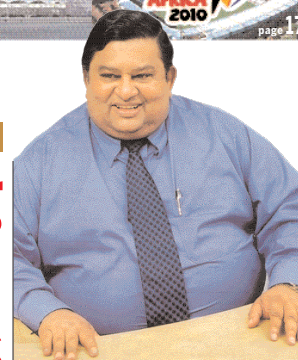




World Cup

South Africa hosts World Cup football

# Greatest sporting show on planet earth begins 11/6



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The greatest sporting show on Planet Earth begins in South Africa today with two games - South Africa the hosts playing Mexico and Uruguay kicking off with France in the second game in the 2010 World Cup football tournament. South Africa who won the right to conduct this greatest sporting event has lapped into shape all the stadiums where the one month extravaganza will be show cased with the final being played out on July 11 at soccer city in Johannesburg. The opening game too will be dribbled off here. The stadium has a seating capacity of 88,460. The stadium

was constructed in 1987 and renovated in 2009. It is situated near the black township. The design of the stadium is derived from the unique shape of the calabash, an Africa pot. **Tight security** South African authorities will provide a water tight security blanket and all teams, officials, visitors and soccer fans will be provided with the best of security and they can play and watch the tournament with out any fear. The tournament will see the most number of teams taking part in the history of the tournament that first kicked off in Uruguay in 1930. Incidentally the hosts won the first tournament. On show will be some of the greatest exponents

of the game. In the past greats such as Pele, Puskas, Beckenbauer, Garrincha, Maradona, Eusebio, Rossi, David Beckham, Heinz Rummennigge and Paul Brietner have all left their indelible marks and they were marvels with the ball at their feet. **Players on show** This time round will be on show players who can be equal to the names mentioned above or even better. They are all wonders with the ball and will show their magic and the billions watching will gaze in amazement. The stars billed to shine in the soccer firmament are Lionel Messi - Argentina, Cristiano Ronaldo, Portugal, Kaka - Brazil, Fernando Torres- Spain, Keisuke

Honda, Japan, Jong Tae Se - North Korea. The above mentioned players are all fit and well and are raring to go and show their capabilities and make this world cup memorable and one to be etched in the memory with their dazzling and out of this world play. They will play from out of their skins to see their team carry away the cup that matters to them than any other thing in life. **Attention** The teams that will attract attention and who have it in them to be the champions in this soccer show that is conducted once in four years are Brazil, England, Argentina, Germany, Netherlands, Italy, France and Spain.

While these teams will be waged on by soccer crazy gamblers, there are teams among the 32 countries who are geared to cause a major upset and carry away the glittering trophy. Portugal if Ronaldo fires, Cameroon and Netherlands. But the glamour boys to watch and who have made every World Cup that they have figured in memorable are the samba boys from Brazil who have won the most number of World Cups. **Amazing** Brazil carry with them players who are simply amazing to watch when in possession of the ball. They will dribble, feint, shoot bullet like at the goal and play the most dazzling of soccer that will have opponents stunned and spectators biting their nails glued to their seats and at

times even missing a few heart beats. This is how they will play - **Group A** - South Africa, Mexico, Uruguay and France. **Group B** - Argentina, Nigeria, Korea Republic, and Greece. **Group C** - England, USA, Algeria, and Slovenia. **Group D** - Germany, Australia, Serbia and Ghana. **Group E** - Netherlands, Denmark, Japan and Cameroon. **Group F** - Italy, Paraguay, New Zealand and Slovakia. **Group G** - Brazil, Korea DPR, Ivory Coast and Portugal. **Group H** - Spain, Switzerland, Honduras and Chile. Group G has been labeled the **GROUP OF DEATH** because it has the best four teams. However Brazil and Portugal have been tipped to proceed.

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## The cream of teams



France



Uruguay

Group A



Mexico



South Africa