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MKHITARYAN... move

No Mour trouble for Mkhi

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HENRIKH MKHITARYAN will become a better player at Arsenal after getting away from Jose Mourinho — according to the star's international manager. Armenia boss Artur Petrosyan is angry that the Manchester United boss sidelined Mkhitaryan. The midfielder, 29, could make his debut for Arsene Wenger's Gunners at Swansea on Tuesday. And Petrosyan, 46, said: "We are very happy with this transfer. His style of play will be better suited at Arsenal. "I think Henrikh had a problem with the coach. "Wenger is better for Henrikh. Under Wenger, he will become even stronger. "I was not happy with Mourinho's decision not to play him. It is good that he has left." As their relationship deteriorated, frustrated Mkhitaryan questioned his manager's defensive approach in front of other players — angering Mourinho even more. Yet the United chief agreed that Petrosyan might have a point. He said: "I believe Mkhi is going to be even better than he was with us. "It is a good move for everybody. "Could he perform better with us? Could I take more from his talent? Maybe. "Could he give a little more also to adapt to us? Maybe. But I don't think of regrets, he's in our history. So it's a good feeling for everybody."

SANCHEZ DEAL IS OBSCENE

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there' or 'I didn't like it, I prefer the other ones'. It reminds me of that story." Mourinho yesterday signed a new deal to keep him at United for another 3½ years. He has signed a one-year extension on his current three-year contract, which had 18 months to run, with the option for a further year. It is understood there will have been a small increase on his basic wage from his current £250,000 a week to around £275,000 a week but with a much bigger incentive package written into it for success. It is the £505,000 a week that Sanchez is earning at United which has been the big talking point this week. City claimed they pulled out of a deal because the Chilean hitman's wage demands were too high. Mourinho says that is nonsense given that the player would have been worth between £100-150million in the transfer market if his contract had not been running out at Arsenal. United got Sanchez in a straight swap with Henrikh Mkhitaryan. And Mourinho declared: "I know

that if other clubs did not get him it's not a problem of money. "You go and analyse the numbers and Manchester City spent more money than us, Chelsea spent more money than us, I think even Everton spent more money than us. "You have to put things in perspective. How much would Alexis Sanchez cost in a normal transfer, as a player with two or three years of contract? I would say roughly £100-150m. "So put things in perspective — you go to the numbers the club didn't pay on the transfer. "I cannot say it was expensive because it wasn't and if you add all the values of his contract, it's not cheap. "But I think it's a very good deal for us and the player has a fantastic contract. It's a contract according to his qualities and the situation — no transfer fee." Sanchez is in the squad for tonight's FA Cup fourth-round clash at Yeovil.

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| Kevin De Bruyne | £280,000 |
| Romelu Lukaku | £250,000 |
| Sergio Aguero | £240,000 |
| Zlatan Ibrahimovic | £220,000 |
| Eden Hazard | £220,000 |
| Cesc Fabregas | £220,000 |
| Yaya Toure | £220,000 |

