

To World Chess Media,

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Open letter regarding FIDE vice-president Mr. Yazici's deeds

For whoever follows international chess news,exclusion of arbiters from 7 strong chess countries from the 40th Chess Olympias by Mr.Yazici was a surprise but not for me.Around the same time he asked for my exclusion from the 1st Grand European Open which took place in Golden Sands Bulgaria.His reason for that I am the only Turkish chess player who refused to sign an undertaking with the federation nor to ask permission to play in abroad.TCF came up with a rule which simply does not exist in international chess arena that a player has to ask permission from the federation.This is extremely anti-democratic since there is no clarity for instance about the implications if the TCF board simply refuses to grant a permission and there is no explicitly neither clarity about the procedure.The second part of the problem not only the player is made to be forced to ask permission but has to sign an undertaking in which he states that the finances of the coming tournament he himself will be responsible for,besides he will not commit any activity against Turkish Republic,neither he will participate into organisations like this and will behave as a member of TCF which's meaning I could have never understood so far.Not only this whole requirement stands against the human rights,it proclaims the chess player a potential criminal.All in all it is also completely unnecessary since there courts which defends the state if any activity of this kind is seen.

So Mr.Yazici,over the last years by sending me twice to the disciplinary commity of his chess federation because of this he made me punished by this commity once with 3 months in 2008,and with 15 months in 2012.When I have spoken in the Finacial General Assembly of TCF in year 2010 I have also mentioned allegations against him about bribery to get the 40th Chess Olympiad to Istanbul.One can easily remember that in TCF 's audit report,it was stated that the TCF executive board has taken a decision concerning the FIDE delegates who will vote infavor of them to be provided with airfare,hotel and even meals.The scandal was easily covered by Mr.Illiumdzhinov's claim that Mr.Yazici is after all a very fair person!In each of this time my appeals to Turkish Sports Arbitrage Council was rejected.Well,the real reason is that this council is basically found to cover the decisions of federations and to sue the federations in a local court impossible.In the last year the reigning party and the opposition had even consensus over counsil's decisions to be final.During 12 years of his presidential time,Mr.Yazici has sent his political opponents to the Disiplinary Commity of TCF and whatever this people elected in the same ticket of his come up as a decision is approved by Turkish Sports Arbitration Council,only sometimes reducing the period of ban!

However all these punishments or bans from a local chess federation as I have already mentioned have no meaning internationally unless it has a value like game fixing or dopping.Obviously the FIDE Ethics Commity has to come up with a decision against a player or a federation to be internationally banned from the tournaments.Despite of the fact that I have never had any FIDE decision about me,Mr.Yazici has appealed to 1st Grand European Open organisers,threatened them if they won't reject me from the tournament.Thus he misused the power he has as an office bearer in FIDE and as a FIDE executive board member.This is once again not a big surprise since we speak about a person for whom there are allegations about:

- 1)Bribery to get an Olympiad.
- 2)Bribery to get the proxy of Bosnian Chess Federation in FIDE Congress
- 3)Being sponsored by FIDE Commerce during his ECU presidential campaign
- 4)Bad organisation twice accompanied by players petition of Silivri 2003 European Individual Chess Championship and Antakya 2010 World Women Championship.

Not to forget Mr.Yazici's books are not approved in 2010 TCF Finacial Congress,

he lost a court case against me for unfair contract termination and separately against ECU this year. His anti democratic deeds make TCF and anti-democratic institution and disarding them also make FIDE one anti-democratic world wide organisation.

The least but not the last, he intentionally weakened Turkish National Chess teams by excluding me GM Suat Atalik rated 2608 and my wife IM(WGM) Ekaterina Atalik rated 2474, for all the FIDE official tournaments, by not applying chess criteria like titles and ratings due to his hostility despite of the fact that we are one of the strongest chess couples. In the last 5 years he has given support and restructured the chess community in Turkey with his proteges and likes and dislikes, even extended his misconduct to international tournaments where now qualified federations have to pay to participate in World Teams Championship or the first time teams are not provided with single rooms in an olympiad which commercialised chess. It looks like Illumdzhinov and FIDE people are very happy with him so are Turks. Even his business associates and many chess players supports his ridiculous ideas to insert a team of 7-9 years old kids in a chess olympiad especially when the formers are well paid for him due to services not connected with chess!

Yours sincerely
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