

AFGHANISTAN

Summary

Following the Afghan National Chess Federation's ("ANCF") nomination of challenger Garry Kasparov's Presidential ticket for the 2014 FIDE elections, FIDE removed longstanding ANCF President and Delegate, Mr. Mahmood Hanif, from the FIDE website on 16 June 2014 and replaced him with two other individuals who have never been elected to the positions in question. FIDE gave no notice to the ANCF of this action and refused to provide supporting documentation despite urgent requests to FIDE's Executive Director, Nigel Freeman, immediately after the change was made. Despite protests on behalf of Mr. Hanif that the changes were wrongful, Mr. Freeman and the FIDE Secretariat also proceeded to list the wrong Delegate for Afghanistan on the list of Delegates for the 2014 elections published on the FIDE website later on 16 June 2014 pursuant to Article 5.A(1) of the Electoral Regulations (the "16 June FIDE Delegate List").

FIDE and Mr. Freeman subsequently ignored letters from the Afghan National Olympic Committee ("ANOC") and Mr. Hanif confirming that no changes had been made to ANCF leadership and demanding that Mr. Hanif be restored as ANCF President and Delegate on the FIDE website and be listed as the Delegate for Afghanistan on the 16 June FIDE Delegate List.

After three days of refusing to provide any information, FIDE alleged that it had been informed by the General Directorate of Physical Education and Sports of Afghanistan ("GDPESA") on 15 June 2014 – one day before FIDE's deadline to publish the 16 June FIDE Delegate List – that a certain Mr. Haji Almas Zahid had been elected on 25 May 2014 as the "acting" president of the ANCF. FIDE again failed to provide any documentary support for this allegation and it is doubtful whether the GDPESA even exists. Subsequently, an obviously false and in any event powerless letter appeared on a pro-Ilyumzhinov website and Mr. Ilyumzhinov's campaign website, purportedly from the General Director of Physical Education and Sports of Afghanistan, which repeated the unsupported assertions that Mr. Zahid had been elected as "acting" president of the ANCF, along with new unsupported assertions of corruption against Mr. Hanif.

FIDE had no basis upon which to remove Mr. Hanif as ANCF President and Delegate from the FIDE website and to list Zaheeruddeen Asefi as the Afghan Delegate on the 16 June Delegate List. Mr. Hanif must: (i) immediately be restored to the FIDE website as the ANCF's President and Delegate, (ii) be included on the 16 June FIDE Delegate List as the Afghan Delegate, and (iii) included on the final list of Delegates to be published on 14 July 2014 (the "14 July FIDE Delegate List") as the Delegate for Afghanistan.

Background¹

Mr. Mahmood Hanif has been the President and Delegate of the ANCF for many years. FIDE for years consistently acknowledged Mr. Hanif as the legitimate President and Delegate

¹ A Chronology of Key Events is attached at **Appendix A-1**.

of the ANCF² until Mr. Hanif endorsed the Presidential ticket of Garry Kasparov for the 2014 FIDE elections on 10 May 2014.³

On 16 June 2014 (a date which coincided with FIDE's deadline pursuant to Article 5.A.1 of the Electoral Regulations to publish the 16 June Delegate List for the 2014 elections), FIDE removed Mr. Hanif as ANCF President and Delegate from the directory for Afghanistan on the FIDE website, replacing him with Mr. Haji Mohammad Almas Zahid as ANCF President and Mr. Zaheeruddeen Asefi as ANCF Delegate.⁴ FIDE never contacted the ANCF before making these changes.⁵

When Mr. Hanif became aware of the changes on the website, an effort was immediately undertaken to draw FIDE's attention to its improper action and have it corrected. On 16 June 2014, Ank Santens of White & Case LLP sent correspondence to FIDE Executive Director and Treasurer Nigel Freeman in which she stated, among other things, that: Mr. Hanif had long been the legitimate ANCF President and Delegate; Mr. Hanif and Afghanistan had nominated the Presidential ticket of Garry Kasparov; FIDE's removal of Mr. Hanif as Afghan President and Delegate from the directory for Afghanistan on the FIDE website was improper; and Mr. Hanif had been given no notice of this action and thus been denied due process.⁶ Ms. Santens requested that FIDE immediately restore Mr. Hanif as the ANCF's President and Delegate on the FIDE website and that Mr. Hanif be listed as the Delegate for Afghanistan on the 16 June FIDE Delegate List.⁷ Mr. Freeman's only response to Ms. Santens was that FIDE would "forward this to the Electoral Commission."⁸ Mr. Freeman provided no reasoning or documentary support for FIDE's sudden decision to remove a longstanding federation President and Delegate. Even though it was clear that there was a dispute as to the identity of the ANCF's Delegate for the 2014 elections, Mr. Freeman nonetheless listed Mr. Zahid as ANCF's Delegate on the 16 June FIDE Delegate List.⁹

² See, e.g., Screenshot of FIDE online directory for Afghanistan as at 3 September 2013 (attached at **Appendix A-3**).

³ ANCF Letter of Nomination for Presidential Ticket for Elections 2014, in favor of the Presidential ticket of Garry Kasparov, signed by ANCF President Mahmood Hanif and dated 10 May 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-4**).

⁴ See Screenshot of FIDE online directory for Afghanistan as at 16 June 2014, showing Mr. Haji Mohammad Almas Zahid as ANCF President and Mr. Zaheeruddeen Asefi as ANCF Delegate (attached at **Appendix A-5**).

⁵ See E-mail from M. Hashimy to FIDE and I. Leong, copying M. Hanif and N. Freeman, dated 17 June 2014 at 1:39PM, attaching letter from M. Hashimy to "World Chess Federation, FIDE" dated 17 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-11**); E-mail from M. Hanif to N. Freeman et al., dated 21 June 2014, attaching letter from M. Hanif to FIDE dated 20 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-17**).

⁶ E-mail from A. Santens to N. Freeman dated 16 June 2014 at 9:46 AM New York time (attached at **Appendix A-6**); E-mail from A. Santens to N. Freeman dated 16 June 2014 at 10:16 AM New York time (attached at **Appendix A-8**); E-mail from A. Santens to N. Freeman dated 16 June 2014 at 1:05 PM New York time (attached at **Appendix A-10**).

⁷ E-mail from A. Santens to N. Freeman dated 16 June 2014 at 9:46 AM New York time (attached at **Appendix A-6**); E-mail from A. Santens to N. Freeman dated 16 June 2014 at 10:16 AM New York time (attached at **Appendix A-8**); E-mail from A. Santens to N. Freeman dated 16 June 2014 at 1:05 PM New York time (attached at **Appendix A-10**).

⁸ E-mail from N. Freeman to A. Santens dated 16 June 2014 at 12:17 PM New York time (attached at **Appendix A-9**).

⁹ Screenshot of "85th FIDE Congress: List of Delegates" (including 16 June Delegate List), originally posted on the FIDE website on 16 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix 1 to the 30 June Complaint Letter**).

The next day, 17 June, Mr. Mohammed Fahim Hashimy, the President of the Afghanistan National Olympic Committee and Secretary General of the ANCF,¹⁰ wrote an e-mail to FIDE concerning the “illegal changes to the Afghanistan Chess Federation President on the FIDE website” and requested FIDE’s “serious involvement in this regard.”¹¹ Mr. Hashimy attached to his e-mail a formal letter to FIDE on official ANOC letterhead.¹² In his letter, Mr. Hashimy stated:

... we heard about some changes for Afghanistan Chess Federation on FIDE website without any confirmation from Afghanistan National Olympic Committee, Afghanistan Chess Federation or any presidential election. I President of Afghanistan National Olympic Committee and General Secretary of Afghanistan Chess Federation hereby confirm that no changes have been made in this federation, and Mr. Mahmud Hanif [sic] is the president and chess delegate of the Afghanistan Chess Federation.

We kindly request you to avoid any personal relations and the information on the FIDE website must be restored to its prior status and Mr. Hanif to be listed as the delegate and president for Afghanistan Chess Federation.

Please do not pay attention to any email or information provided from other sources or unauthorized email addresses but Afghanistan National Olympic Committee.

Mr. Hashimy’s letter was written on official letterhead of the ANOC, which contained all name and contact information in both the local language written in the Perso-Arabic alphabet used in Afghanistan and in English. The letter was stamped with the seal of the ANOC, also in both languages. It showed an official, government-issued e-mail address, using the national top-level domain suffix, “.af.”¹³ Mr. Hashimy is listed as President of the ANOC on the official website of the Olympic Movement, “www.olympic.org.”¹⁴

Mr. Hashimy sent the same e-mail and attached letter to current FIDE Secretary General Ignatius Leong, copying the FIDE Secretariat.¹⁵ Mr. Hashimy also sent similar official letters

¹⁰ Notably, when FIDE removed Mr. Hanif as ANCF President and Delegate from the FIDE online directory for Afghanistan, it did not remove Mr. Hashimy as ANCF Secretary General. See Screenshot of FIDE online directory for Afghanistan as at 16 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-5**).

¹¹ E-mail from M. Hashimy to FIDE and I. Leong, copying M. Hanif and N. Freeman, dated 17 June 2014 at 1:39PM, attaching Letter from M. Hashimy to “World Chess Federation, FIDE,” dated 17 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-12**).

¹² E-mail from M. Hashimy to FIDE and I. Leong, copying M. Hanif and N. Freeman, dated 17 June 2014 at 1:39PM, attaching Letter from M. Hashimy to “World Chess Federation, FIDE,” dated 17 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-12**).

¹³ See relevant excerpts from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Internet_top-level_domains, last accessed on 28 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-25**).

¹⁴ See Afghanistan page on www.olympic.org, last accessed on 28 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-21**).

¹⁵ E-mail from M. Hashimy to FIDE and I. Leong, copying to M. Hanif and N. Freeman, dated 17 June 2014 at 1:39PM, attaching letter from M. Hashimy to “World Chess Federation, FIDE,” dated 17 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-12**). Mr. Ignatius Leong followed up on Mr. Hashimy’s e-mail letter by writing to, among others, the FIDE Secretariat and Mr. Freeman, to “demand an explanation as to how you and your staff took to making the amendments to the AFG directory. I expect an answer before the end of the working day.” E-mail from I. Leong to FIDE Secretariat, N. Freeman et al., dated 18 June 2014 at 4:35AM (attached at **Appendix A-14**). Mr. Leong received a non-answer from a FIDE staffer, Polina Tsedenova, on

to, among others, the International Olympic Committee (“IOC”)¹⁶ and the Olympic Council of Asia (“OCA”).¹⁷ In his letters to the IOC and OCA, Mr. Hashimy also noted that FIDE’s removal of Mr. Hanif as ANCF President and Delegate and substitution with Mr. Zahid and Mr. Asefi, respectively, had been:

... made by personal relations between Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov [...] and Mr. Asefi [...] as they were classmates and a letter from Afghanistan government sports department which had no rights of interference or any responsibility to Afghanistan NOC member federations.

Now that Afghanistan and Mr. Hanif have nominated the Kasparov ticket, for the upcoming FIDE presidential election 2014, this information has been changed without receiving any notice from FIDE or explanation as to why his information has been removed so suddenly.

Afghanistan Chess Federation is a general assembly member of Afghanistan National Olympic Committee and under supervision of NOC as National Olympic Status.

We kindly request you to blame this action and notify FIDE to avoid private connections and the information on the FIDE website must be restored to its prior status and Mr. Hanif to be listed as the delegate and president of Afghanistan.

FIDE never responded to Mr. Hashimy’s e-mail or letter to FIDE, despite Mr. Hashimy’s dual position as Secretary General of the ANCF and President of the ANOC. Certainly, as ANCF General Secretary, Mr. Hashimy would have known of any elections in the ANCF replacing Mr. Hanif.

Only on 19 June 2014 did FIDE through Mr. Freeman respond to Ms. Santens – three days after receiving her several complaints and three days after FIDE had published incorrect information about the ANCF’s President and Delegate as “official” FIDE information on the FIDE website and on the 16 June FIDE Delegate List. Mr. Freeman alleged that FIDE had removed Mr. Hanif as ANCF President and Delegate on 16 June 2014 because on 15 June 2014 FIDE was:

informed by the General Directorate of Physical Education and Sports of Afghanistan that Mr. Haji Almas Zahid had been elected on 25 May 2014 as acting president of the Afghanistan Chess Federation. The amendment of FIDE website therefore came in response to a written request made by the competent authorities of Afghanistan, and was thus perfectly justified. [...]

18 June 2014: “[J]ust a small note- we are not Nigel’s staff or your staff, we are FIDE staff, dear friend Ignatius).” E-mail from FIDE Secretariat to I. Leong, dated 18 June 2014 at 1:43PM (attached at **Appendix A-15**).

¹⁶ E-mail from M. Hashimy to J. Poivey, et al., dated 17 June 2014 at 1:31AM, attaching Letter from M. Hashimy to “International Olympic Committee,” dated 17 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-11**).

¹⁷ E-mail from M. Hashimy to H. Al-Musallam, et al., dated 17 June 2014 at 10:03PM, attaching Letter from M. Hashimy to “Olympic Council of Asia,” dated 17 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-13**).

All documentation regarding every delegate will be made available to the ELE for them to decide in their meeting in Athens; any complaints can be addressed to them.¹⁸

Mr. Freeman again failed to provide any documentary support for his claims, including the purported 15 June 2014 letter or any other proof of communication from the purported GDPESA. In a reply to Mr. Freeman sent on 19 June 2014, Ms. Santens stated that FIDE and Mr. Freeman should have:

- timely replied and provided a copy of any documentary support for FIDE's actions in removing Mr. Hanif;
- if FIDE indeed received a letter from an official at the GDPESA, made an initial and immediate inquiry with the ANCF as to whether the information provided was correct;
- at a minimum, when receiving notice that Mr. Hanif disputed his removal as ANCF President and Delegate, placed notations of "to be determined" or "in dispute" in the Delegate entry for Afghanistan on the 16 June FIDE Delegate List;
- in light of FIDE's decision to send the question to the ELE for resolution, provided Mr. Hanif and the Kasparov ticket with all documents relied, so that Mr. Hanif and the Kasparov ticket could consider these and address the ELE on them in advance of any decision.¹⁹

FIDE did none of these things, in what can only be characterized as complete disregard of due process and ANCF's rights as a FIDE member federation. Indeed, to this date, FIDE has not responded to Ms. Santens' email.

Mr. Hanif himself was completely unaware of what FIDE had done and why FIDE had done it. On 20 June 2014, Mr. Hanif himself wrote to Mr. Freeman as follows:

I'm not understand what's going on here. You removed me from FIDE site as president, delegate for Afghanistan Chess Federation and you say there was some election on May 25 to put a new person in. There was no election, this is made up. I have been president, delegate of Afghanistan Chess Federation for many years, no issues. Now you take me off and don't tell me. Ank Santens sent me email from you – you say that Ministry of Sports removed me? Where is this letter? Show me this letter. What games are you playing? There is no letter. Why not tell me something before taking my name off? This is disrespect. Are you do this because Afghanistan supports Garry Kasparov? I am the president, delegate for Afghanistan Chess Federation. Look at the letter from my country Olympic Committee. I put it here for you. Enough games. Put me back on FIDE site. Waiting for your letter.²⁰

¹⁸ E-mail from N. Freeman to A. Santens, dated 19 June 2014 at 2:41AM (attached at **Appendix A-16**).

¹⁹ E-mail from A. Santens to N. Freeman, dated 19 June 2014 at 6:10PM (attached at **Appendix A-17**).

²⁰ E-mail from M. Hanif to N. Freeman et al., dated 21 June 2014, attaching Letter from M. Hanif to FIDE, dated 20 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-18**).

FIDE also never responded to Mr. Hanif's letter and continued to list the wrong President and Delegate in the FIDE website directory listing for Afghanistan.

On 26 June 2014, a letter²¹ appeared on a little-known and recently formed²² website called Chess News Agency.²³ The letter, dated 24 June 2014, purports to be from "Major General Keramuddin Karim, Director General of Physical Education and Sports." This letter references the 15 June letter that FIDE says it received but has refused to provide, that allegedly announced and explained the election of Mr. Zahid as "acting" president of the ANCF (it is unclear what is meant by this term). The letter also accuses Mr. Hanif of "corruption, fraud and misuse of authority" and alleges that "his case is being assessed by the Afghanistan Attorney General Office." Mr. Karim states that the ANOC "has nothing to do with" the ANCF and that the GDPESA is the "highest sport governing body in the country," and goes on to make various other accusations against Mr. Hanif.

First, the letter appears to be a clumsy and obvious after-the-fact fraud, for the following reasons:

- **Inappropriate Letterhead:** Unlike, for example, the official letters sent by the President of the ANOC, which are written on letterhead in the local Afghan language using the Perso-Arabic alphabet and in English, the purported letter from Mr. Karim is on letterhead that is only in English. It is implausible that a non-English speaking country's Ministry of Sport would use English letterhead.
- **No Official E-Mail Address:** While the official ANOC letter uses an official, government-issued e-mail address, with the national top-level domain suffix ".af," the purported letter from Mr. Karim uses a "gmail.com" address.
- **Wrong E-Mail Address:** Even if it were plausible that an official national-level ministry would use a "gmail.com" address for official business, the e-mail address listed on Mr. Karim's letter – "afghanistan.olympics@gmail.com" – appears incorrect. Why would the Afghan "General Directorate of Physical Education and Sports" use an e-mail address entitled "afghanistan.olympic"?
- **Wrong Seal:** Mr. Karim seals his letter with a purported seal of the "General Secretary Afghanistan National Olympic Committee," not with a seal of the GDPESA. In any event, Mr. Karim's seal is (i) not the same as the seal used by the officially recognized ANOC,²⁴ and (ii) again unlike the official seal, is only in English

²¹ Purported Letter from K. Karim to International & Asian Chess Federations, dated 24 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-19**).

²² See results of WHOIS domain-name search, showing that ChessNewsAgency.com was created on 13 June 2013 and that its registrant's name is hidden behind a company that masks web-site ownership called "Contact Privacy Inc.," last accessed on 28 June 2014 (attached as **Appendix A-20**). Every "article" about Garry Kasparov on ChessNewsAgency attacks him, while every "article" about FIDE incumbent president Kirsan Ilyumzhinov praises him. See generally, <http://chessnewsagency.com/>.

²³ <http://chessnewsagency.com/>.

²⁴ Compare purported Letter from K. Karim to International & Asian Chess Federations, dated 24 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-19**) with Letter from M. Hashimy to "World Chess Federation, FIDE," dated 17 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-12**), Letter from M. Hashimy to "International Olympic Committee," dated 17 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-11**) and Letter from M. Hashimy to "Olympic Council of Asia," dated 17 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-13**).

and not also in the local language using the Person-Arabic alphabet. Further, Mr. Karim is not the General Secretary of the ANOC.²⁵

- **Personal Cell Phone Number of Mr. Karim:** The phone number indicated on the letter is not an official ministry phone number, but the personal cell phone of Mr. Karim.²⁶
- **Unlikely That GDPESA Even Exists:** A Google search for “General Directorate of Physical Education and Sports,” placed in quotes so as to obtain only exact matches, yields just six hits on the entire Internet,²⁷ an impossibly small number for any country’s official ministry of sport. Of those six, only three related to the GDPESA in question, with two of those being chessnewsagency.com (the site on which the letter was posted) and Mr. Ilyumzhinov’s re-election site, www.fidefirst.com, while the third is chess.com which, under the given link, conducts, among other things, a forensic examination of the letter in question. None of the three relevant references to GDPESA are older than a week, strongly suggesting that GDPESA does not actually exist.
- **Karim Keramuddin Is Nowhere Indicated As “Director General of Physical Education and Sports”:** A Google search for “Karim Keramuddin” placed in quotes to obtain only exact matches yields “about 2,400” results showing him as Afghanistan Football Federation President or in some other capacity.²⁸ None,²⁹ however, appears to show him as “Director General of Physical Education and Sports.”

Second, Mr. Karim’s letter is irrelevant, as the internal governance of the ANCF controls who is the ANCF’s President and Delegate. Until 15 June 2014 everyone, FIDE included, agreed that Mr. Hanif was ANCF President and Delegate. Absent convincing and authentic documentary evidence that the ANCF itself conducted free and fair elections to replace Mr. Hanif, he remains the ANCF President and Delegate. Unsupported allegations that a certain Mr. Zahid has been elected on 25 May 2014 as the “acting” president of the ANCF are meaningless.

Third, even if this were incorrect, and even if Mr. Karim’s 24 June 2014 letter were not a forgery and this were a battle for recognition between the ANOC and the Afghan Ministry of Sport, under established FIDE practice, recognition by a country’s National Olympic Committee (“NOC”) prevails. This is illustrated by the Minutes of the 2000 FIDE Congress, which recount a dispute over which federation would represent the Philippines at the time. The then-Secretary General noted that one federation “applied with the Philippine Olympic

²⁵ See Afghanistan page on www.olympic.org, last accessed on 28 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-21**).

²⁶ The number in question is a cell phone. See Wikipedia: Telephone Numbers in Afghanistan, at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Telephone_numbers_in_Afghanistan, last accessed on 28 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-22**). Mr. Karim answers the number at all times, including during the weekend. We confirmed this by calling the number during the weekend.

²⁷ Google search for “General Directorate of Physical Education and Sports” conducted on 28 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-23**). This Google search was conducted in English given that the purported GDPESA letter and its letterhead were entirely in English, with no use of the local languages of Afghanistan.

²⁸ Google search for “Karim Keramuddin” conducted on 28 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-24**).

²⁹ Except, of course, the three recently created references discussed in the previous paragraph.

Committee, and they were accepted. The old federation, therefore, had lost principal authority over chess in the country”³⁰ These Minutes cite ample precedent for the notion that NOC recognition grants a national chess federation official status in FIDE: Mexico (1975), Chile (1988), Turkey (1992) and Russia (1994). Then-and-current FIDE Deputy President Georgios Makropoulos explicitly ratifies this principle:

Mr. Makropoulos [...] said that what happened in the past with the Russian Chess Federation was that we accepted the federation recognized by the Russian Olympic Committee even if at that time FIDE had better relations with Karpov than Kasparov. He said that what is important is which body is recognized by their official authorities.³¹

In the 24 June 2014 letter from Mr. Karim, it is stated that “Afghanistan Olympics has nothing to do with Afghanistan Chess Federation, since it’s an independent, non-profit organization registered by the Ministry of Justice of Afghanistan.”³² ANOC undeniably is the NOC for Afghanistan recognized by the IOC.³³ And pursuant to longstanding FIDE practice, ANOC’s letters confirming Mr. Hanif’s status as President and Delegate of ANCF prevail.³⁴

We note that Mr. Hanif is willing to make himself available to answer any questions of the ELE.

Request for Relief

For all the reasons set forth in this complaint, Mr. Hanif has been at all relevant times and remains the President and Delegate for Afghanistan. We therefore request that the ELE:

1. Declare that Mr. Mahmood HANIF is the President and Delegate of the Afghan National Chess Federation (“ANCF”) and the ANCF’s Delegate for the 2014 elections;
2. Order the FIDE Secretariat to:
 - a. amend the 16 June FIDE Delegate list accordingly;
 - b. amend the federation directory listing for Afghanistan on the FIDE website accordingly;

³⁰ Extract from 2000 FIDE Congress Minutes (attached at **Appendix A-2**).

³¹ Extract from 2000 FIDE Congress Minutes (attached at **Appendix A-2**).

³² Purported Letter from K. Karim to International & Asian Chess Federations, dated 24 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-19**).

³³ See Afghanistan page on www.olympic.org, last accessed on 28 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-21**).

³⁴ E-mail from M. Hashimy to J. Poivey, et al., dated 17 June 2014 at 1:31AM, attaching Letter from M. Hashimy to “International Olympic Committee,” dated 17 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-11**); E-mail from M. Hashimy to FIDE and I. Leong, copying to M. Hanif and N. Freeman, dated 17 June 2014 at 1:39PM, attaching letter from M. Hashimy to “World Chess Federation, FIDE,” dated 17 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-12**); E-mail from M. Hashimy to H. Al-Musallam, et al., dated 17 June 2014 at 10:03PM, attaching Letter from M. Hashimy to “Olympic Council of Asia,” dated 17 June 2014 (attached at **Appendix A-13**).

3. List Mr. Mahmood HANIF as the Delegate for Afghanistan on the 14 July FIDE Delegate List; and
4. Provide any other relief the ELE deems appropriate.

APPENDIX A-1

CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS

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Date	Event	Supporting document
2000		
June	2000 FIDE Congress, at which, among other things, FIDE reconfirms that National Olympic Committees grant a national chess federation official status in FIDE.	Extract from 2000 FIDE Congress Minutes: Appendix A-2
2013		
At least as of 3 September	Mahmood Hanif is listed as the Afghan National Chess Federation's ("ANCF") President and Delegate on the FIDE website.	Screenshot of FIDE Directory for Afghanistan, 3 September 2013: Appendix A-3
2014		
10 May	The ANCF nominates Garry Kasparov's Presidential ticket for the 2014 FIDE elections. As ANCF's President, Mahmood Hanif signs the nomination form and sends it to FIDE before the 11 May 2014 deadline.	ANCF Letter of Nomination for Presidential Ticket for Elections 2014, nominating the Presidential ticket of Garry Kasparov: Appendix A-4
16 June	FIDE, with no notice or explanation to the ANCF, replaces Mahmood Hanif as ANCF President and Delegate with Haji Mohammad Almas and Zaheeruddeen Asefi, as President and Delegate respectively, on the FIDE website. FIDE does not replace Mohammad Fahim Hashimy as the ANCF's General Secretary.	Screenshot of FIDE Directory for Afghanistan, 16 June 2014: Appendix A-5

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16 June	A. Santens emails N. Freeman regarding the removal of Mr. Hanif as ANCF President and Delegate from the directory for Afghanistan on the FIDE website and the Afghan Delegate listing on the list of delegates to be published by the FIDE Secretariat on 16 June 2014 pursuant to Article 5.A(1) of the Electoral Regulations (“16 June Delegate List”).	E-mail from A. Santens to N. Freeman, 16 June 2014 at 9:46 AM New York time, attaching screenshots from the FIDE website’s directory of member federations regarding Afghanistan: Appendix A-6
16 June at 17:00 Athens time	FIDE publishes the 16 June Delegate List and lists Zaheeruddeen Asefi as the Delegate for Afghanistan.	Screenshot of “85 th FIDE Congress: List of Delegates” (including 16 June Delegate List), originally posted on the FIDE website on 16 June 2014: Appendix 1 to the 30 June Complaint Letter
16 June	A. Santens emails N. Freeman regarding the removal of Mr. Hanif as ANCF President and Delegate from the directory for Afghanistan on the FIDE website and the Afghan Delegate listing on the 16 June Delegate List.	E-mail from A. Santens to N. Freeman, 16 June 2014 at 10:16 AM New York time, attaching ANCF nomination form for Kasparov presidential ticket: Appendix A-8
16 June	N. Freeman emails A. Santens regarding the removal of Mr. Hanif as ANCF President and Delegate from the directory for Afghanistan on the FIDE website and the Afghan Delegate listing on the 16 June Delegate List.	E-mail from N. Freeman to A. Santens, 16 June at 12:17 PM New York time: Appendix A-9
16 June	A. Santens e-mails N. Freeman regarding the removal of Mr. Hanif as ANCF President and Delegate from the directory for Afghanistan on the FIDE website and the Afghan Delegate listing on the 16 June Delegate List.	E-mail from A. Santens to N. Freeman, 16 June 2014 at 1:05 PM New York time: Appendix A-10
17 June	Attempts by M. Hashimy, President of the Afghanistan National Olympic Committee (“ANOC”) and Secretary General of ANCF, to restore Mr. Hanif to his rightful position as ANCF President and Delegate on the FIDE website and to list him as the ANCF Delegate on the 16 June Delegate List.	E-mail from M. Hashimy to J. Poivey, et al., 17 June 2014 at 1:31PM, attaching M. Hashimy’s official letter to the International Olympic Committee: Appendix A-11 E-mail from M. Hashimy to the FIDE Secretariat and I. Leong, copying M. Hanif and N. Freeman, 17 June 2014 at 1:39 PM, attaching M. Hashimy’s official letter to FIDE: Appendix A-12 E-mail from M. Hashimy to various Olympic Committee of Asia recipients, 17 June 2014 at 10:03 PM, attaching M. Hashimy’s official letter to the Olympic Committee of Asia: Appendix A-13

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18 June	Email from FIDE Secretary General to FIDE Secretariat, demanding an explanation of the amendments to the ANCF officials on the FIDE website.	E-mail from I. Leong to FIDE Secretariat, N. Freeman, et al., 18 June 2014 at 4:35AM: Appendix A-14
	FIDE's non-reply, through Polina Tsedenova, to the FIDE Secretary General's demand for explanation.	E-mail from FIDE Secretariat to I. Leong, 18 June 2014 at 1:43PM: Appendix A-15
19 June	Nigel Freeman responds to Ank Santens' 16 June e-mails regarding the change in the ANCF President and Delegate on the FIDE website and the failure to list Mr. Hanif as the Delegate for Afghanistan on the 16 June Delegate List.	E-mail from N. Freeman to A. Santens, 19 June 2014 at 2:41AM: Appendix A-16
	Ank Santens responds to Mr. Freeman, providing numerous reasons why FIDE's changes to the ANCF President and Delegate on the FIDE website and its failure to list Mr. Hanif as the Delegate for Afghanistan on the 16 June Delegate List were improper, how FIDE should have handled the situation, and numerous reasons why Mr. Hanif should be listed as the President and Delegate for Afghanistan on the FIDE website and as the Afghan Delegate for the 2014 elections on the 16 June Delegate List.	E-mail from A. Santens to N. Freeman, 19 June 2014 at 6:10PM: Appendix A-17
21 June	ANCF President and Delegate Mahmood Hanif writes directly to FIDE, reiterating that he rightly holds those positions and that there were no ANCF elections on 25 May 2014, and requesting documentary proof for the reasons why he was removed as the ANCF's President and Delegate from the FIDE website and not listed as the Afghan Delegate on the 16 June Delegate List.	E-mail from M. Hanif to N. Freeman et al., dated 21 June 2014, attaching letter from M. Hanif to FIDE dated 20 June 2014: Appendix A-18
On or after 24 June	A letter, purportedly from Karim Keramuddin "Director General of Physical Education and Sports" of Afghanistan on English-only letterhead of the purported "General Directorate of Physical Education and Sport" of Afghanistan, appears on a pro-Kirsan Ilyumzhinov website and is picked up by Mr. Ilyumzhinov's campaign website.	Purported letter from K. Karim to International & Asian Chess Federations, dated 24 June 2014: Appendix A-19 ; http://chessnewsagency.com/#/afghanistan-chess-federation-explains-ousting-of-former-president/ ; http://fidefirst.com/?p=2987
28 June	Internet search showing that ChessNewsAgency.com was	Result of WHOIS domain-name search, last conducted on 28 June

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	created on 13 June 2013 and that its registrant's name is hidden behind a company that masks web-site ownership called "Contact Privacy Inc."	2014: Appendix A-20
28 June	Internet search showing that M. Hashimy is the President of the Afghanistan National Olympic Committee and that K. Keramuddin is not the Secretary General of the Afghanistan National Olympic Committee	Afghanistan page on www.olympic.org , last accessed on 28 June 2014: Appendix A-21
28 June	Internet search showing that the telephone number listed on K. Keramuddin's letter is a cell phone.	Wikipedia: Telephone Numbers in Afghanistan, at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Telephone_numbers_in_Afghanistan , last accessed on 28 June 2014: Appendix A-22
28 June	Internet searches for the "General Directorate of Physical Education and Sports" yield only six unique hits, only three of which are relevant to Afghanistan. Two of those are the websites that are promoting the ostensible letter, and the remaining one conducts a forensic analysis of it.	Google search for "General Directorate of Physical Education and Sports" conducted on 28 June 2014: Appendix A-23
28 June	Internet searches for "Karim Keramuddin" as "Director General of Physical Education and Sports" of Afghanistan yield no hits other than the three sites propounding or analyzing Mr. Keramuddin's purportedly official letter.	Google search for "Karim Keramuddin" conducted on 28 June 2014: Appendix A-24
28 June	Internet search showing that official, government-issued e-mail addresses in Afghanistan use the national top-level domain suffix, ".af."	Relevant excerpts from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Internet_top-level_domains , last accessed on 28 June 2014: Appendix A-25 .

together and solve some problems of the players, until in Teheran the board had to take a decision because it became afraid that some of the best Filipino players would not be able to participate in the Olympiad. In Teheran, he added, there were two letters from both parties and the decision was taken to recommend the NCFP to the Executive Board, and the Executive Board has made a recommendation to the General Assembly. He asked for the two parties to have five minutes each so that the delegates could decide to vote for one of them.

Mr. Enofre Manuel of the old federation read his speech. He thanked Messrs. Kelleher and Sand, whom he praised as great gentlemen, for their help. He introduced his Secretary General, Mr. Edgar de Castro. He claimed that the old federation was illegally replaced by the National Chess Federation of the Philippines, as the sole governing body of chess in the Philippines. He expressed amazement at how the month-old federation could gain recognition from the Philippine Olympic Committee and later with FIDE. He said the Philippine Chess Federation received no notice of the new application. He asked why their players were not accredited to play in the Olympiad. He said they had not been informed of charges for expulsion. He pleaded that national chess federations face difficulty in gaining NOC recognition because chess is not yet an Olympic sport, citing that chess is not even in the calendar of the Asian Games and the Southeast Asian Games to be able to claim membership in the Philippine Olympic Committee.

Mr. Casto Abundo spoke next. He said that this was a problem that has been growing for two years. He cited the problem of reduced prize moneys being forced upon players.

The top players asked for a voice in their affairs and formed a player's association to be heard. They applied with the Philippine Olympic Committee, and they were accepted. The old federation, therefore, had lost principal authority over chess in the country, he said. He cited precedents: in 1994 the Russian Chess Federation under Mr. Bebhuk was the FIDE member but the Presidential Board removed it and accepted the new federation under Mr. Makarov which was recognised by the Russian Olympic Committee. The same happened in 1975 in Mexico and in 1988 in Chile and in 1992 in Turkey. Mr. Abundo said the old federation had tried to stop the team of GM Torre from participating in the Olympiad but lost their case in court. Mr. Abundo said estafa charges had been filed against officials of the old federation because they took the money from the government for the Zonal, but had not given the money to the players who are participating in the FIDE cycle. He said that, in accordance with FIDE procedure, the Zone President visited Manila and made his recommendation, which was supported by the Continental President.

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Mr. Leong gave his report as contained in his letter. Mr. Al-Hitmi gave background information as he previously summarized.

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Mr. Skripchenko cited the record of Messrs. Campomanes, Abundo and Torre. He said the new federation of the Philippines are the oldest workers.

He cited the similarity with the case in Moscow when FIDE admitted the new federation over the federation identified with Karpov.

Mr. Makropoulos said that we have a unanimous recommendation of the Executive Board with the abstention of the two members holding discussions between the two groups.

He said that what happened in the past with the Russian Chess Federation was that we accepted the federation recognised by the Russian Olympic Committee even if at that time FIDE had better relations with Karpov than Kasparov. He said that what is important is which body is recognised by their official authorities.

Mr. Makropoulos said that it is not possible to carry over the fights from the Philippines to FIDE but that we strongly try to bring the two chess communities together.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the Executive Board dealt with the matter in a very democratic manner and the decision was unanimous. He said we have full information with what is going on in the Philippines.

He reminded the body of the statement of Mr. Kelleher that both sides have negative actions. Therefore, the decision was made with the real information.

By a roll call vote among 97 federations present, 56 voted yes, 16 no and 25 abstained, the Executive Board recommendation was passed.

Mr. Abundo invited, in the FIDE spirit of *Gens Una Sumus*, the members of the old federation to join the National Chess Federation of the Philippines in working together for Philippine chess.

2.1.2 Change of Leadership in Kenya Chess Association

General Assembly noted the Executive Board discussion on Kenya and approved the change of leadership from Mr. Francis Rodriguez to Mr. Lincoln Njenga.

3. Financial Report.

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General Assembly noted (Annex 2) the Report of the FIDE External Auditors, Messrs Atag Ernst & Young on the financial statement of FIDE for the period

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4.	Vice President	Msimang	Afrika	South Africa
5.	General Secretary	Leong	Ignatius	Singapore
6.	Treasurer	Sinquefield	Rex	USA

Date

10th May 2014

Place

Kabul, Afghanistan

Name in print of Federation President

Mahmood Dami

Signature

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Subject: RE: Afghanistan - Urgent!
Importance: High

Dear Nigel,

I attach Afghanistan's letter nominating the Kasparov ticket, signed by Mr. Hanif. There can be no doubt that this is the reason for the recent inexplicable (and unexplained) changes on the FIDE website directory for Afghanistan. The recent events regarding Gabon and Afghanistan put beyond any possible doubt that the FIDE Secretariat and you are biased and do not act with fairness, impartiality and transparency that is required of a sports governing body and its Executive Director. We reserve all our rights.

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10th May 2014

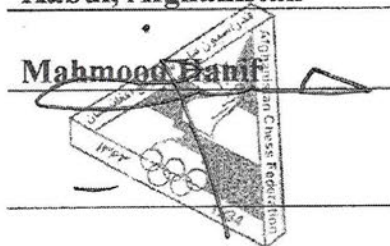
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Signature



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Dear Ank

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Best regards

Nigel

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Dear Nigel,

This is not a response. You as the Executive Director of FIDE and the FIDE Secretariat decided to make these changes. You removed the person who has been listed as the President and Delegate for years without any notice or explanation. You owe an explanation to Mr. Hanif and the Afghanistan Chess Federation. Mr. Hanif has no idea whatsoever as to why these changes were made. You are not giving Mr. Hanif and the Afghanistan Chess Federation any due process. You are the Executive Director of FIDE. You are bringing shame to the office by acting the way you are.

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From: Olympic President [<mailto:president@olympic.af>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2014 1:31 PM
To: Jérôme Poivey; Marie Schwarz
Subject: Federation Changes on FIDE website upon personal relations

Dear Jerome, Please find attached a letter concerning illegal changes to the Afghanistan Chess Federation. We would highly appreciate your serious involvement in this regard, which may cause more government approaches to Olympic Federations.

Sincerely,
President
Afghanistan NOC

Date: 17.06.2014

To: International Olympic CommitteeSubject: Federation Changes on FIDE website up on personal relations

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These Changes have been made by personal relations between Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov President of FIDE and Mr. Zaheerudden Asefi the new delegate as they were classmates and a letter from Afghanistan government sports department which has no rights of interference or any responsibility to Afghanistan NOC member federations.

Now that Afghanistan and Mr. Hanif have nominated the Kasparov ticket, for the upcoming FIDE presidential election 2014, this information has been changed without receiving any notice from FIDE or explanation as to why his information has been removed so suddenly.

Afghanistan Chess Federation is a general assembly member of Afghanistan National Olympic Committee and under supervision of NOC as National Olympic Status.

We kindly request you to blame this action and notify FIDE to avoid private connections and the information on the FIDE website must be restored to its prior status and Mr. Hanif to be listed as the delegate and president for Afghanistan.

Best Regards,

Mohammad Fahim Hashimiy
 President
 Afghanistan National Olympic Committee



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From: Olympic President [<mailto:president@olympic.af>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2014 1:39 PM
To: office@fide.com; fideleong@gmail.com
Cc: mahmod.hanif@gmail.com; nigelfreeman@fide.com
Subject: Chess Federation President Changes on FIDE website

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To: World Chess Federation, FIDESubject: Federation Changes on FIDE Website

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I President of Afghanistan National Olympic Committee and General Secretary of Afghanistan Chess Federation hereby confirm that no changes have been made in this federation, and Mr. Mahmud Hanif is the president and chess delegate of the Afghanistan Chess Federation.

We kindly request you to avoid any personal relations and the information on the FIDE website must be restored to its prior status and Mr. Hanif to be listed as the delegate and president for Afghanistan Chess Federation.

Please do not pay attention to any email or information provided from other sources or unauthorized email addresses but Afghanistan National Olympic Committee.

Best Regards,

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<haider@ocasia.org>, 'Vahid Kardany' (vahid@OCASIA.ORG)" <vahid@ocasia.org>, VINOD@ocasia.org

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Sincerely,
President
Afghanistan NOC

Date: 17.06.2014

To: Olympic Council of Asia

Subject: Federation Changes on FIDE website up on personal relations

Dear Sir,

We are informed that some information for Afghanistan Chess Federation on the FIDE website has been changed without any confirmation from Afghanistan National Olympic Committee, Afghanistan Chess Federation or any presidential election: Mr. Mahmud Hanif, President & Delegate of the Afghanistan National Chess Federation has been removed and replaced with "a "Mr. Haji Mohammad ALMAS ZAHID" as "President" and a "Mr. Zaheeruddeen Asefi" as "Delegate."

These Changes have been made by personal relations between Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov President of FIDE and Mr. Zaheerudden Asefi the new delegate as they were classmates and a letter from Afghanistan government sports department which has no rights of interference or any responsibility to Afghanistan NOC member federations.

Now that Afghanistan and Mr. Hanif have nominated the Kasparov ticket, for the upcoming FIDE presidential election 2014, this information has been changed without receiving any notice from FIDE or explanation as to why his information has been removed so suddenly.

Afghanistan Chess Federation is a general assembly member of Afghanistan National Olympic Committee and under supervision of NOC as National Olympic Status.

We kindly request you to blame this action and notify FIDE to avoid private connections and the information on the FIDE website must be restored to its prior status and Mr. Hanif to be listed as the delegate and president for Afghanistan.

Best Regards,

Mohammad Fahim Hashimy
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From: Ignatius Leong [<mailto:fideleong@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2014 4:35 AM
To: FIDE Secretariat; Directory Elista FIDE Office; PB Nigel Freeman
Cc: 'Santens, Ank'; GK gmail
Subject: FW: Chess Federation President Changes on FIDE website

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To: 'Ignatius Leong'
Cc: 'Nigel Freeman'
Subject: RE: Chess Federation President Changes on FIDE website

just a small note - we are not Nigel's staff or your staff, we are FIDE staff, dear friend Ignatius)))
regards
Polina

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Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2014 2:41 AM
To: Santens, Ank
Subject: Afghanistan

Dear Ank,

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The information about Afghanistan Chess Federation on [the](#) FIDE website [was](#) amended on 16 June 2014. Indeed on 15 June 2014, we were informed by the General Directorate of Physical Education and Sports of Afghanistan that Mr. Haji Almas Zahid had been elected on 25 May 2014 as the acting president of the Afghanistan Chess Federation. The amendment of FIDE website therefore came in response to a written request made by the competent authorities of Afghanistan, and was thus perfectly justified. Your comments on FIDE Secretariat's and my own alleged lack of fairness and impartiality are again completely unjustified.

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From: Santens, Ank
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2014 6:10 PM
To: 'NIGEL FREEMAN'
Cc: 'mahmod.hanif@gmail.com'; Garry Kasparov (kasparov.garry@gmail.com)
Subject: RE: Afghanistan

Dear Nigel,

On the deadline for publication of the FIDE list of delegates, you removed the person who has been listed as the President and Delegate of the Afghan National Chess Federation for years, without any notice or explanation. Having behaved in this unacceptable manner, you should not be surprised to receive strong objections.

You now claim that the changes to the FIDE website were made based on a “written request made by the competent authorities of Afghanistan.” That letter could easily have been provided on Monday in a quick response to my query. Instead you respond three days later, again without providing a copy of the letter.

A letter from an official at the Minister of Sports does not provide you with a basis to make the change you made. You should have inquired with the federation whether the information received is indeed correct. At a minimum, when you received our inquiry copying Mr. Hanif, who has been the Afghan federation’s President and Delegate for years, you should have provided the letter and listed Afghanistan as “to be determined” or “in dispute” on the list of delegates. As you are well aware, the alleged “written request” that you received has now been contradicted by a letter from the Afghanistan National Olympic Committee to FIDE, which you received on 17 June 2014 (attached).

You say that this is now for the ELE to decide. For the ELE to be able to reach an informed decision on any dispute as to who is the duly elected President or Delegate of a member federation, both sides must have the opportunity to submit information and documents. It goes without saying that both sides need to be informed of the arguments of, and be provided with the documents relied on by, the other side, so that they can respond to them. For you to submit this “written request” to the ELE without providing Mr. Hanif with an advance copy is a lack of due process, conduct which is unbecoming of your office as the Executive Director of FIDE.

Please provide immediately a copy of the 15 June 2014 letter from the Ministry of Sports that you claim to have received so that Mr. Hanif can see it and make the necessary inquiries, as he is not aware of either the letter or the events that you claim it attests to. No election was held on 25 May 2014 and Mr. Hanif firmly remains the President and Delegate of the Afghan Chess Federation. Mr. Hanif has a right to see who, as you claim, informed you otherwise. Indeed, a transparent and unbiased Executive Director would have provided this letter to Mr. Hanif before making the change you made, or at a minimum immediately upon receipt of my email on Monday.

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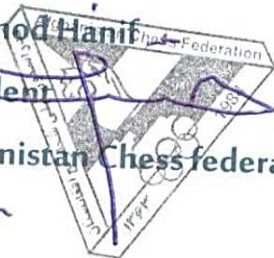
Letter to FIDE from Afghanistan Chess Federation

Hello Nigel Freeman,

I'm not understand what's going on here. You removed me from FIDE site as president, delegate for Afghanistan Chess Federation and you say there was some election on May 25 to put in new person. There was no election, this is made up. I have been president, delegate of Afghanistan Chess Federation for many years, no issues. Now you take me off and don't tell me. Ank Santens sent me email from you – you say that Ministry of Sports removed me? Where is this letter? Show me this letter. What games are you playing? There is no letter. Why not tell me something before taking my name off? This is disrespect. Are you do this because Afghanistan supports Garry Kasparov? I am the president, delegate for Afghanistan Chess Federation. Look at the letter from my country Olympic Committee. I put it here for you. Enough games. Put me back on FIDE site. Waiting for your letter.

Regards,

Mahmod Hanif
President
Afghanistan Chess federation





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No: 351
 24 June 2014

TO: INTERNATIONAL & ASIAN CHESS FEDERATIONS

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Greetings from Afghanistan Physical Education and Sports General Directorate

Following to the letter sent to International and Asian Chess Federation dated 15 June 2014 about the election of **Mr. Haji Almas Zahid** as the acting president of the Afghanistan chess federation, this is to once again inform you that the previous chess federation president, Mr. Mahmud Hanif is accused of corruption, fraud and misuse of authority as the president of chess federation. His case is now being assessed by the Afghanistan Attorney General Office.

We have been informed that Mr. Mahmud Hanif had a supporting letter from Afghanistan National Olympic Committee which we believe Afghanistan Olympics has nothing to do with Afghanistan Chess Federation, since it's an independent, non-profit organization registered by the Ministry of Justice of Afghanistan.

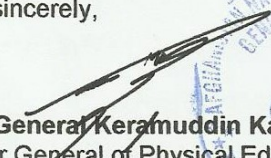
And the reason G. D of Physical Education and Sport, as the highest sport governing body in the country is involved with this issue is that Mr. Mahmud Hanif has taken a large amount of money from the Physical Education G. D in order to conduct chess competition and promote chess sports in all over the country but we have noticed and have enough documents which shows he has misused the money for his own benefits that is way his case is being assessed by the Attorney General.

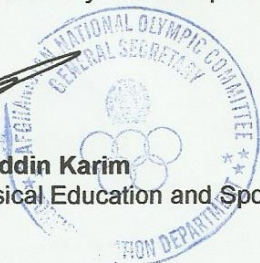
Also, we have been informed that he has never attempted to conduct General Assembly and election based on the Chess Federation Statutes in last eight years.

Mr. Almas, the acting president whom has been electing by the executive board and voting members of the federation, is in charge to pave the way to hold General Assembly and conduct election after several years based on the statutes. The positions will be open to any Afghan Citizen voting members in condition that he/she is not accused of corruption.

The Afghanistan Physical Education and Sports General Directorate is looking forward to receiving your support in strengthen democracy and transparency, collaboration and coordination with ANCF.

Yours sincerely,


Major General Keramuddin Karim
 Director General of Physical Education and Sports
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- **0773** yyy yyy
- **0774** yyy yyy
- **0775** yyy yyy
- **0776** yyy yyy
- **0777** yyy yyy
- **0778** yyy yyy
- **0779** yyy yyy

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List of Internet top-level domains

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This is a **list of Internet top-level domains (TLDs)**. A top-level domain is a domain name in the Domain Name System that is a direct subdomain of the DNS root zone.

The official list of all top-level domains is maintained by the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA).^[1]

In an initiative to expand the domain name space, IANA is considering approval of several proposed top-level domains.

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Original top-level domains

Seven generic top-level domains were created early in the development of the Internet, and pre-date the creation of ICANN in 1998.^[2]

- Name: DNS name
- Entity: intended use
- Notes: general remarks
- IDN: support for internationalized domain names (IDN)
- DNSSEC: presence of DS records for Domain Name System Security Extensions

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Name	Entity	Notes	IDN	DNSSEC
.com	commercial	This is an open TLD; any person or entity is permitted to register. Though originally intended for use by for-profit business entities, for a number of reasons it became the "main" TLD for domain names and is currently used by all types of entities including nonprofits, schools and private individuals. Domain name registrations may be successfully challenged if the holder cannot prove an outside relation justifying reservation of the name, to prevent "squatting".	Yes	Yes
.org	organization	This is an open TLD; any person or entity is permitted to register. Originally intended for use by non-profit organizations, and still primarily used by some.	Yes	Yes
.net	network	This is an open TLD; any person or entity is permitted to register. Originally intended for use by domains pointing to a distributed network of computers, or "umbrella" sites that act as the portal to a set of smaller websites.	Yes	Yes
.int	international organizations	The .int TLD is strictly limited to organizations, offices, and programs which are endorsed by a treaty between two or more nations. However, there are a few grandfathered domain names that do not meet these criteria.	No	No
.edu	educational	The .edu TLD is limited to specific educational institutions such as, but not limited to, primary schools, middle schools, secondary schools, colleges, and universities. In the US, its usability was limited in 2001 to post-secondary institutions accredited by an agency on the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies maintained by the United States Department of Education. This domain is therefore almost exclusively used by American colleges and universities. Some institutions that do not meet the current registration criteria have grandfathered domain names.	No	Yes
.gov	governmental	The .gov TLD is limited to governmental entities and agencies in the US.	No	Yes
.mil	US military	The .mil TLD is limited to use by the United States military.	No	Yes

Infrastructure top-level domain

Infrastructure	Entity	Notes	IDN	DNSSEC
.arpa	Address and Routing Parameter Area	Originally assigned to the Advanced Research Projects Agency in the early days on the Internet, .arpa is now exclusively used as an Internet infrastructure TLD. "Address and Routing Parameter Area" is an example of a backronym.	No	Yes

Country code top-level domains

Note: the country code domain system was created in the early days of the Domain Name System, and pre-dates ICANN.

- name: DNS name of the (ISO 3166-1 alpha-2) two-letter country-code top-level domain
- Entity: country, dependency, or region
- Explanation: explanation of the code when not self-evident from the English name of the country
- Notes: general remarks
- IDN: support for internationalized domain names (IDN)
- DNSSEC: presence of DS records for Domain Name System Security Extensions
- SLD: allows Second-level domain registration (restrictions may apply)

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Name	Entity	Explanation	Notes	IDN	DNSSEC	SLD	IPv6
.ac	 Ascension Island		Commonly used for academic websites, such as universities. However, .ac is not to be confused with the official British academic domain .ac.uk.	Yes	Yes	Yes	
.ad	 Andorra		Local trademark, trade name or citizenship required ^{[3][4]}		No	Yes	
.ae	 United Arab Emirates				No	Yes	
.af	 Afghanistan				Yes	Yes	
.ag	 Antigua and Barbuda		Also unofficially used by German businesses (where AG is an abbreviation of Aktiengesellschaft, a legal entity form similar to a corporation limited by shares)		Yes	Yes	
.ai	 Anguilla				No	Yes	
.al	 Albania		Citizenship <i>no longer</i> required		No	No	
.am	 Armenia		Also unofficially used by AM Radio Stations or related business		Yes	Yes	
.an	 Netherlands Antilles		Local presence required; Netherlands Antilles were dissolved on October 10, 2010;		No	Yes	
.ao	 Angola				No		
.aq	 Antarctica	<i>Antarctique</i>	Defined by the Antarctic Treaty as everything south of latitude 60°S. AQ domain names are available to government organizations who are signatories to the Antarctic Treaty and to other registrants who have a physical presence in Antarctica.		No	Yes	
.ar	 Argentina			Yes ^[a 1]	No	No	
.as	 American Samoa				No	Yes	
.at	 Austria				Yes	Yes	
.au	 Australia		Restrictions apply. In general, registrants must be Australian, and most have a minimum 2 year registration period. ^[5] Includes Ashmore and Cartier Islands and Coral Sea Islands.		No	No	
.aw	 Aruba	<i>Aruba, West Indies</i>	Restricted to registered Aruban companies, organisations and citizens		No	Yes	
.ax	 Åland				No	Yes	
.az	 Azerbaijan				No	Yes	

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TLD		Transliteration	Language	Script	Link to test site
DNS name	Script version				
xn--kgbechtv	إختبار	ikhtibār	Arabic	Arabic	http://مثال.إختبار (http://xn--mgbh0fb.xn--kgbechtv/)
xn--hgbk6aj7f53bba	آزمایشی	âzmayshy	Persian	Perso-Arabic	http://مثال.آزمایشی (http://xn--mgbh0fb.xn--hgbk6aj7f53bba/)
xn--0zwm56d	测试	cèshi	Chinese	Simplified Chinese	http://例子.测试 (http://xn--fsqu00a.xn--0zwm56d/)
xn--g6w251d	測試	cèshi	Chinese	Traditional Chinese	http://例子.測試 (http://xn--fsqu00a.xn--g6w251d/)
xn--80akhbyknj4f	испытание	ispytánije	Russian	Cyrillic	http://пример испытание (http://xn--e1afmkfd.xn--80akhbyknj4f/)
xn--11b5bs3a9aj6g	परीक्षा	parīkṣā	Hindi	Devanagari	http://उदाहरण.परीक्षा (http://xn--p1b6ci4b4b3a.xn--11b5bs3a9aj6g/)
xn--jxalpdlp	δοκιμή	dokimé	Greek	Greek	http://παράδειγμα.δοκιμή (http://xn--hxajbheg2az3al.xn--jxalpdlp/)
xn--9t4b11yi5a	테스트	teseuteu	Korean	Hangul	http://실례.테스트 (http://xn--9n2bp8q.xn--9t4b11yi5a/)
xn--deba0ad	טעסט	test	Yiddish	Hebrew	http://טעסט.הטעסט (http://xn--fdbk5d8ap9b8a8d.xn--deba0ad/)
xn--zckzah	テスト	tesuto	Japanese	Katakana ^[54]	http://例え.テスト (http://xn--r8jz45g.xn--zckzah/)
xn--hlcj6aya9esc7a	பரிட்சை	pariṭcai	Tamil	Tamil	http://உதாரணம்.பரிட்சை (http://xn--zkc6cc5bi7f6e.xn--hlcj6aya9esc7a/)

See also

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