The ceremony was attended by Al Sadd coach Xavi and the AFC President Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim al-Khalifah, among others. Xavi, who has been instrumental in Qatar's football success in recent years, received the award during the AFC Congress in Doha.

Xavi, who has been with Al Sadd since 2008, is widely regarded as one of the best coaches in Asia. He has led Al Sadd to numerous domestic and international honours, including the AFC Champions League in 2019.

Sheikh Salman, on the other hand, is the founder of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and has been a key figure in the development of football in Asia. He has also been a strong advocate for the AFC President's Cup, which the Asian Cup is now known as.

The award is a testament to Xavi's exceptional coaching skills and his contribution to football in Asia. It is a well-deserved recognition for his hard work and dedication to the sport.
Karembou urges Hienghene to ‘embrace and enjoy’ limelight in Qatar

By Sports Reporter

b All Sports, the global sports channel, is set to broadcast the much-anticipated FIFA Club World Cup Qatar 2019 live and exclusive on beIN Sports HD1.

Set to take place at three world-class stadiums in Qatar starting today 11 December 21, the 2021 FIFA Club World Cup will see teams from the seven continents compete for the ultimate football prize.

Despite the global pandemic, the tournament boasts some of the biggest footballing icons in the world and will have a total of 64 matches in 11 days at 8:30pm Mecca Time (GMT +3) and will be broadcast live and exclusive on beIN Sports HD1 and beIN Sports HD2.

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Al Hilal may have finished top of the pile in the AFC Champions League and won the AFC Champions League 2021 Final 3-2 against the UAE’s Al Ain in December 2021, but Saudi Arabia’s most successful club have never seen their name on this trophy.

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The Russian delegation has been ordered to withdraw from the Olympic Games in Tokyo next year for four years after the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) on Monday banned the powerhouse nation.

WADA's compliance review committee had concluded that Moscow might appeal the decision by the World Anti-Doping Agency to ban Russia from major sporting events for four years on Monday said she did not plan to resign. Lasitskene, who has also complained that the WADA ban is discriminatory, suggested on Instagram that she quit Russia and take up a different nationality. She has also complained that the Russian anti-doping laboratory, revealed in 2015 that it had tampered with data from the 2013 World Championships and the 2014 Winter Olympics.

Russian athletes could be allowed to compete at the Tokyo Olympics under a neutral flag after the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) on Monday banned the country for four years.

The ban comes as a huge blow to Russia, which has beenumdertaken massive crowds and was expecting to host the event in Tokyo for the first time. The country has already been hit by the new coronavirus pandemic, which has halted preparations for the event.

The Paralympic Games will be the closing event of the whole Olympics. The Games in Tokyo and they are expected to attract crowds of around 20,000 people each day. The ban means the country will lose the right to host the Games in the future.

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Pakistan's captain Azhar Ali thanked Sri Lanka for hosting the Tests and said that it would firm their resolve to play in the series. "We are straight into another match. We fly out, have a little bit of training and are fresh from thrashing Pakistan by an 8-0 margin," he said.

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I AM SURE OUR GROUNDS WILL HOST MORE MATCHES IN THE YEARS TO COME

Pakistan's captain Azhar Ali (left) and his Sri Lankan counterpart Dimuth Karunaratne (right) pose with the trophy at the Fazl Cricket Stadium ahead of the first Test in Rawalpindi yesterday. (AFP)

FOCUS

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KARACHI

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Bucks top Magic for 15th straight win; Rockets upset

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Los Angeles

Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 12 points in the Milwaukee Bucks' 20-3 victory in the Eastern Conference standings, trailing the Los Angeles Clippers on Monday.

Eagles escape Giants in OT to lead NFC East

Philadelphia Eagles routed New York Giants 53-17 in the NFC East, adding pressure to the top team. The Eagles held off a 10-point deficit late in the game, taking the lead with 1:28 left in regulation.

NFL

Surging Flames beat Avalanche in OT

The Calgary Flames rallied from a 3-1 deficit to tie the game and ultimately send it to overtime, where Matthew Tkachuk scored the winner to give the Flames a 5-4 victory.

NHL

Schnittman scored in overtime and the Calgary Flames overcame a two-goal lead in the third period to beat the Colorado Avalanche 5-4 on Monday night in Denver.

NBA

Nets guard Caris LeVert scored 29 points in the Brooklyn Nets' 124-110 win over the Philadelphia 76ers, leading the Nets to their 13th straight victory.

Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Clippers scored a 110-99 victory over the Orlando Magic, improving the Bucks' record to 21-4 and maintaining their grip on the Eastern Conference standings.

Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Lakers defeated the New York Knicks 112-109 on Monday, snapping the Knicks' three-game winning streak.

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Russell Westbrook scored 34 points, including a game-winning three-pointer, to lead the Oklahoma City Thunder to a 119-111 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers.

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Los Angeles Clippers forward Kawhi Leonard scored 36 points in a 118-104 victory over the Miami Heat, extending the Clippers' win streak to 13 games.

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Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz (left) avoids tackle by New York Giants linebacker Markus Golden during the first quarter at Lincoln Financial Field.

Winnipeg

The Winnipeg Jets defeated the Vancouver Canucks 5-4 in overtime, with Jordan Staal scoring the winner on a power play.

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Golf

Elvis itching to upstage old rival Woods at Presidents Cup

He's one of the best, the best of my generation. It was a privilege to compete against him.

Woods defends 'great kid' Reed after rule-breaking row

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World number four Thomas said he was like a “zombie” because of the heat.

He said: “I was a zombie that day. On the last hole, I thought I had a chance of winning, but in the end I just couldn’t get it done.”

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**Champions League**

**Scrutiny on Simeone as change turns to stagnation at Atlético**

A 1-0 loss to Barcelona crushed Atlético’s chances of joining La Liga’s title race.

**Tip**

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Bayern hoping to boost confidence against Spurs

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Mario Hermoso and Ivan Saponjic all left the field with hamstring injuries, while Filipe Luis all departed last summer. The team have been living under enormous pressure. The idea of a transition on Friday. "I speak from time. "Nicolas is an amazing football player because he is at the top of the table. "It was an amazing goal and he'll get better from it."

Bayern's ram, who was in the early 60s and had been in charge for a few years, was a popular coach with the team. His contract is due to expire in 2023. The 51-year-old was dependent on his players’ performances, he said. "He's a great coach and he’s had a great influence on me."

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Qatar Shell and Aspire Academy ink agreement to develop Koora Time

Qatar Shell and Aspire Academy have signed a new agreement to promote the ‘Healthy Living Methodology’ in the schools of Qatar to further advance the adoption of a healthy lifestyle among youth in Qatar, as one of the academy’s missions to support the State of Qatar’s wider sports revolution.

“Tanus”, a new football training programme designed specifically for children in early childhood, will help develop the sustainable and impactful initiatives that have been recognized for its positive impact on the health of youth. Qatar Shell and Aspire Academy’s long-term vision is to train 100,000 youth across Qatar, starting in 2022.

In recognition of its positive impact on the health of youth, Koora Time has won 12 awards, locally and internationally, including from the Asian Football Confederation, and the World Football Confederation, and the World Foundation’s football methodology, which targets children with an extra 12 weeks of extra-curricular physical education per year. To find out more about Koora Time, or to register your child for the award-winning and impacting programme, please visit www.kooratime.qa.