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Jayasuriya faces corruption charges

AFP | Dubai

Dashing former Sri Lankan batsman and ex-chief selector Sanath Jayasuriya has been charged for not cooperating with a match-fixing probe and concealing information, the International Cricket Council said yesterday.

"The International Cricket Council (ICC) has charged Jayasuriya on two counts of breaching the ICC Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) and have given him 14 days to respond," the ICC said in a statement.

Jayasuriya, 49, was reportedly asked to cooperate with an inquiry from ACU chief Alex Marshall who visited Sri Lanka last month.

"The charges include failure or refusal, without compelling justification, to cooperate with any investigation carried out by the ACU, including failure to provide accurately and completely any information and/or documentation requested by the ACU as part of such investigation," the ICC said.

The other count included "obstructing or delaying any investigation that may be carried out by the ACU, including concealing, tampering with or destroying any documentation or other information that may be relevant to that investigation and/or that may be evidence or may lead to the discovery of evidence of corrupt conduct under the Anti-Corruption Code".

Shaikh Nasser praised on Ironman victory

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Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) board member and Bahrain Table Tennis Association president Shaikha Hayat bint Abdulaziz Al Khalifa congratulated Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative to His Majesty the King for Charity Work and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and

Sports, President of BOC, on winning the Ironman World Championship in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

Shaikha Hayat hailed the victory achieved by Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, lauding his strenuous efforts, strong determination and preparations ahead of the world championship, wishing him continuous success in assuming his national responsibilities to serve his nation.

Academy to host CPR course

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The Bahrain Olympic Committee's (BOC) Bahrain Olympic Academy is organizing a course on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) starting today.

The two-day event is organized in cooperation with the American base in Bahrain, with representatives of health clubs and physical fitness are expected to take part. It will be presented by a team of experts in this area.

The course is organized as part of an attempt to avoid the increasing phenomena of sudden death among athletes in Bahrain.

Director of the Olympic Academy Dr. Nabeel Taha stressed that the course aims to prepare a number of athletes to obtain knowledge and skills to perform CPR procedure, which would help in saving lives of many people in the future.

Taha added that the academy will organize three courses per year in cooperation with the American Base to cover the largest possible number of specialists in this area.

The course comprises theoretical and practical sessions. The participants will receive an official two-year valid license covering CPR and first aid certified by the United States.

Entries open for Indian Club's Football, Hockey Fiesta

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The Indian Club is all set to kick start the NHSC Football & Hockey Championship from 20th October to 1st November 2018.

After a very successful invitational

Cricket tournament, the Hockey and Football tournaments will take the centre stage.

The last date for entries is 17th October & will be followed by Captain's meeting at 8:30pm on the same day.

India to unleash Pant, Shaw on Australia

AFP | Hyderabad, India

"Fearless" young batting stars Prithvi Shaw and Rishabh Pant will be India's special weapons during their upcoming tour of Australia, according to captain Virat Kohli.

Hailing the roles of 18-year-old Shaw and 21-year-old Pant in the two-Test victory over the West Indies, Kohli said they had been given free rein to play their natural games.

"We were looking at them playing with a lot of freedom, which they did," Kohli said after India's three-day, 10-wicket win on Sunday.

"Prithvi was outstanding, Rishabh was really fearless. I am really happy that these guys have grabbed their chances."

Shaw became the youngest Indian batsman to score a century on his Test debut, smashing 134 in the first Test against the West Indies in Rajkot.

He followed it up with a quickfire 70 in the first innings of the second Test in Hyderabad.

Left-hander Pant, who hit a century during this year's Test tour of England, followed up with scores of 92 in both the first and second Tests against the West Indies.

"I know the conditions were not as challenging as they might get in future, but in Test cricket, the first and the most important thing is con-



Prithvi Shaw

fidence and understanding that you can score runs at the Test level," said Kohli. "From that point of view, (I'm) very happy that these guys have taken their chance so well."

Shades of Tendulkar, Lara

Pant, who shows an audacious range of strokes as a middle-order batsman, has been rewarded for his Test performances with a call-up for the first two one-day internationals against the West Indies.

But it is Shaw who has stood out,

with some pundits comparing him to the great Sachin Tendulkar. He scored 237 runs in three innings against the West Indies to get the Man of the Series award.

India coach Ravi Shastri compared Shaw to Tendulkar and the destructive Virender Sehwag and Brian Lara.

The diminutive right-hander aggressively attacked the West Indies bowlers and showed quick reflexes while fielding at forward short-leg -- a dangerous position close to the batsman.

Australia target first Asia series win since 2011 - Paine

AFP | Sydney

Australian skipper Tim Paine vowed his team would do its utmost to win the second Test against Pakistan starting in Abu Dhabi from Tuesday for a first series win in Asia since 2011.

The trying conditions of the pitches and hot weather have stopped Australia from winning a series since they beat Sri Lanka 1-0 in 2011.

Since then they have lost 4-0 in India (2013), 2-0 in United Arab Emirates to Pakistan (2014), 3-0 in Sri Lan-



Australian skipper Tim Paine

ka (2016), 2-1 in India (2017) and drew 1-1 in Bangladesh last year.

But Paine's side snatched a morale-boosting draw on the fifth and

final day in the first Test in Dubai, the skipper and number 10 Nathan Lyon seeing out the final 12.2 overs after being set a daunting target of 462 runs.

"We want to win every series we are involved in," Paine said yesterday. "We are focusing on what we do and if we can do well for five days then we have a really good chance of winning it."

"We are reasonably confident. After the last few days we got a little bit of relief and a little bit of mileage, so we know if we play our best cricket we have got a chance to win this Test."

Brave CF secures partnership with ARY, Rockville and MRG in Pakistan

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Brave Combat Federation has entered into a partnership with ARY, House of Rockville and MRG to form Brave Pakistan Pvt Ltd.

This initiative will bring Brave Combat Federation to Pakistan to host the first International Mixed Martial Arts event to take place in the nation. The event will be the most broadcasted combat sports event till date to take place in Pakistan.

Salman Iqbal representing ARY, Saad Ali Khan representing House of Rockville, Jahangir Riaz, CEO of GreenHill Sports and Dewan Adil representing MRG Pvt Ltd signed the partnership agreement with Mohammed Shahid, President of Brave Combat Federation who was accompanied

by Faisal Rehman.

Mohammed Shahid, President of the Brave Combat Federation, stated, "I am pleased to announce our partnership with ARY. The partnership will ensure to direct our collective synergies towards developing the sport of Mixed Martial Arts in Pakistan. We are glad to work alongside top industry leaders including ARY, GreenHill Sports and House of Rockville to bring this initiative to Pakistan. This initiative will create economic opportunities and to strengthen the relation between the two nations. We are thrilled to partner with ARY in Pakistan and this mark a new chapter for sports media initiatives in Pakistan"

Brave Pakistan Pvt Ltd will initiate operations in Pakistan by hosting the

first edition of the event on 27th October at the Nistar Sports Complex in Lahore. Brave Pakistan Pvt Ltd will organise nationwide tryouts on a regular basis for Brave Combat Federation to support the initiatives for talent development in Pakistan.

Brave Pakistan Pvt will manage the initiatives and become the master franchise holder for Brave MMA Gyms, Brave Nutrition and Brave Apparel. Salman Iqbal from ARY has been elected as the Chairman of the Board of Brave Pakistan Pvt Ltd and Abrar Ali Khan from Rockville will hold the role of the CEO.

The initiative was supported by UK based combat sports merchandise manufacturing brand, GreenHill Sports, headed by Jahangir Riaz, CEO of GreenHill Sports.

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