**The Special One Returns for Epic ‘El Clasico’ Match Live and Exclusive on beIN SPORTS**

*Jose Mourinho set to feature on beIN SPORTS for LaLiga ‘El Clasico’ fixture between two of his former clubs*

**DOHA, 21 February 2019**: Jose Mourinho will return to beIN SPORTS, the leading global sports broadcaster, once again next week as part of the El Clasico coverage on March 2nd, which viewers across the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) can enjoy exclusively live on the premium international sports channel.

The former Real Madrid, Manchester United, Chelsea, Inter Milan and Porto manager will be part of a panel of expert analysts based in beIN SPORTS’ studios exclusively covering the highly anticipated LaLiga fixture between Real Madrid and Barcelona.

Mourinho’s last appearance on beIN SPORTS drew huge audiences across the Middle East and North Africa region, and also internationally on social media, as fans tuned-in to see the former Manchester United manager in his first major role in football since leaving the club late last year. Mourinho provided expert analysis for beIN SPORTS on Arsenal v Chelsea in the English Premier League and also on Qatar vs Saudi Arabia in the group stages of the AFC Asian Cup.

During his time at Real Madrid, Mourinho was influential in breaking the Catalans’ dominance in LaLiga, and is seen as a hero by many in the Spanish capital. During the 2011/12 season, Mourinho’s side broke the LaLiga record for most points gained in a single season and ended Barcelona’s run of 55 home games undefeated, ensuring a first LaLiga title in four years for Madrid. Given that Mourinho also spent a period of time as Barcelona’s assistant manager during the 1990’s and knows the club well, he promises to be a captivating pundit for this fixture.

A host of beIN stars are set to feature alongside Jose Mourinho for the El Clasico, with former Tunisian footballer Tarak Dhiab and former Moroccan footballer Youssef Chippo taking part in next week’s exciting show.

Mourinho is part of a long list of names from the footballing hall of fame who have appeared as part of beIN SPORTS’ premium football coverage in recent months, including Arsène Wenger, Zlatan Ibrahimović, Paul Scholes, Peter Schmeichel, Ruud Gullit, Marcel Desailly, Yaya Touré, Nemanja Vidić, Wesley Sneijder and Graeme Souness.

**Yousef Al-Obaidly, CEO of beIN MEDIA GROUP, said:** *“We are delighted to welcome Jose Mourinho back to beIN SPORTS to entertain millions of viewers with his footballing genius once again across the 24 countries of the Middle East & North Africa. Jose’s understanding of the game is second to none, and given his deep and intriguing history with both Real Madrid and Barcelona, there is no better or more compelling analyst to watch. Jose’s appearance helps emphasize our continued commitment at beIN to provide our viewers with premium content and world class punditry every single week.”*

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