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Qatar 2022 Bid Committee supports KSA star Nawaf Al-Temyat's retirement exhibition match

Doha, 1 January 2010: A senior delegation from Qatar's 2022 bid is flying to Saudi Arabia today for the testimonial match between Saudi Arabia's Al Hilal Club and Italian champions Inter Milan. The Qatar 2022 bid is also one of the major sponsors of the much anticipated match in Riyadh, which is a farewell game for legendary Saudi Arabia and Al Hilal midfielder Nawaf Al-Temyat.

"We are proud to endorse this friendly match between one of the top clubs of the region and the Italian Champions Inter Milan, who are one of the most prestigious clubs in world football and enjoy a great following in the Middle East," Communications Director of Qatar 2022 Bid, Nasser Fahad Al Khater said of the match due to take place on January 1st 2010.

"Nawaf is a living legend in Saudi Arabian football and he has helped his team Al Hilal reach a whole host of honours at club level as well as being an integral part of the Saudi National side at three World Cup finals. The Qatar 2022 bid wishes to incorporate the whole of the Middle East in this outstanding celebration of football passion and excitement, and Nawaf has always been an excellent example of this sporting spirit. Just like Sami Al Jaber, one of our Bid Ambassadors, Nawaf represents the strength and passion of football in the Middle East."



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Al Temyat started a sparkling club career with Al Hilal in 1993 and went on to represent his country 58 times, scoring 13 goals and scooping the coveted Asian Player of the Year award along the way. Inter Milan will arrive in Saudi Arabia with their star coach Jose Mourinho as well as striker Samuel Eto'o, who will be a key component of Cameroon's World Cup team this summer.

"We recently hosted the international game between England and Brazil in Doha, and Barcelona became the first team to win six trophies in one year in Abu Dhabi. This match in Saudi Arabia is equally about the football passion this region has always displayed, and which we want to translate into a fantastic, fan-friendly and architecturally astonishing World Cup in Qatar in 2022," Al Khater added.

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About the Qatar 2022 FIFA World Cup™ Bid:

Qatar is bidding to host the FIFA World Cup™ in 2022. A World Cup in Qatar would be the first global sporting event ever to be hosted in the Middle East. Playing football's most prestigious tournament in this region would bring greater unity and understanding between peoples from every continent, perfectly reflecting the FIFA slogan "For the Game; for the World".

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