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African Nations Championship

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Black Galaxies captain

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Galaxies

Black Galaxies chase African glory

Story: Bernard Neequaye

WHEN the home-based senior national team, Black Galaxies, kick-off their African Nation Championships (CHAN) campaign against Madagascar on Sunday, winning the

country's ever CHAN title will be their biggest driving force during the tournament in Algeria.

Coach Annor Walker's side will be looking

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• The player walking past his car



• Aboubakar enjoying the trappings of superstardom



• The Cameroun international and his family



• The player loves to play with kids too

VINCENT ABOUBAKAR

Challenging times

VINCENT Aboubakar was one player who inspired Cameroun at the World Cup to beat Brazil and to become the first African country to defeat the South American giants.

His exploits notwithstanding, the player is facing some challenges at his club as his contract with his Saudi Arabian club, Al Nassr, has been terminated to accommodate Cristiano Ronaldo in accordance with the league's rules regarding the number of foreign players at a club.

However, unfortunate that may seem, the 30-year-old has also been a towering figure at the Saudi club where he scored 12 goals in 34 appearances in all competitions.

He was born among eight siblings to Edouard and Maobeal, his parents. His dad was a cook and his late mum, was a housewife, but both parents were once amateur footballers.

Aboubakar was raised in a Christian home and although his religion is Islam, because he grew up with a Christian family who once lived in a Muslim city as a result of which he got a Christian name – Vincent.

He started his career as a goalkeeper and only played football for fun but idolised Ronaldinho, which forced him to become an outfield player. He mostly watched videos of his idol and emulated him and that gave a rise to his nickname, Ninho.



• The player and his teammates going to training on a rainy day



• Aboubakar looking good in his black T-shirt



• A happy moment for the player when son was delivered