



We want Bangladeshi refs for 2026: FIFA

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In a recent and shocking move, Fifa has chosen to recruit regular, non-footballing Bangladeshis as referees for the next World Cup, after being blown away by their intense and almost unbeatable knowledge of the game.

It had also thought of adding the word Bangladesh to their name – Fédération Internationale de Football Association – but later decided not to as it would, as Fifa officials said, “sound ridiculous”.

“What would it be then? Bfifa? Fifab? Fbfa? Nothing sounded as cool as Fifa, so we’re leaving it as it is,” a Fifa official,

preferring anonymity, told this correspondent.

In a statement issued recently, Fifa chief Gianni Infantino said, “It has come to our attention that the Bangladesh public seems to know fouls better than our current referees. Sometimes, they see fouls and penalties that are missed even by people with trained eyes, and machines too.

“The initial decision is that Brazil supporting Bangladeshis will be refereeing matches featuring Argentina and vice versa.”

The federation further said the knowledge that Bangladeshis possess came to their notice after

claims that Argentina paid the federation a large sum in order to win the World Cup.

“We thought they played good enough to win. But what do we know about football? They know better,” the statement read, adding, “It seems such claims were made for almost every match from the beginning of the tournament where penalties were wrong, cards handed out were wrong, all decisions were wrong.”

As a matter of fact, even the VAR (Video-assistant referee) was wrong, which prompted the board to change the name of the tech to BAR (Bangladeshi assisted referee).

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The Bangladesh authorities, as expected, are yet to make a response in this regard. Insiders have said they are “over the moon” to be finally noticed as a great football-knowledge nation.

However, they added they would take their time in responding, albeit positively, just to show that they have the upper hand and don’t really care much.

Man reactivates his FB to congratulate new student leaders

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Telmar Uddin, who has been deactivating his Facebook account for the past 2 years to secure CGPA- 4, reactivated his account recently just to congratulate newly elected student leaders as he believes that is more important and prestigious than securing the highest CGPA.

“If I don’t achieve my goals, it’s just a misfortune. But if I don’t congratulate our leaders, the pioneer figures of an educated nation, it’s no less than a crime. And I chose not to commit that crime with a functioning brain,” Telmar Uddin said when one of his Facebook friends asked him why he suddenly returned.

He got to know the news of the newly elected student leaders when he was deeply engrossed in his 4- seeking studies. As soon as he knew the news and discovered that the leaders were none other than those with whom he shook hands once at a political programme, he hurriedly halted his reading and started to think of a Story he could post with leaders’ photos.

The text of the praise-heavy Story was ready, but Telmar Uddin could not post it for the lack of a photo with leaders. However, with digitalness having come so far in the country, the boy hit upon a digital solution. He Photoshopped his image into a picture of the leaders and posted it on Facebook, with the caption “Priyo obhivabok er sathe #Sohomot_Bhai”.

Apart from Telmar, thousands of more such Uddins emerged from nowhere within a few hours



right after the new leaders were declared. People were desperately giving them different titles such as “brother of education”, “last resort of students”, “idol of students” and many more of this nature, although their leaders had failed in different semesters and took twice the normal time to graduate.

“I always appreciate my followers who prioritise their studies more than my political programme,” one of the leaders said at one of his programmes where students were forced to attend, instead of going to class.

When asked whether students were really being kept away from their studies to attend political programmes, he said, “We are always careful to attract those students who would have failed anyway.”

A starstruck Telmar said, “Who wouldn’t reactivate his Facebook account to congratulate such education-friendly leaders?”

My greatness pushed Messi to WC glory

Says Ronaldo, announces retirement in new Piers Morgan interview

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Cristiano Ronaldo has called time on his career after Messi won the World Cup beating France in an epic encounter that stretched till the penalties.

In a new interview with Piers Morgan, Ronaldo said that there is “nothing more” to compete for. “I have won it all, and my greatness ensured Leo won the world cup as well. Do you think he ever could win the World Cup if he was not competing with me?” stated an emotional Ronaldo.

“I am happy for him. All the years of hard work and talent that he brought to the pitch for Barcelona was honed by the competition we had. If it wasn’t for me, and all the races for Ballon d’Or, he would not have been where he is right now,” added Ronaldo.

He also expressed his ease now that the GOAT debate is finally over.

“I can enjoy myself now that my fans don’t have to worry about the GOAT debate. Messi winning the World Cup for Argentina? It was expected. The country has football heritage. I single-handedly put Portugal on the world map after chancers like Luis Figo and Eusebio failed to achieve anything substantial. If I was at my prime, we would not have lost the Euros to Greece. I respect Figo but his immaturity lost me my first ever Euros title, and I had to wait for more than 10 years to win it.”

Ronaldo also said, while wiping his eyes, “You know, Piers, the moon cannot shine without the light of the sun, so, I’m happy for Leo’s shining sun moment. My job is done, it is now time to retire as the GOAT.”

Ronaldo ended the interview by ranking his “best ever” 5 a-side football team which included the “English GOAT” Peter Crouch, Argentina’s Sergio Romero, and Mesut Ozil. Ronaldo included himself twice in the squad stating that GOATs get two lives in this special match, and no one can compare to his quality of finish, which he demonstrated in the Qatar World Cup.



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