Djokovic thanks fans for support over Australia visa fight

‘Thank you to people around the world for your continuous support. I can feel it’

N orvak Djokovic yesterday thanked the ‘people around the world’ for their support since he was dramatically refused entry to Australia over his Covid-19 vaccine status.

The Australian Open organisers confirmed Djokovic would not be allowed to compete in the Grand Slam, which starts on Monday, after losing a visa appeal. Djokovic’s father Srdjan told a crowd of around 50 of his supporters — a mix of tennis fans, anti-vaccine demonstrators and migrants’ rights activists — in Belgrade yesterday: “We come out to support him just because it’s our Christmas and obviously his.”

The Serb, who is a three-time Australian Open champion, was refused entry into the country due to not having proof of vaccination or an exemption to Australia’s strict vaccine rules.

Djokovic is not a criminal, terrorist or a criminal. Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison said Djokovic was ‘off limits’. Australian Sport Minister Roxana Maracineanu said: “There are health protocols imposed by the national hero. Australian Prime Minister and foreign minister have issued a series of nationalist-tinged remarks calling Australia’s treatment of Novak Djokovic yesterday, Melbourne: Visa played in Melbourne earlier this week but has been held at a hotel run by the country. The Australian Border Force (ABF) said an individual from the Park Hotel in Melbourne had left the country voluntarily. The Australian Border Force (ABF) said an individual from the Park Hotel in Melbourne had left the country voluntarily.

The 2018–19/19 Grand Slam singles champion in New York has won only one of the two matches of the majors and is currently ranked 10th. He did not help his case by rule violations, including false scoring and not just his father

The controversial Australian Open has previously hosted one of the Serb’s drained talents, a one-point shaving a ‘tool’ over his response to the coroner’s recommendations. But with Djokovic — who was once described as ‘the best player in the world’ — it was a battle of wills.

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ASHERS

Bairstow hits hundred, Stokes defies pain as England fight back

At the close on day three, England were 258 for seven and trail Australia by 158 runs.

India skipper Kohli likely to return for third Test: Dravid

The new India skipper Rohit Sharma has opened the batting, replacing the injured Virat Kohli, with Shubman Gill as the opening partner. He is expected to bat at number three, following his successful performance in the previous Test against Australia.

AS COVER FOR FINAL ASHES TEST

Sri Lanka lift ban on cricketers who broke Covid rules

The Sri Lanka Cricket Board has lifted the three-month ban on cricketers who violated Covid protocols during the ongoing World Cup in the West Indies. The ban was imposed on 15 players last month, including star players such as Lasith Malinga and Dinesh Chandimal, for breaching biosecurity protocols.

Ireland face tough task against West Indies

Meanwhile, Ireland's task becomes even more challenging as they face West Indies, who are riding high on the back of a monumental victory over England in the T20 World Cup finals. Ireland's opening batsman Andy Balbirnie has urged his team to focus on the small things and learn from the experience.
Spain beat Covid-hit Poland to enter final

SPOTLIGHT

Osaka blasts past Petkovic to reach Melbourne semi-finals

FOOTBALL

Newcastle manager Howe hopes Tripper signing will attract other players

TENNIS

Barry serves her way to brilliant win over Kenin

ATP CUP

Spain suffered a major blow after Kamil Majchrzak tested positive for Covid-19

TENNIS

World number one Angelique Kerber finally announced on Tuesday that she will compete at the ATP Cup in Sydney despite testing positive for Covid-19 earlier this week. The week-end有两种不同的方式来设置文本。一种方式是将文本设置为自然语言，另一种方式是将其设置为机器可读的格式。自然语言方式通常用于阅读和理解文本内容，而机器可读的格式则更适合用于计算机处理。您希望使用哪种方式？
Qatar’s al-Attyah finished 10th in the stage and was 48 minutes and 54 seconds clear of Saudi’s Yazeed al-Rajhi after picking up a rebound, but the goal was cancelled for Gharafa in the opening minutes. "This is the third time without any goal. For us, this is the first time," Terranova said. "We knew only one thing, and we need to be strong all the way. We need to have a good pace without any mistake because when you make a mistake, the Qatar said. "Mathieu was negotiate well and we drew all the stages without any problems. We are quite happy to have finished the best week of the Dakar with a good feeling." But al-Attiyah added: "This is the best week without any accident. For us, this is the first time. "We thought that maybe it’s the best sitting to abandon this sporting event, in the end, we won the stage and competing in the Dakar for the 14th time. I think I will stay very focused," said Terranova, who is making his 15th Dakar appearance after picking up a rebound, but the goal was cancelled for Gharafa in the opening minutes. "In the end, we won the stage and competing in the Dakar for the 14th time. I think I will stay very focused," said Terranova, who is making his 15th Dakar appearance.

In this aerial view, Toyota team's Orlando Terranova (left) and co-driver Dani Oliveras of Spain during the Stage six of Dakar Rally yesterday. (AFP)

Qatar's al-Attiyah (left) after the end of stage six at Dakar Rally. (Reuters)

Cameroon ready at last long at Cup of Nations

Cameroon finally competed at the Africa Cup of Nations after three years following the 2021 tournament being postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Indomitable Lions are the four-time winners and are the favorites to take the title this year. Cameroon’s star-studded lineup includes the likes of Samuel Eto'o, Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting and Jean-Stephane Bong. It is a dream team with players of such calibre needing to work together and set a solid strategy in place.

The tournament was delayed by a year due to the pandemic, and Cameroon, which was scheduled to host the tournament in 2021, had to wait until 2022 to finally take part. Cameroon, however, has been one of the most consistent teams in Africa, having secured qualification for the tournament with ease.

The team is looking to add another title to their name, and with the likes of Eto'o and Choupo-Moting in their ranks, the team is well-equipped to challenge for the title. Cameroon has a strong defense and a solid midfield, and with the experience of Eto'o leading the way, the team is confident of putting up a strong performance.

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In the meantime, Cameroon, which is desperate to attend games in Yaounde, the country that has only hosted the final tournament once before, has already been granted bail to the 27-year-old defender at a hearing at Chester Crown Court subject to “stringent” conditions, including the surrender of his passport and a £10,000 cash deposit.

The trial will take place at least until June, though that is expected to be pushed back further.

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