

Iran's Juybar to Host World Wrestling Clubs Cup

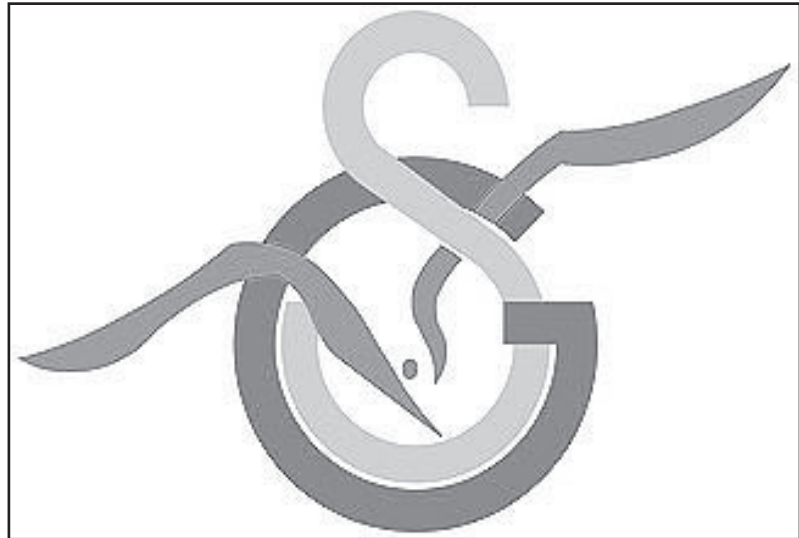
TEHRAN (Tasnim) – Iran's Juybar will host the first edition of the World Wrestling Clubs Cup. 11 countries, namely Iran, USA,

Turkey, Azerbaijan, Cuba, Mongolia, China, Kyrgyzstan, Syrian, Afghanistan, and Bangladesh will participate in the two-day competition

which will kick off at the Mehdi Hajizadeh's Hall on Thursday. Iran Wrestling Federation has considered \$ 50000 in cash for the

event. Top three teams in each style receive \$25000, \$15000 and \$10000 respectively.

Partizan Belgrade Seeks to Postpone Galatasaray Match



Galatasaray Sports Club for Galatasaray Swimming, Water Polo and Sailing Team Logo

BELGRADE (Hurriyet Daily News) – Partizan Belgrade proposed Nov. 26 to the European Swimming League (LEN) to postpone over security reasons the water polo Champions League match with Galatasaray after a fatal stabbing of a Serbian basketball fan in Istanbul.

Partizan Belgrade said it had informed the European aquatic sports governing body about the proposal and that it was awaiting "information on a new possible date for the match."

A 25-year-old Red Star Belgrade fan died after he was stabbed in the heart during fighting between Serbian and Turkish supporters in Istanbul on Nov. 21 night. The violence occurred before the match between Red Star Belgrade and Galatasaray.

The young man was the first person to die in spectator violence in connection with Euroleague basketball play. On Nov. 25 Turkish police arrested five Galatasaray fans in connection with the deadly violence.

Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic had earlier voiced "outrage over the monstrous murder" and his government demanded that the perpetrators be arrested and punished. Turkey's Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu called Vucic to express regret and condolences for the death. He pledged that Turkish authorities would do everything to find the killers.

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TEHRAN (Tasnim) – Former Esteghlal coach Parviz Mazloumi has been nominated to replace Mansour Ebrahimzadeh in Paykan football team.

Mazloumi has been out of work for less than one year. Ebrahimzadeh stepped down as his job on Monday.

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FIFA Faces 'Years' to Rebuild Reputation

BELFAST (DAWN) - FIFA Secretary General Jerome Valcke acknowledged Tuesday that it will take "years to rebuild our reputation" following the World Cup bidding corruption investigation.

But Valcke insisted that Sony and Emirates airline are not ending their FIFA sponsorships to protest against allegations of bribery and favor-seeking that have engulfed world football in the four years since Russia was awarded the 2018 World Cup and Qatar was voted the 2022 hosts.

Emirates have already announced it is not renewing its sponsorship and Valcke said he "would be surprised" if Sony extended its deal, which expires at the end of this year.

"Both Sony and Emirates have nothing to do with the situation we are facing these last days," Valcke said, referring to the fallout from the bidding corruption report compiled by prosecutor Michael Garcia.

"I know that football is still a very strong product and I am not really concerned with FIFA's finances for the future."

But, speaking in Belfast after a meeting of the International Football Association Board, Valcke acknowledged the immediate future is not bright for FIFA's global standing while insisting "we are doing a great job".

"The image of FIFA is some-



FIFA Secretary General Jerome Valcke

thing I agree, over the last two weeks I would not say reached the bottom, but has reached a level which is definitely a level which we will not go lower than," Valcke said.

"Things are happening, things have happened, but we are still doing a lot of good things. We have to rebuild this image day after day. It's easy to destroy the reputation. It takes one second. It takes years to rebuild our reputation, but that's what we will do."

Sepp Blatter, the magnet for much of the criticism directed at FIFA, is seeking a fifth four-year term as president in May.

Much of that criticism — particularly from FIFA's own executive members — has centered on Blatter keeping Garcia's full 430-page report into impropriety during World Cup bidding confidential.

Blatter received a further demand for Garcia's investigation to be released from the British government on Tuesday.

Sajid Javid — the culture, media and sport secretary — wrote to Blatter, saying FIFA should be operating "with the highest ethical standards" and be able to find a way of publishing the report without contravening confidentiality assurances.

"Without the disclosure of the full report, FIFA risks not just further damage to its own credibility, but now significant damage to the reputation of football as a whole," Javid wrote.

Valcke, FIFA's top administrator, said the report must stay secret to "mainly to protect 75 persons who have made a deposition and were given confidentiality" including himself.

The sense of disarray at FIFA heightened when Garcia objected to ethics judge Joachim Eckert's interpretation of his investigative work, appealing to FIFA citing "numerous materially incomplete and erroneous representations" of his work. "It's said it's a bit FIFA vs. FIFA," Valcke said.

"It's sad for FIFA definitely, and it's sad for our reputation and for the image. It's sad for commercial partners, it's sad for all the people who are supporting football."

The Garcia-Eckert clash has led to Domenico Scala, the head of FIFA's auditing committee, being allowed to review the full investigation findings.

"I hope deeply the decision would be that this bidding process on '18 and '22 is closed," Valcke said, hopeful Russia and Qatar will retain their hosting rights. But Switzerland's attorney general is looking into possible law-breaking by unnamed individuals highlighted in Garcia's investigation.

Azerbaijan to Host First European Games 2015 in Baku



BAKU (Arab News) - Azerbaijan will be hosting the First European Games in Baku next year, according to the country's embassy here. Azerbaijan is on the western shore of the Caspian Sea. To the north it borders the Russian Federation, in the northwest Georgia, in the west Armenia, and in the south Iran.

Rasim Rzayev, Azerbaijan ambassador to Saudi Arabi, said that Baku 2015 European Games, the first-ever major multi-sport event for the entire continent, will be a celebration of elite sport in the capital city of Azerbaijan, a modern and dynamic European destination.

According to him, the European Games will bring together more than 6,000 of the continent's finest athletes over 17 days of competition, in an exciting range of traditional and innovative sports.

He said, the competition will feature a total of 20 sports: 16 Olympic and four non-Olympic sports. The European Olympic Committees (EOC) dreamed of a creating a major multi-sport event that was challenging, innovative and modern.

'Baku 2015 is that dream becoming a reality. Alongside traditional sports such as Athletics, Aquatics and Gymnastics, exciting new sports such as 3x3 Basketball, Beach Soccer and Karate will also be showcased' the envoy added. A diverse sports program has

been created to ensure every day of competition is inspiring, groundbreaking and breathtaking. And with 245 gold medals to be won, competition will be intense for the honor to be called the first ever European Champion.

He said one of the world's most ancient nations — the nation of Azerbaijan — has the right to feel proud for its history, material and cultural monuments, literature, arts and music heritage. The lovely nature of these places, numerous ancient relics, wonderful ethnographical variety and astonishing skills of the local craftsmen will leave an unforgettable impression of Azerbaijan at its guests.

Referring to his country's geographical location, he said, Azerbaijan and its unique nature, its centuries-old culture and history, and of the ancient people inhabiting this land, his life, customs and traditions which absorbed the elements of various cultures and civilizations.

Half the country is covered by mountains with a dry climate and semi-arid in the steppes in the middle and eastern parts, subtropical in the southeast, cold in the high mountains in the north and temperate on the Caspian coast. The capital, Baku, is on the Absheron peninsula on the Caspian Sea and has the largest port. Azerbaijan is a territory of nine out of 11 of the world's climatic zones.

French Tennis Federation Official Banned for Life

PARIS (AP) -- A French chair umpire on the futures and challenger tours became the first official to be suspended for corruption by the Tennis Integrity Unit when he received a life ban on Tuesday.

The charges against 22-year-old Morgan Lamri breached four articles of the TIU's anti-corruption program in 2012 and 2013. These involve attempts to influence the outcome of an event, to "facilitate any player not to use his or her best efforts," and to "wager or attempt to wager" on the outcome of a match.

Lamri said he won't appeal the sanction. He denied corruption, but told The Associated Press in a phone interview that he bet on matches he was not involved in.

"I can't believe they decided I am guilty without even hearing me," said Lamri, who did not cooperate with investigators.

A modest tennis player who also served as a line judge at the French Open and the Monte Carlo Masters, Lamri would not give precise details of the case, which

he said dates to the Saint-Raphael future tournament in February 2013. He has not officiated in any event since.

"Apparently, they were reproaching me with hanging out with the players there," he said. "But they are just friends, nothing more. We were having lunch; no one can blame me for that. They maybe thought I was arranging matches."

Lamri said he refused to hand over copies of his bank accounts to the TIU investigators interested in possible suspicious money

transfers.

Lamri, who was relieved not to be given a fine in addition to his life ban, admitted to betting on big tennis matches but never on matches he had officiated.

"Like any other French guy, I placed bets for fun, between euro 1.50 and 125, this is not much," Lamri said. "I was betting when big players were involved, guys like (Tomas) Berdych for example."

The TIU was formed in 2008 by the ATP and WTA tours, the ITF and the Grand Slam Committee.