



Supreme Court grants bail to K Kavitha in Delhi excise policy case



New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday granted bail to BRS MLC K Kavitha in the Delhi excise policy case. The court pulled up the CBI and the Enforcement Directorate over the nature of the probe being conducted in the case. K Kavitha, the daughter of former Telangana CM K Chandrasekhar, has been in custody since March 15. During the hearing, the Supreme Court bench of Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan asked the Enforcement Directorate and the CBI to show what "material" they had to prove

that K Kavitha was involved in the alleged Delhi excise policy scam.

Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for K Kavitha, sought bail saying the probe against her had been completed by the two agencies. He also referred to the apex court's verdict granting bail to AAP leader Manish Sisodia, a co-accused. Additional solicitor general SV Raju, appearing for the probe agencies, said K Kavitha had formatted her mobile phone. He alleged her behaviour amounted to tempering her evidence.

The truck was a part of a convoy transporting personnel Three army personnel killed, several others injured

Itanagar: Three Army personnel were killed after the truck they were travelling in fell into a gorge near the Tapi area, in Upper Subansiri on the Trans-Arunachal Highway.

The personnel have been identified as Hav Nakhat Singh, Nk Mukesh Kumar and Gdr Ashish. This is a developing story. Further details are awaited. The accident took place on Tuesday at 6 am on the trans-Arunachal highway located near Tapi village. The army truck was part of a convoy transporting personnel and was headed towards Basar in Leparada district from Daporijo, when the accident happened, a police officer told. In a post on X, the Army's eastern command said, "Lt Gen RC Tiwari and all ranks express deepest condolences on the sad demise of Brave-hearts Hav Nakhat Singh,



Nk Mukesh Kumar and Gdr Ashish who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty in Arunachal Pradesh. Indian Army stands firmly with the bereaved families."

Chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Pema Khandu also mourned the death of the three personnel. In a post on X, he said, "I am deeply pained by loss of lives of three ADGPI personnel - Havil-

dar Nakhat Singh, Naik Mukesh Kumar and Grenadier Ashish Kumar - in a tragic accident near Tapi in Upper Subansiri district. Their service to the nation and supreme sacrifice will be remembered with the highest regards." He also gave his condolences to the bereaved families, adding, "I pray to Lord Buddha for the peace of brave souls. Om Mani Padme Hum."

Maldives continues to lose Indian passengers

Lakshadweep: The India-Maldives diplomatic relations have not been at the best of levels since the new government led by Mohamed Muizzu came to power last year. This had led to clarion calls by social media influencers to boycott Maldives, which had in the last few years become a popular spot for Indians with improved connectivity. While it took its own turn at diplomatic level, a visit to Lakshadweep by Prime Minister Modi in January this year, sent off another call to visit Lakshadweep instead of Maldives. As things settle on the diplomatic front, Maldives has fallen out of favour for Indians with Indian tourists visiting Maldives sliding drastically. Interestingly, the addition of more seats to Agatti, Lakshadweep has led to more passengers flying to Lakshadweep during the same time.

SC stays govt decision to omit misleading ads rule

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday stayed a government order of July 1 that controversially ended the requirement for manufacturers of Ayurveda, Siddha or Unani drugs to seek prior licensing permission before publishing advertisements. A bench headed by justice Hima Kohli took serious exception to the Centre issuing a notification that flew in the face of repeated court orders seeking to strengthen the legal mechanism against misleading advertisements of health and medicinal products as they affect the well-being of citizens. Pulling up the Centre for taking this rule off the statute book, the bench, also comprising justice Sandeep Mehta said, "In our opinion, the notification (of July 1) flies in the face.

No mention of Bangladesh in US readout on Modi-Biden call creates buzz

New Delhi: The Bangladesh crisis did not find a mention in the readout released by the United States following a phone call between President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, fuelling further speculation of an unease in ties between the White House and Dhaka. While the press release by the Ministry of External Affairs mentioned that PM Modi and Biden expressed their shared concern over the "situation in Bangladesh", the White House readout was mum on the issue and focused only on the Ukraine-Russia war.

"They (PM Modi and Biden) emphasised the restoration of law and order and ensuring safety and security of the minorities, particularly Hindus, in Bangladesh," the MEA statement said. On the other hand, the White



House readout had no reference to Bangladesh, saying the two leaders discussed PM Modi's recent trip to Poland and Ukraine, as well as the United Nations General Assembly meetings in September. "The President commended the Prime Minister for his historic visits to Poland and Ukraine, the first by an Indian prime minister in decades, and for his message of peace and ongoing humanitarian support for

Ukraine, including its energy sector," it said. The US has largely remained silent on the crisis in Bangladesh, which saw massive student protests over a controversial quota system for government jobs. Over 500 died in the weeks-long violence, leading to the fall of the Hasina-led Awami League government. The developments led to allegations that the US government influenced or interfered in

the internal affairs of Bangladesh - a charge swiftly denied by the White House. The Hasina government has had troubled relations with the US recently. Amid the crisis, Bangladeshi media cited excerpts from an undelivered speech by Hasina in which the deposed Prime Minister accused the US of pressuring her to allow the establishment of a naval base on St Martin's Island. Hasina allegedly mentioned that had she handed over St Martin's Island to the US, her government would have survived. However, Sheikh Hasina's son, Sajeeb Wazed, refuted any such development. The island, located in the northeastern part of the Bay of Bengal, holds immense strategic value as it could provide a crucial foothold in the region, countering Chinese influence.

Yogi Govt to provide influencers up to 8L per month

Lucknow: The Uttar Pradesh government has approved a new policy for digital media, aimed at regulating content across platforms such as Facebook, X, Instagram, and YouTube. This policy establishes guidelines for addressing objectionable content and mandates legal action against agencies and firms responsible for publishing such material. Under the new policy, the government will take legal measures against any content deemed indecent, obscene, or anti-national. The Cabinet approved the policy on Tuesday, setting forth rules for the display and promotion of digital content, including videos, tweets, posts, and reels. This policy aims to effectively communicate the state's development.

Over 40,000 rape cases in Assam since 2001: CM

Assam sees 83 per cent decline in rape cases since 2019 : Himanata Biswa Sharma

Guwahati: Over 3,000 cases of rape were registered for three consecutive years during the first term of the BJP-led government in Assam from 2016-2021, according to data shared by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday.

The number of such cases, however, has come down since 2020, it showed. The BJP returned to power in Assam in 2021, with Sarma as the CM. The Congress was in power in the state from 2001 to 2016, with the BJP-led government taking over thereafter. Union minister Sarbananda Sonowal had helmed the first BJP government in Assam. "Every single incident of rape must be unequivocally condemned, as it represents a grave violation



of human dignity and it is our collective responsibility to work towards eliminating this heinous crime from society," Sarma wrote on X, sharing the data of rape cases registered in the state from 2001 to July 2024.

"The chart... reflects our ongoing efforts and com-

mitment to creating a safer and more just environment for everyone, especially our women," he said. Sarma urged people to "unite to ensure that such atrocities find no place in our world, and that safety, justice and compassion prevail."

As per the data, 3,544 rape cases were registered

in 2017, 3,296 in 2018 and 3,546 in 2019. The 2019 figure was the highest during the 2001-July 2024 period. The number of cases was 1,657 in 2020, 1,733 in 2021, 1,113 in 2022, 989 in 2023 and 580 till July 2024.

During the Congress rule from 2001 to 2016, the highest number of such cases at 1,980 was registered in 2014, Sarma underlined the commitment of the state towards addressing this critical issue and laid, "Every single incident of rape has to be condemned in no uncertain terms because it is a huge violation of human dignity. We, as a society, are saddled with the responsibility of wiping out this abominable crime from the face of our motherland".

BSF hosts major inter-command women's sports tournament



Shillong: The Border Security Force (BSF) Campus Umpling is buzzing with adrenaline as 120 female athletes compete in a high-stakes multi-sport tournament. The Inter-Command Women's Competition, featuring wrestling, box-

ing, judo, arm wrestling, weightlifting, and powerlifting, kicked off on August 27.

Seventy competitors from the Eastern Command and 50 from the Western Command are vying for supremacy in this two-day event.

The opening ceremony, led by Inspector General Harbax Singh Dhillon, set a patriotic tone with a march past, oath-taking, and cultural performances.

IG Dhillon challenged the athletes to showcase their prowess while maintaining sportsmanship. He emphasised the crucial role of physical fitness in BSF operations, stating, "These sports are not just competitions, but vital training for our daily duties."

He also commended the BSF for its dedication to various sporting disciplines, which are integral to the organisation's daily operations.

5 Bangladeshi nationals including one Indian tout held in Agartala

Agartala: Tripura Police detained five Bangladeshi nationals and one Indian tout in the Nandan Nagar area of Agartala city on Tuesday, August 27. Speaking to reporters, a police officer from New Capital Complex Police Station stated that the individuals had entered Tripura a few months ago. "We received information

about illegal Bangladeshi nationals residing in Nandan Nagar, Agartala. Based on these inputs, we verified the situation and identified five persons as Bangladeshi nationals who had entered Tripura illegally. We detained them, and during preliminary interrogation, they attempted to conceal the matter. However, upon further

investigation, we seized Bangladeshi currency from them. They were unable to provide any documents and eventually admitted to being Bangladeshi nationals. We also detained a person who aided them in crossing the international border illegally. They will be presented before the court," said the police officer.

Outrage and condemnation over assault on pastor

Kohima: The brutal assault on pastor Rhanlamo Kikon by NSCN (Khango) cadre Akhekivi on August 24 has sparked widespread condemnation across Nagaland. In response to the heinous attack, various organizations have called for swift justice and demanded accountability from the perpetrators. The Lotha Baptist Churches' Association (LBCA) expressed shock and outrage over the assault, labeling it as "barbaric" and "heinous." Rev Khonbemo P Kikon, LBCA executive secretary, highlighted the growing trend of violence in Naga society and called for a collective effort to ensure safety and justice. He urged law enforcement agencies to take immediate action against the culprit and emphasized that such acts are unacceptable in a civilized society. Aghunaqa Kukami Kuqhakulu (AKK) G.B's Association, led by president Heshito Awomi and general secretary Mughato Zhimo, condemned the assault as unacceptable and intolerable. operation with law enforcement to hold the perpetrators accountable.

Manipur Police arrest four KCP PWG cadres in major security sweep



Imphal: In Manipur, the police arrested four cadres of the Kangleipak Communist Party - People's War Group, in the Nambol area of the Bishnupur District. Cadres who were arrested are Khundrakpam Rojit Singh, aged 28 years; Thokchom Sornu Singh, aged 23 years; Khoirakpam Abhinash Singh, aged 21 years; and Khundrakpam Victoria Devi, aged 26 years. The reported crime of these cadres is extortion in the area of Nambol. The police recovered a pistol with a live round, four mobile phones, one vehicle and Rs. 900 in cash from their possession.

The arrests were part of a massive crackdown against insurgent-related crimes and extortion in the region. As part of the connected operation, security forces conducted extensive searches and area domination in hill and valley districts of Manipur. A total of 120 vehicles along NH-37 and 51 vehicles along NH-2 were escorted to ensure safe transportation of essential goods with tight security arrangements. Notably, a total of 104 checkpoints were conducted across various districts in which 170 detainees were detained for violations.

Mizoram churches plan campaign to combat corruption in state



Aizwal: Mizoram's Presbyterian Church of India and the Mizoram Baptist Church, the two biggest churches in the state, have decided to initiate a campaign against corruption.

In an official meeting held between members of the two churches, it was decided that a corruption awareness campaign would be taken up through revised and enlarged booklets on corruption which were printed previously. The churches also decided that preachings on the ill effects of corruption would be made more common.

Meanwhile, Mizoram Synod had also specifi-

cally sent out notifications to all the various churches and church leaders to educate church members to refrain from donating tithe from corruption. They had added that those individuals convicted of corruption should be barred from holding positions in the churches. Mizoram churches plan campaign to combat corruption in state. Congress's Mizoram chief Lalsawta said no political party has any issue. "I wish there were similar agreements in other states as well. The deal with MPF helps minimise our expenses and elections are violence-free."

Patym shares surged 3% despite Sebi notice

New Delhi: Shares of Patym's parent company, One 97 Communications, rose by 3.5% to Rs 548.70 on Tuesday despite having received a show-cause notice from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi).

The rise in shares was mainly due to Patym's clarification on the matter in response to the notice, which seemed to reassure investors. Sebi's notice was related to an alleged violation of rules concerning the employee stock option plans (ESOPs) granted to Vijay Shekhar Sharma, Patym's founder and Chief Executive. In the financial year 2021-22, Patym granted 21 million ESOPs to Sharma, which were tied to the achievement of specific milestones. Patym had already disclosed the matter in its financial results for the quarter and year ending on March 31, 2024, as well as the quarter ending on June 30, 2024.

NSE IPO timeline, F&O uncertainty

Mumbai: The unlisted stock exchange NSE faces a significant uncertainty, as the market regulator SEBI is actively working to curb speculative trading volumes in the domestic options market, IIFL Securities said on Tuesday. NSE's option volumes have grown at 125 per cent per annum from FY20 to FY24, now accounting for a staggering 400 times cash volumes in FY24. This is against 35 times in FY20, the domestic brokerage noted.

SEBI's proposed measures specifically target equity index derivatives, it said. "If implemented, these measures could impact NSE's trading volumes by nearly one-third, resulting in a projected 20-25 per cent cut in FY26ii EPS. However, note that these projections are not factored into our current estimates, as the final regulations are still pending approval," IIFL Securities said.

RBI to launch Unified Lending Interface to transform lending space: Das

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das on Monday said that the central bank was set to launch Unified Lending Interface (ULI) nationwide soon as it expects this platform to transform the lending sector in India much like UPI has transformed the payments ecosystem.

The pilot for ULI was launched last year by RBI to enable frictionless credit. And based on the experience of the pilot, RBI has decided to launch ULI nationwide. "Just like UPI transformed the payments ecosystem, we expect that ULI will play a similar role in transforming the lending space in India. The 'new trinity' of JAM-UPI-ULI will be a revolutionary step forward in India's digital infrastructure journey," Das said at the Global Conference on "Digital Public Infrastructure and Emerging Technologies."

According to Das, ULI facilitates seamless and



consent based flow of digital information, including even land records of various states, from multiple data service providers to lenders.

This cuts down the time taken for credit appraisal, especially for smaller and rural borrowers.

Das further explained that the ULI architecture has common and standardised APIs, designed for a 'plug and play' approach to ensure digital access to information from diverse sources resulting in reducing the complexity of multiple technical integrations. As a result, it enables borrowers to get the benefit of

seamless delivery of credit, quicker turnaround time without requiring extensive documentation, he said. "In sum, by digitising access to customer's financial and non-financial data that otherwise resided in disparate silos, ULI is expected to cater to large unmet demand for credit across various sectors, particularly for agricultural and MSME borrowers," Das added. Speaking on central bank digital currency (CBDC), Das highlighted that there should not be any rush to roll out system-wide CBDC before one acquires a comprehensive understanding of its impact on users, on

monetary policy, on the financial system and on the economy.

"Such understanding would emerge from generation of user data in pilots. Actual introduction of CBDC can be phased in gradually. Undoubtedly, CBDC has the potential to underpin the payment systems of the future, both for domestic payments and also cross-border payments," Das added. RBI launched CBDC pilots both in retail and wholesale segments back in 2022. The retail pilot currently has over 5 million users and 16 participating banks.

"While the retail pilot started with the initial use case of payments, currently both the offline and programmability functionalities are also being tested. The programmability feature of CBDC could serve as a key enabler for financial inclusion by ensuring delivery of funds to the targeted user," Das said.

Premier Energies IPO opens for bidding

Mumbai: The initial public offering (IPO) of Premier Energies opened for bidding on Tuesday, looking to raise a sum of Rs 2,830.40 crore through the public issue. Premier Energies Limited, established in April 1995, specialises in producing integrated solar cells and solar panels. Their product range includes solar cells, solar modules, monofacial and bifacial modules, as well as EPC and O&M solutions. Premier Energies IPO is a book-built issue which includes a fresh issue of 2.87 crore shares, amounting to Rs 1,291.40 crore, and an offer for sale of 3.42 crore shares totalling to Rs 1,539 crore. The subscription period for the Premier Energies IPO is from August 27, 2024, to August 29, 2024. The price band for the IPO is between Rs 427 and Rs 450 per share.

Zee, Sony reach non-cash agreement to settle disputes over merger

Mumbai: Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited (ZEE), along with Culver Max Entertainment Private Limited (CMEPL), which operates as Sony Pictures Networks India (SPNI), and its affiliate Bangla Entertainment Private Limited (BEPL), have reached a comprehensive non-cash agreement to amicably resolve all disputes concerning the merger cooperation agreement and the composite scheme of the arrangement, Zee said in a press release. According to the settlement, the companies have mutually decided to withdraw all claims against each other in the ongoing arbitration at the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and all related legal proceedings before the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and other relevant forums. The press release further stated, "The companies will also withdraw the respective Composite



Schemes of Arrangement from the NCLT and inform the relevant regulatory authorities."

According to the settlement terms, no party will have any remaining or ongoing obligations or liabilities towards the others. "The settlement stems from a mutual understanding between the companies to independently pursue future growth opportunities with a renewed purpose and focus on the evolving media and entertainment landscape, signifying the definitive conclusion of all disputes," the press release said. Mean-

while, Zee Entertainment Enterprises' share price surged by as much as 15 per cent on Tuesday after it entered into an agreement with Sony over the termination of their merger.

The stock climbed to an intraday high of Rs 154.9 before settling down to Rs 147.7, still marking an increase of around 10 per cent from the previous day's close. Since then, both companies have been locked in a legal battle, with Zee aggressively pursuing its claims in various forums. The settlement agreement brings this prolonged dispute to a close.

Scrapping old vehicles to buy new: Nitin Gadkari

New Delhi: Nitin Gadkari, minister of Road Transport & Highways, said that several commercial and passenger vehicle manufacturers will offer discounts for buying new vehicles against the scrapping of older vehicles with a valid Certificate of Deposit. He said, "I am pleased to report that, in response to my recommendation, several commercial and passenger vehicle manufacturers have agreed to offer discounts for the purchase of new vehicles against the scrapping of older vehicles with a valid Certificate of Deposit. This initiative will significantly advance our Circular Economy efforts, ensuring that cleaner, safer, and more efficient vehicles are on our roads." Owing to this, auto majors are likely to offer 1.5-3.5 percent discount to buyers who scrap their old vehicles to buy a new one, according to a report.

Earlier, SIAM president



Vinod Aggarwal had said, "We are expecting that the government could do something more on the incentives for the scrapping of vehicles, because the scrapping policy is already in place but we have not seen much impact of that." He added, "And so therefore, to give further boost to the scrapping of old polluting vehicles, I think something needs to be done." The minister had last year said the country needs 1,000 vehicle scrapping centres and 400 automated fitness test centres

Sumit Nagal ousted from US Open by Griekspoor



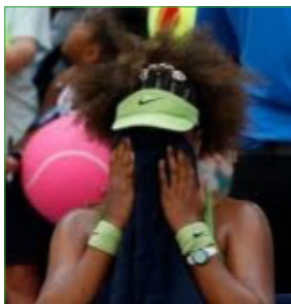
New York: India's top player Sumit Nagal crashed out of the US Open, the last Grand Slam of the season, after suffering a straight-set defeat against Dutch player Tallon Griekspoor in the opening round here. Nagal struggled with his first serve, winning only 61 percent of those points to lose 1-6 3-6 6-7(8) to Griekspoor, who won 87 percent of his first serve points, on Monday night. Nagal broke his rival twice while the Dutchman converted six of his 11 break chances in the two hour and 20-minute contest.

The 27-year-old from Jhajjar found his rhythm quite late as he kept spraying unforced errors. Several times the Dutchman found easy winners by catching the Indian wrong footed. Light rain stopped play in the second set when Nagal was trailing 3-5. He competed well after resumption. He still is alive in US Open as he is competing in the men's doubles as well. Nagal had begun the season with a bang, making it to the Australian Open main draw from the qualifiers and kept improving his ranking that secured his passage into all four Grand Slams main draws.

While he won a main draw round in Melbourne, in the following Majors, he fell at the first hurdle. Nevertheless, by playing all Grand Slams of the season 2024, he did his career a world of good. Prajnesh Gunneswaran was the last Indian to play all Grand Slam singles main draw in 2019. In the men's doubles, India will have Rohan Bopanna, Yuki Bhambri, N Sriram Balaji and Nagal playing with different partners.

Naomi Osaka breaks down in tears after beating Jelena Ostapenko in US Open

New York: Former champion Naomi Osaka was left tearful on Tuesday after she secured an impressive win against 2017 Roland Garros winner Jelena Ostapenko on her return to Flushing Meadows in the opening round of the 2024 US Open. The Japanese star beat the Latvian 6-3, 6-2 to register her first top 10 win in four years. Osaka, currently ranked 88th in the world, missed last year's US Open after giving birth to her daughter Shai. Her last appearance in New York was in 2022, when she suffered a shock first-round exit. However, she was dialed in against Ostapenko, who scripted her best run in the US Open last year by beating world no. 1 Iga Swiatek to



reach the quarterfinals, firing 19 winners to wrap up the victory in just 63 minutes. As the crowd inside the Louis Armstrong Stadium applauded Osaka, the four-time Grand Slam winner was left in tears. "I so badly wanted to step on these courts again," Osaka said. "I didn't know if I could ... Just to win this match, just to be in this atmosphere means so much to me."

Suryakumar ready to do the hard yards to reclaim India test spot

New Delhi: India's Twenty20 captain Suryakumar Yadav hopes a stint in first class cricket will improve his chances of reclaiming a spot in the test squad.

The 33-year-old plays a key role in India's white-ball squads and took over the T20 captaincy when Rohit Sharma quit the format after leading India to the World Cup title in June.

Suryakumar made his test debut against Australia last year but a groin injury and surfeit of middle-order options saw him slip down the pecking order. "There are a lot of people who have worked really hard to earn their place and even I want to earn that spot again," Suryakumar said on the sidelines of a domestic



tournament on Monday.

"There were a lot of people who got an opportunity and have done well too. They deserve that opportu-

nity right now."

India play 10 tests over the next four months including five in Australia, and the likes of Shreyas

Iyer, Sarfaraz Khan and KL Rahul are all eyeing a spot in the middle order. "That's not in my control," Suryakumar said of his chances of getting the nod ahead of others.

"What's in my power right now is to play the Buchi Babu tournament, go on to play the Duleep Trophy and then see what happens," he added, referring to domestic red-ball tournaments. "But yes, I'm really looking forward. There are 10 test matches lined up and I'm obviously excited for some red-ball fun."

Beginning on Sept. 19, India play two home tests against Bangladesh and three against New Zealand before flying to Australia in November.

India clinch silver medal at Maruhaba Cup

Japan: India edged out Chinese Taipei and China to bag the silver medal at the Maruhaba Cup, a team event in the Asian Surfing Championships 2024 at the picturesque Thulusdhoo island in the Maldives on Sunday. The silver came just a day after India secured its first-ever Asian Games quotas in surfing. The silver came just a day after India secured its first-ever Asian Games quotas in surfing. The Maruhaba Cup, a category within the Asian Surfing Championship, brought together elite surfers from across the continent in a team event. India outperformed numerous strong contenders en route to secure the silver medal. The Indian team, consisting of Kamali P, Ajeesh Ali, Srikanth D, and Sanjay Selvamani, secured first place in the Heat 2 semi-final with a total score of 32.16. In the final finished in second. place with a team score of 24.13.

Manchester United's Diallo back in Ivory Coast squad

Manchester: Manchester United forward Amad Diallo has been recalled to the Ivory Coast squad for the first time in some 18 months as they begin the defence of their Africa Cup of Nations title.

Diallo, 22, won the last of his six caps for the Ivorians in March 2023, missing out on Cup of Nations success in February when Ivory Coast won the tournament on home soil. They begin their bid to qualify for the next finals in Morocco in late 2025 with qualifiers against Zambia at home in Bouake on Sept. 6 and away to Chad on Sept. 10. Diallo was included by coach Emerse Fae in a 25-man squad for the two matches, with first call-ups for Swiss-based striker Benie Traore and midfielder Mario Dorgeles from Danish club Nordsjaelland.

Squad: Goalkeepers: Yahia Fofana (Angers), Mohamed Kone (Sporting Charleroi, Belgium), Badra Ali Sangare (Sekhukhune United) Defenders: Emmanuel Agbadou (Stade Reims), Willy Boly (Nottingham Forest), Ousmane Diomande (Sporting Lisbon), Guela Doue (Racing



Strasbourg), Odilon Kossonou (Bayer Leverkusen), Evan Ndicka (AS Roma), Christopher Operi (Le Havre), Wilfried Singo (Monaco), Abakar Sylla (Racing Strasbourg),

Midfielders: Mohamed Diomande (Rangers), Mario Dorgeles (Nordsjaelland), Franck Kessie (Al Ahli Jeddah), Ibrahim Sangare (Nottingham Forest), Jean Michael Seri (Al Orubah)

Forwards: Simon Adingra (Brighton & Hove Albion), Oumar Diakite (Stade Reims), Amad Diallo (Manchester United), Sebastian Haller (Borussia Dortmund), Christian Kouame (Fiorentina), Emmanuel Lath (Middlesbrough), Benie Traore (FC

Basle).

At this time he was playing for Manchester United, making his debut for the club under Ole Gunnar Solskjaer. In July 2021, Amad was called up for the Ivory Coast under-23 squad at the Olympics in Tokyo. He then returned and got injured and missed out on a planned move to Feyenoord. Amad then went on loan to Rangers in the second half of the 2021/22 season, before spending 2022/23 on loan at Sunderland. Now re-established as a Manchester United regular, Amad has subsequently earned a call-up back to the Ivory Coast team for the first time in three years.