage to further enhance their expertise for the assignment by associating with non-shortlisted consultants in the form of a Joint Venture or as Sub-consultants. In all such cases, a shortlisted Consultant must obtain the written approval of Power Cell prior to the submission of the Proposal, for which the shortlisted Consultant will be required to justify the rationale for associating and specify the proposed role and relevant qualifications of the proposed associate(s) for carrying out the assignment. When associating with non-shortlisted firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy, the shortlisted Consultant shall be a lead member. However, Instruction to Consultant (ITC) clauses of RFP will prevail in regards to associate with non-shortlisted firm or sub-consultant during proposal preparation stage.
- Consultants are requested to submit, but not limited to, the following supporting documents in support of the above-mentioned criteria:
  - The Firm's Incorporation/Trade/registration documents from the country of the firm
  - Firm's brochures; and
  - Description of similar consultancy contracts, including the scope, contract amount, name of Client, period of the contract (date of contract signing to date of completion), location/country of the services, etc.
- Detail Scope of Work will be available in the Terms of Reference (TOR) which can be downloaded from the website of Power Division (www.powerdivision.gov.bd), Power Cell (www.powercell.gov.bd), UNDB and CPTU websites from the date of publication of EOI.
- The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- A Consultancy Firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations. Further information can be obtained at the address below from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM (Except holidays).
- Applicants are requested to submit their EOI (02 hard copies) to the above mentioned address within the submission deadline of **December 13, 2021, 17:00 Hours (BST)**. Any submission received after the confirmed submission date will not be accepted.

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## Rubel, Diya go down in quarters

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All the Bangladeshi archers were eliminated from individual recurve events of Asian Archery Championships as South Korean archers dominated both events to make it all-Korean semifinals at the Army Stadium in Banani yesterday.

Hakim Ahmed Rubel and Diya Siddique of Bangladesh, though, registered their best efforts in the quarterfinals before suffering defeats against their Korean opponents.

Rubel offered little resistance against third-ranked Lee Seungyun in a 6-2 set points defeat in the quarterfinal.

Rubel, however, had beaten country's top archer Ruman Sana by 6-4 set points in pre-quarterfinal to move into the last eight on such a big stage for the first time. The other local archer, Abdur Rahman Alif, lost 6-0 against second-ranked Kim Pil-Joong in Round of 16.

In women's individual recurve, Olympian Diya lost by 7-1 set points against fourth-ranked Jung Dasomi of South Korea. Diya had beaten fifth-ranked Ankita Bhakt of India 6-4 in the pre-quarterfinal. Nasrin Akter and Sraboni Akter suffered defeats in the second round while Beauty Roy lost in the first round of the event.



Two Sri Lankan players (in red) foil an attempted dunk from a Bangladesh player during the opening match of the Bangabandhu 6th South Asian Basketball Championship at the Shaheed Suhrawardi Indoor Stadium in Mirpur yesterday. Bangladesh lost the match by 67-56 points.

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## Sunzamul, Salman star on Day 2

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Barishal Division's Salman Hossain Emon played an unbeaten 152-run knock against Dhaka Metropolis at the Sylhet Academy Ground on the second day of the 23rd National Cricket League's fifth round yesterday.

Salman, resuming on 47, struck 15 boundaries and a maximum and stitched a 135-run partnership with his opening partner and skipper Fazle Mahmud Rabbi, who scored 73, as Barishal declared their innings at 348 runs for nine wickets. Dhaka Metro will resume today's play at 34 for 1.

The other match in Sylhet saw Chattogram Division failing to capitalise on Nayeem Hasan's fifer on the first day as a six-wicket haul from Rajshahi's Sunzamul Islam bundled Chattogram out for 119 runs in 51.2 overs. Rajshahi chalked up 232 runs off five wickets, riding on wicket-keeper Pritom Kumar's unbeaten 85. The Tier-1 matches of Round 5 in BKSP, previously postponed from bad weather, got underway on Day Two as Dhaka Division scored 115 for four against Rangpur Division.

Dhaka's opener Abdul Mazid scored 47 runs. Elsewhere, Khulna Division's restricted Sylhet Division to 132 runs for eight wickets, courtesy of Al Amin Hossain's four-wicket haul.