

Washington will continue relations with Dhaka in mutual interests: Quader

STAFF REPORTER

Awami League (AL) General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday said the United States (US) will continue its relations with the current Bangladesh government as both the countries have mutual interests to this end. "The United States did not say that the 12th national election was a flawed one. They will continue relations with the current government as both the countries have mutual interests here," he said while exchanging views with journalists at his secretariat office here

this afternoon. Quader, also the road transport and bridges minister, said the US talked about free and fair polls in the past but it did not say the election was flawed. There was no violence centering the election, while it was a completely peaceful one, he said. "We do not know what free and fair election will be. BNP did not join the election and that did not mean the election was not free and fair," he said. "We will not deteriorate the relationship (with the US). Let the relations remain there. America has interests here and we have

too," the AL general secretary said. Earlier in the morning, Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen paid a courtesy call on Obaidul Quader at the Bangladesh Secretariat. Responding to a question about the outcome of the meeting, Quader said China can play a key role in repatriation of Rohingya people from Bangladesh as it is an extra burden for Bangladesh. "The global crisis is going on. The flow of aid to the Rohingyas has also decreased. Feeding so many people is a big burden for Bangladesh,"

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At least 14 personnel from Myanmar's Border Guard Police (BGP) fled to Bangladesh and took refuge in a Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) outpost in Tormu, Bandarban after being attacked by rebels yesterday Sunday

Process underway to send back BGP men to Myanmar: Kamal

STAFF REPORTER

Home Minister Khan Kamal on Sunday said process to send back 14 Border Guard Police (BGP) of Myanmar are underway who fled their country due to heavy gunfights there. "They are now in the custody of Bangladesh Border Guard (BGB) and process is underway to send them back to Myanmar through foreign ministry, but none should come here," he told the journalists at his ministry office at Bangladesh Secretariat.

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Govt extends hajj registration deadline till Feb 6

STAFF REPORTER

The government has extended the deadline for Hajj registration on both government and private management till February 6 on special due. To register, one has to deposit Taka 2.05 lakh for primary registration by this period or one can deposit entire amount of specific packages by this period, said an official handout on Sunday. After primary registration, one must have to deposit remaining amount of the package by February 29 for final registration. Primary registration fee is not refundable, the handout said.

Guideline for cable service digitization soon: Arafat

STAFF REPORTER

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Mohammad Ali Arafat on Sunday emphasized on formulating a guideline to digitize the cable operating service as soon as possible to boost up revenue collection from the sector and bring discipline. "Digitization of cable operating service is a must as it will bring transparency along with helping the government to collect more revenue," he said at a views exchange meeting with Cable Operators Association of Bangladesh (COAB) at his ministry's conference room. People are expending money to get the service, the state minister said but the government cannot collect the revenue properly while the

digitization will ensure it. "As I talked to all stakeholders, I found everyone is in favour of digitalization of the service. Therefore, we will do this as soon as possible," he added. Speaking about OTT and other digital platforms, Arafat said, "We should welcome the new innovation and advancement of technology. But, we will take action against any breaching of law or rules and regulations". Simultaneously, he said, the government will ensure the protection of national interest and security as it is observed that the advancement of technology brings some risks along with simplifying citizens' life. "So, we will also address those issues within quickest possible time," the state minister

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Fifty eight Myanmar border guards take refuge in Bangladesh

NEWS DESK

At least 58 soldiers of Myanmar's paramilitary Border Guard Police (BGP) today took refuge in Bangladesh fleeing their posts amid reports of heavy gunfights between the government troops and the rebels in the junta-run country. "Fifty eight BGP personnel took shelter in Bangladesh throughout the day since the predawn hours. Fourteen of them crossed the border with bullet wounds and are being treated at different hospitals including health facilities in Rohingya camps," said an official familiar with the development. He added the paramilitary soldiers were kept under their counterpart Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) custody in Cox's Bazar while the weapons they carried with them were deposited in BGB cache. The official said many of the soldiers came to Bangladesh territory in combat uniform and

weapons while others were in their plainclothes leaving as well their arms back home. BSS obtained the photograph of the last BGP soldier who crossed the border in barefoot

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and plainclothes carrying his rifle while the 14 others were in their combat uniform. "The BGB informed the development to their Myanmar counterparts," said the official, preferring anonymity. Dhaka, meanwhile, expressed

concerns as the skirmishes in its borders with Myanmar was affecting Bangladesh frontlines with Road Transport Minister and Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader seeking Chinese intervention to deescalate the conflict in view of Beijing's close contacts with Burmese authorities. "The internal war is their (Myanmar's) domestic concern. But when the sound of gunfights is heard in the border, naturally it creates panic in public mind. We, therefore, expected Beijing's intervention," Quader told newsmen after his meeting with the Chinese envoy. Officials earlier said 14 BGP personnel crossed the border in predawn hours through the Ghumdhum border while a BGB spokesman in Dhaka thereafter asked journalists to await a media briefing on the development but no official briefing was made until the evening. District administration of Bandarban,

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Bangladesh reports zero Covid-19 death, 39 positive cases

STAFF REPORTER

Bangladesh Yesterday Sunday recorded zero Covid-19 death while it reported 39 coronavirus positive cases. "Bangladesh reported 6.17 percent Covid-19 positive cases as 632 samples were tested during the last 24 hours," a daily statement of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) said here. During the period, the combined figure of coronavirus infection in Dhaka district and the capital is 36 while zero Covid-19 death was reported here. The official tally showed that the virus killed a total of 29,482 people and infected 20,47,297 so far. The recovery count rose to 20,14,510 as 32 other patients were discharged

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Inauguration of Indoor Doubles Badminton Tournament in Thakurgaon

Shamsul Alam

Indoor Doubles Badminton Tournament was inaugurated in Hallpara of Thakurgaon with grand arrangements. Deputy Commissioner Md. Mahabubur Rahman inaugurated the tournament by cutting the ribbon yesterday evening. In the opening ceremony organized by Holpara Tangan Literary and Sports Council, Club President and Municipal Panel Mayor-2 Councilor Sudam Sarkar presided over the speech, chief guest Deputy Commissioner Md. Mahabubur Rahman, special guests Additional Superintendent of Police (Headquarters Circle) Mithun Sarkar, Assistant Commissioner and Executive Magistrate Asadul Islam, Municipal Mayor Anjuman



Ara Begum Bonya, Panel Mayor Md. Abdul Quayyum Chowdhury, District Sports Association General Secretary Masudur Rahman Babu, Sadar Upazila A'League General Secretary Mosharuf Islam Sarkar, Senior Journalist Abdul Latif, Dr. Shukdev, Club Advisor Tapan Kumar Ghosh, General Secretary Abdus Shahid Babu and others. The opening ceremony was attended by local dignitaries and past and present players. Renowned

commentator Sujan Khan moderates and narrates the program. The crowd during the game was huge. Especially the female audience caught everyone's attention. It should be noted that a total of 40 teams from different regions of the district and outside the district are participating in the tournament. The final match of the tournament is scheduled to be held on February 7. The champion team will be given

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HC challenges labour court's stay order on imprisonment of Yunus

STAFF REPORTER

A petition was filed with the High Court on Sunday against the Labour Appellate Tribunal's order that had stayed the effectiveness of the jail sentence awarded to Nobel laureate Professor Muhammad Yunus and three others in a Labour Law violation case. Senior advocate Khurshid Alam Khan filed the petition to the HC bench concerned. Besides, a petition was also filed seeking a bar on traveling abroad without the permission of the court. Earlier on January 28, the Labour Appellate Tribunal 28 granted bail to Yunus and three others in the case. Chairman of Labour Appellate Tribunal

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12 kg LPG cylinder price hiked by Tk 41

STAFF REPORTER

The price of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) has gone up to Tk 122.86 per kg for the month of February from Tk 119.40 in January, said BERC. The latest hike in LPG price will put more pressure on customers as the retail consumers will have to pay an additional Tk 3.46 per kg of LPG from 6 pm on Sunday, according to Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC). The energy regulator announced the new price, saying that retail consumers will now have to pay Tk 1474 (including VAT) for a 12 kg cylinder of LPG. The previous price of a 12 kg LPG cylinder

was Tk 1433, up by Tk 41. Prices of other LPG cylinders - from 5.5 kg to 45 kg - will go up rationally, said a BERC official at a press briefing at the BERC office in



Dhaka. As per the BERC decision, the price of "auto gas" (LPG used for motor vehicles) also increased to Tk 67.68 per litre (including VAT) from Tk

65.76 per litre. The price of LPG, marketed by state-owned LP Gas Company, will remain the same as it is locally produced with a market share of less than 5 percent. BERC officials said LPG price witnessed an increase in the local market due to increase in the prices of Saudi CP (contract price).

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First phase of Bishwa Ijtema ends with Akheri Munajat

STAFF REPORTER

The first phase of the three-day 57th Bishwa Ijtema – the second largest congregation of Muslims – ended Yesterday Sunday with Akheri Munajat. Maulana Hafez Zobair Ahmad, leader of



Bangladesh Tabligh Jamaat and head imam of Kakrail Jame Masjid in Dhaka, conducted the prayer from 9am to 9:23am. Thousands of devotees sought mercy from Almighty Allah by raising their hands for divine forgiveness, blessings for peace and prosperity

of the Muslim ummah. They also prayed for the country's welfare. Earlier in the morning after the Fajr prayer, Pakistani Tabligh leader Ziaul Huq delivered the sermon, which was translated into Bangla by Bangladeshi Maulana Nurul Rahman.

As part of the rationalized traffic system centring the final prayer, movement of vehicles will remain suspended from Tongi-Kamarpura road on Dhaka-Mymensingh Highway — from Tongi to Bhogra Bypass in Gazipur and from Abdullahpur to Ashulia Bypile —

from Saturday midnight (12am) to 2pm on Sunday. Gazipur Metropolitan Police Commissioner Mahbub Alam told media that the restriction may end at 2pm or extend following the final prayer as it will depend on circumstances. He said vehicles heading to Mymensingh and Gazipur have been advised to use Konabari via Gabtoli while vehicles heading to Dhaka from Mymensingh have been advised to use the 300 Feet Road through Bhogra bypass. During this time, no goods carrying vehicles will be allowed to run on these roads. However, all types of traffic movement related to Ijtema will remain normal. On the other hand, Bangladesh Railway has decided to run 17 special trains on the occasion of Bishwa Ijtema. Of these, 14 trains are operating only on the day of Akheri Munajat. Five special trains are running on the Dhaka-Tongi route, five trains on the Tongi-Dhaka route, one on the Tongi-Mymensingh route, one on the Tongi-Tangail route and two trains on the Ishwardi-Tongi-Ishwardi route. Ijtema devotees attend the Akheri Munajat of the first phase of Bishwa Ijtema, the second largest congregation of Muslims, ▶ SEE PAGE-2

National Library Day today

STAFF REPORTER

The National Library Day-2024 will be observed today across the country with a view to encouraging and inspiring people to use library for building a knowledge-based society. Department of Public Libraries under the Cultural Affairs Ministry will observe the day through different programmes. President Mohammed Shahabuddin and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave separate messages on the eve of the day. In a message, President Mohammed Shahabuddin said book is the real friend of the people as it helps expand knowledge and raise human qualities. The practice of reading books will have to be increased for building a knowledge-based society as preservation and reading of books are gradually waning due mainly to expansion of information technology, he said, adding that under this situation National Library Day can play an important ▶ SEE PAGE-2

Meghna Bridge in Raipura with foreign funding, Teta-Ballam's name should be erased from the history of Raipura: DC Dr. Badiul Alam



Ajay Saha

Narsingdi District Administrator and learned District Magistrate exchanged views with upazila level officials and public representatives and representatives of civil society on general issues including development activities, law and order, birth and death registration, social harmony in Raipura of Narsingdi Badiul Alam. The meeting was held on Sunday (February 4) morning at the Upazila Parishad Public Meeting Hall under the chairmanship of Upazila Executive Officer Roslin Shahid Chowdhury. DC Dr. Badiul Alam gave advice on various issues in view of the speeches of various institutions, departments and organization heads. Social activities, improvement of educational institutions, progress of Raipura upazila agriculture, activities of Union Parishad, server complexity of birth and death registration were discussed in the meeting. Calling Raipura a famous upazila, DC Dr. Badiul Alam said, there is a lot of good people in this upazila, which is

built with different historical traditions, but there is some rioting. By 2041, Raipura Upazila gave various directions to increase the education rate to 100%. He also talked about setting up another police station at Raipura and building a bridge over the Meghna. He said that the bridge will be constructed in 2 areas in Raipura with foreign funding. The widening of the Narsingdi-Raipura regional road has started. Work is underway to remove the electricity pole from the middle of the road. Also, the construction of dam is going on to protect the village from river erosion. Narsingdi Deputy Director (Deputy Secretary) Moushumi Sarkar Rakhi, Raipura Upazila Parishad Chairman Laila Kaniz, Police Station Investigation Officer Mir Mahbubur Rahman, Assistant Commissioner (Land) Shafiqul Islam, Former Freedom Fighter Commander Nazrul Islam, Municipal Mayor Jamal Mollah, Heads of Upazila Departments, UP Chairman, journalists, teachers, UP members, fire service chief, doctors, freedom fighters, representatives of scholarly society were present.

Election was well accepted and transparent: EC Rasheda

NEWS DESK

Election Commissioner Begum Rasheda Sultana today said as the election, held on January 7, was transparent, it was welcomed by all parties. "The 12th parliamentary election was held accordingly and impartially, and it has taken the Election Commission to a new height. The Election Commission will not move away from this position, rather the Commission will be in a more transparent and strong position in any future elections," she said during a view-exchange meeting at the Naogaon District Commissioner's conference room here on Sunday afternoon. The meeting was held to exchange views with the contesting candidates, returning officers, assistant returning officers and law enforcement officers, ahead of the upcoming election of Naogaon-2 (Patnitala-Dhamoirhat) constituency. "The commission should be trustworthy to the people to keep the democratic infrastructure of a country stable. From that point, the current Election Commission is working with the utmost impartiality and integrity," she added. "It is not possible

for the Election Commission alone to make the election acceptable, fair and transparent. All concerned have their own responsibility to ensure a free, fair and peaceful election," the Election Commissioner said. Calling on all the candidates to campaign in accordance with the Election Code of Conduct, she requested everyone to follow the necessary instructions to comply with the Election Code of Conduct. In the meeting organized under the chairmanship of District Returning Officer and Deputy Commissioner M Golam Mawla, Additional Divisional Commissioner of Rajshahi Division Dr Dewan M Humayun Kabir, Additional DIG of Rajshahi Division Faisal Mahmud, Superintendent of Police M Rashidul Haque, Regional Election Officer of Rajshahi M Delawar Hossain, Tofazzal Hossain, Naogaon-2 (Patnitala-Dhamoirhat) constituency candidate from Jatiya Party, independent candidates Engineer Aktarul Alam and Mehedi Mahmud Reza spoke at the meeting. 14 BGB captain Lt. Colonel M Hamid Uddin, RAB-5 captain Lt. Colonel Munim ▶ SEE PAGE-2

Yemen's Houthis vow response after US, British strikes

REUTERS

The United States and Britain launched strikes against 36 Houthi targets in Yemen, in the second day of major U.S. operations against Iran-linked groups following a deadly attack on American troops last weekend. The strikes late on Saturday hit buried weapons storage facilities, missile systems, launchers and other capabilities the Houthis have used to attack Red Sea shipping, the Pentagon said, adding it targeted 13 locations across the country. They are the latest blows in a conflict that has spread into the Middle East since Oct. 7, when the Palestinian militant group Hamas stormed Israel from the Gaza Strip, igniting a war that has drawn Tehran-backed groups into attacks on U.S. and Israeli targets on several fronts. The Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea said the strikes "will not pass without a response and consequences." "The building I live in shook," said Fatimah, a resident of Houthi-controlled Sanaa,



- Houthis vow response after latest U.S., British attacks
- Strikes came a day after U.S. retaliation in Iraq, Syria
- Iran not interested in direct confrontation - analyst
- Baghdad funeral march held for 17 killed in U.S. strikes

adding that it had been years since she had felt such blasts in a country that has suffered years of war. The Houthis did not announce any casualties. The Yemen strikes are running parallel to an unfolding U.S. campaign of retaliation over the

killing of three American soldiers in a drone strike by Iran-backed militants on an outpost in Jordan a week ago. On Friday, the U.S. carried out the first wave of that retaliation, striking in Iraq and Syria more than 85 targets linked to Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and militias it backs, reportedly killing nearly 40. The violence has added to concerns of the potential for further escalation. Iran, a supporter of Hamas, has so far avoided any direct role in the conflict, even as groups it backs have entered the fray from Syria, Iraq, Yemen and Lebanon. Mahjoob Zweiri, Director of the Gulf Studies Center at Qatar University, did not expect a change in Iran's approach even after the latest U.S. strikes. "They keep the enemy behind the borders, far away. They are not interested in any direct military confrontation which ▶ SEE PAGE-2

Chapainawabganj human chain against the fraud of Adam trader Khadem

Shaheen Akhtar

The victim's family has formed a human chain to demand the arrest of Khademul Islam, the fraudster who stole money from the family and sent 9 people from Chapainawabganj to exile in the name of taking them abroad and giving them jobs. The family members who were victims of fraud protested this fraud by forming a human chain in front of the Chapainawabganj District Commissioner's office at 10:30 am on Sunday. Md. Mainul Islam, Fatema Begum, Tahmina Begum, Md. Durul Hoda etc. spoke in this human chain which lasted for half an hour. The speakers said that 53 people from different districts including Chapainawabganj district were victims of fraud by



Adam trader Khademul Islam. Among them, 9 people from Chapainawabganj, in the name of giving them good jobs in Turkey, took Tk 7 lakh from each of them. Later, after they went abroad, they were reshuffled by several brokers. But they were held captive in a house in Katagiri region of Kyrgyzstan and demanded a ransom of 2 lakh rupees. The members of these

families have become destitute and helpless. He further accused Khademul Islam and said that 4 years ago, he stole several crores of taka by saying to send it to Italy. Thus he became very wealthy. The victim's family members demanded speedy trial by bringing him under the law. Later, the victim's family members submitted a memorandum to the District Commissioner.

Unraveling the mystery of the clueless murder in Khagrachari, arrest-1

STAFF REPORTER



Police arrested 1 person after uncovering the mystery of the sensational clueless murder case at the junction of three roads in Swapna Mohan Karbari area of Khagrachari municipality. The mystery of the murder was revealed after the arrest of the killer who was on the run for two months after the incident. On Sunday morning Two months after the incident, the police arrested the

accused killer Rapru Marma with the help of technology. The arrested Rapru Marma confessed to his involvement in the incident. Khagrachari Superintendent of Police Mukta Dhar said that the victims Sujant Tripura and Rapru Marma were drug addicts and had a friendly relationship between them. Before the murder, this murder is based on the source of the quarrel and fight due to the woman. The accused will be sent to jail through the court.

Export earnings up by 11.45% in January

STAFF REPORTER

Bangladesh's export earnings increased by 11.45% in January 2024 compared to the previous corresponding period in 2023, according to the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) latest data. Last month, the country earned \$5.72 billion, which was 0.69% less than the target. Exports reached \$5.13 billion in January of FY23. In December last year, Bangladesh exported goods worth \$5.3 billion. In FY24, the overall earnings in the July-January period stood at \$33.26 billion, witnessing a 2.52% growth, the EPB data show.

Human chain of local residents due to land hoarding in Gopalganj

Gopalganj Correspondent:

Parkushali village of Raghunathpur union of Sadar upazila of Gopalganj district Eminent businessman, friend of danger to helpless and poor unfortunate people Shipon Sheikh On the same area, Borhan Ghazi and his accomplices attacked, vandalized houses, Residents protest against the hellish torture of women and children tie up Local residents Borhan Gazi and his accomplices in the human chain are quickly brought under the law He demanded justice. At this time, hundreds of people from Parkushali village gathered together All walks of life to protest the Nakka Janak attack and get rid of Borhan Seeks



intervention. Mabia Begum, the mother of Sipan Sheikh, said, "My son is a hope from abroad." Immediately Borhan Ghazi and his

associates attacked my son. they are killed my son Not only my son, they belong to my son's wife as well They ▶ SEE PAGE-2

Two killed in Tongi road accident

STAFF REPORTER

Two people were killed and nine others injured as a truck hit an auto rickshaw in Tongi area of the district Yesterday Sunday. The deceased were identified as Joni, 18, and Sohel, 40. They were the residents of Dakhin Sadharchar village in Shibpur Upazila under Narsingdi district. They were going towards Ijtema venue from Mirer Bazar in Tongi to take part in the Akheri Minajat. In-charge of Dhaka Medical College Hospital police camp Md Bachchu Mia said the accident occurred this ▶ SEE PAGE-2



Finn Russell relieved Scotland 'found a way to win' after Wales comeback

SPORTS DESK

Confronted with the proverbial performance of two halves, Scotland's captain, Finn Russell, is taking more positives than the reverse from Scotland's first win in Cardiff for 22 years. One-point win is not to be sniffed at, but given Scotland led by 27 of them a couple of minutes into the second half Scotland's victory was not all good news.

Duhan van der Merwe races over the line to score a try during Scotland's thrilling win against Wales "I've been in games like that with Scotland that we've lost," he said. "That was the most pleasing thing, that we found a way to win with the crowd on our backs. It shows how

far we've come, to be able to fight and win those games. It is a bit of a monkey off our backs. We've got France next, but there's a lot to work on, which is a positive place to be." Their opponents played like men inspired in the second half, but they were an inexperienced team, led by the second youngest captain in Wales's history. There was, though, no let-up in intensity from the Cardiff crowd.

"It shows what the atmosphere and crowd here can do, but we got back to how we can play and we managed to dig it out in the end. Credit to Wales, it's what we expected, but it's something we'll have to be better at. I'm disappointed with that

second half but it's a great start to the tournament, our first win here for 22 years." For the young captain opposite him, Dafydd Jenkins, the experience was similarly bittersweet. "I was incredibly proud of the boys in the second half," he said. "Obviously we were not as accurate in the first half. We showed them too much respect. My family are incredibly proud, but it doesn't really mean anything if you're not winning."

His coach, Warren Gatland, could not cut a more contrasting figure when it comes to experience. He knew that was always going to be the key challenge for his side. "You can't coach experience," he said. "When there's 75,000

people out there making that noise and there's a bit of pressure, pace and intensity, a little more than you're used to at club rugby, it takes time to get used to that. So we'll need a little bit of leeway, but this is still international rugby and it's still really important and it's about winning. We need to be critical and tough on ourselves."

Next Wales travel to Twickenham. "We've just got to play like we did in the second half. England had a tough win today. They're probably in a bit of rebuilding phase too. But we'll go there with a lot of confidence that we can build on that second-half performance and belief."

Girona Stays in 2nd Place and Has Its Coach Sent off in Draw with Sociedad

SPORTS DESK

Girona wasted its chance to retake the lead of the Spanish league after being held 0-0 by Real Sociedad on Saturday, giving Real Madrid a boost at the top ahead of two key matches. Girona coach Michel Sánchez was sent off with a red card in the 89th for protesting excessively. That means he will miss next weekend's trip to Madrid in a game that could go a long way to deciding the title race. Girona is one point behind Real Madrid, which hosts fourth-place Atletico Madrid on Sunday. "I protested in a natural way, I didn't disrespect anyone," Michel said. "Maybe a yellow card would have been enough.

Alaves in a game the visitors finished with 10 men. Girona has changed from a surprise package into a serious title contender, even above fellow Catalan club Barcelona. Michel's side has only lost once in the league when it fell at home to Madrid in September. It has since gone 15 rounds without a defeat.

Yangel Herrera had a first-half goal waived off after a video review spotted an offside near the beginning of a long team move, a decision protested by Girona. Valery Fernández had a chance to grab the stoppage-time winner for Girona when Yan Couto set him up, only for him to fire wide.

Girona played the match

Barcelona he win at Alaves made it two straight victories for Barcelona since Xavi Hernández said he would not continue as coach after this season following last weekend's 5-3 loss at home to Villarreal. After that debacle he had said his players had lacked the "maturity" to protect their lead and compete for the entire match. But after the comfortable win in Vitoria, Xavi praised his team for what he called a "mature," all-round performance. "I think my team played a mature game," Xavi said. "It showed it knew how to compete, and at a pitch that is very demanding and requires you to be focused for 90 minutes. I am satisfied.

lobbed pass by Pedro González at the far post to double the lead in the 49th. Alaves striker Samuel Amorodion responded quickly to Gundogan's goal with a header in the 51st. But Vitor Roque, who came on for Gundogan, scored for a second consecutive game to likely ensure the victory in the 63rd. The Brazilian forward was sent off in the 72nd minute after picking up two quick yellow cards. Barcelona also won midweek with a 1-0 league win over Osasuna, thanks to Vitor Roque's first goal since joining the team last month. Elsewhere, Facundo Pellistri made his debut for Granada in its 1-1



I am going to miss two nice matches, at Real Madrid and Athletic Bilbao, and that bothers me. "It is not the same not being on the touchline. A coach wants to have the sensation of what is going on the field." Barcelona remained in third place after seven points behind Madrid after Ilkay Gundogan led a 3-1 win at

without joint-league top scorer Artem Dovbyk due to an unspecified fitness issue reported by the club shortly before kickoff. Girona will also be without Herrera and Daley Blind for the trip to Madrid while they serve one-game suspensions after both picked up a fifth booking. 'Mature' win for

This is the response by the team that I expected." Robert Lewandowski ended a six-round scoreless streak when he chipped the goalkeeper after receiving a through ball from Gundogan for the opener in the 22nd. After Alaves came close to equalizing at the end of the first half, Gundogan skillfully volleyed in a

draw with Las Palmas after joining the hosts on loan from Manchester United. Granada played with 10 men from the 21st after Kamil Piatkowski was shown a red card. Hugo Duro and Roman Yaremchuk scored as Valencia beat bottom side Almeria 2-1 and kept it winless through 23 rounds.

Smoke intensifies around controversial but feasible Suns trade for Miles Bridges

SPORTS DESK

Trade speculation around the Phoenix Suns and Charlotte Hornets forward Miles Bridges is ramping up again. The Suns have been linked to Bridges in trade rumors for almost two weeks now, but things have stepped up a notch on Friday. Senior NBA reporter Jake Fischer reported that "the Phoenix Suns continue to be described by league personnel as the team most motivated to land the Michigan State product." Fischer went on to reiterate that Bridges played for the same Michigan State basketball program that Suns owner Matt Ishbia was part of and won a national championship. He also offered insight into how Bridges would help the

Suns on the hardwood. "Bridges would add a sturdy forward that Phoenix's roster currently lacks and could allow the Suns to deploy more effective small-ball lineups with Kevin Durant at the five," Fischer said. The 6-7, 225-pound Bridges is scoring 20.8 points per game on 45.5/35.9/86.4 shooting splits. He is averaging 7.4 rebounds per game and 1.1 steals per game. Furthermore, local Suns insider for FOX 10, AZ Family and PHNX Sports — "FLEX From Jersey" — reported that when it comes to Bridges, "this thing is getting serious." "It's graduated over the last 24 to 48 hours. I can tell you that I've spoke to multiple contacts that have confirmed.

A brilliant back-heel by the substitute in added time at the end of extra time in Bouake gave the Elephants a 2-1 victory over Mali, who dominated much of the quarter-final and scored first. Ivory Coast-born Nene Dorogee put Mali ahead on 71 minutes against the host nation, who were reduced to 10 men just before half-time when Odilon Kossounou was sent off. But another Ivorian substitute, Simon Adingra, levelled in the 90th minute to take the pulsating west African showdown into extra time.

Then, with the quarter-final seemingly set to be decided by a penalty shootout, Diakite back-heeled a drive from a teammate past Mali goalkeeper Djigui Diarra. Diakite, who had been yellow-carded earlier, took off his shirt when celebrating, leading to a second caution followed by a red card.

Last-gasp AFCON triumph for I. Coast, S. Africa also reach semis

SPORTS DESK

Umar Diakite was the hero as hosts Ivory Coast staged another remarkable salvage operation on Saturday to reach the Africa cup of Nations semi-finals, and South Africa later joined them.

Victory came at a high price as suspensions rule Diakite, Kossounou, captain Serge Aurier and Christian Kouame out of a semi-final against the Democratic Republic of Congo on Wednesday. "After this kind of match, there are no real things to explain, it is just emotions," said Diakite, who plays for French Ligue 1 outfit Reims. "My joy was so great that I forgot that I had a yellow card. It was a mistake on my part. Even if I am not there, we can do the job (reach the final)."

"With this goal, I think I put happiness on the faces of every Ivorian fan at the stadium. No words can describe how I'm feeling now, but I'm happy. "We knew it was going to be a complicated match, but we made it difficult for ourselves. Our mentality played a key role in this triumph. - 'Supporters incredible! - "Our supporters are incredible and we had no option but to give our very best and seek victory, even if the red card before mine made it difficult." Victory maintained the dominance of the Elephants over the Eagles in AFCON tournaments -- it was their

fifth win from 1994 with one other meeting drawn. The last time Ivory Coast reached the semi-finals was in 2015 in Equatorial Guinea, and they defeated DR Congo 3-1 before going on to win the tournament a second time. Ivory Coast scraped into the knockout stage this time as the last of the four best third-placed nations and then trailed holders Senegal for 82 minutes before snatching an equaliser. They went on to win the last-16 clash on penalties, only to be play second fiddle to Mali in the next round before staging an amazing comeback. Mali contributed to their downfall by squandering a chance to take an early lead when Adama 'Noss' Traore had a penalty saved by Youssouf Fofana. Several Malians could face disciplinary action as a group, including red-carded captain Hamari Traore, surrounded the Egyptian referee after the winning goal, forcing the official to push some away. Meanwhile, South Africa goalkeeper Ronwen Williams saved four penalties in a shootout as his country beat Cape Verde 2-1 in a shootout after a 0-0 draw.

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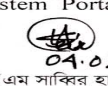

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