

## Official Complaint of Turkish Chess Federation

**Claimant:** Turkish Chess Federation, IA and ICO Ali Nihat YAZICI, Authors IA Sabri KOCAK, Hayri ÖZBİLEN

**Defendant:** Daaim Shabazz, FIDE CM

**On 19th September 2012, a blog item published on <http://www.thechessdrum.net/> and TCF and the people listed on above are insulted, humiliated, and being accused by stealing content of olimbase.org. (attached pdf file)**

### **I. Explanations and Complains from compilers point of view:**

#### **(Hayri Ozbilen and Sabri Kocak)**

In reference to criticisms, the observed mistakes are stipulated as below :

- 1) It is mentioned about 1924-2012 chess Olympiads. Although not being a major error, we assume that it is known official Chess Olympiads started in 1927. This is just a sign of **carelessness** and **negligence!**
- 2) We are stipulated in the criticisms as authors! We did not write a book and we did not mention that we wrote a book! This is a compilation. We only compiled what was written before and this book is compiled by us (As mentioned in the first page) We feel that this is ignored intentionally.
- 3) The texts are partially taken from Olimpbase, and If this website was analyzed carefully, it would easily be seen at the copyright section of the website that it is stipulated “freecopy” and under this expression, it is stipulated “please cite the source”. If we requested permission, would Mr. Wojcieck Bartelski not ask us why we ask for a permission? What is the base of asking permission for a text which is FREECOPY ?
- 4) The book consists of 287 pages. Pages between 193-287, which are equivalent to 33% of the book, are completely new and consist of only 40th chess olympiad. The part of the book which includes fact and figures, results of the tournaments are written by examining and comparing olimbase, wikipedia, chesscom. Another part of the book which includes the selected games is written by referring many different sources and we tried to give those games considering the results of individual medals. The texts (story of the tournaments) are totally 34 pages long (approximately). Yes, those are “copy-paste” but abbreviated text. So the claim on our book being a 90% copy-paste is a big lie.
- 5) Because of Olimpbase texts are taken approximately 70% abbreviated, someone would like to read the full story needs the source Olimpbase.

As an additional comment, we know that some countries are unhappy with the successful organization of Turkish Federation and put forward unfair efforts to show Istanbul Olympiads negative points but although we respect criticisms, we point out that a criticism without a base is just

a way of trying to build a conspiracy and these efforts will not stop Turkey and our federation to support the global development of chess with all its power!

CM Shabazz, put us in a position with his lies and allegations, and insulted our honour, reputation, and personal rights. Without asking even our opinion, he has imagined and put information to his website, consisting many manipulations and mistakes, and lies. Officially we complain to FIDE Ethical Commission and the new Journalist Commission to take action against to defendant.

## II. Explanations and Complaints from Ali Nihat YAZICI

As the head of organising committee of 40<sup>th</sup> Chess Olympiad, I decided to contribute to chess history, an historical book, including all Olympiads and especially the current one being organised. I asked the ex-president of Turkish Chess Federation Mr.Hayri Ozbilen and IA Sabri Kocak to compile a book. They have done great job. And I accredited that by writing an introduction to that compilation.

As you may read above, these two veteran gentleman have made an explanation that all those allegations and insult in attached blog item is a lie. But even if this was true, I was not involved in the editorial part of the book. So, CM Shabazz should be punished respecting to FIDE Ethical Codes.

## III. Complaint on behalf of Turkish Chess Federation

As it is mentioned above, TCF and Turkish Republic has spent a lot of sources to organise 40<sup>th</sup> Chess Olympiad, and as it is normal and usual, in every chess event, organisers have rights to make commercial activities to earn money and decrease the financial cost.

The total budget of Olympiad is more than 8 millions € and commercial revenues are not even 10 % of this expenses. One idea was to have this compilation book and to earn some money to cover its expenses and to offer it as an historical memory to participants and to world chess.

TCF has recruited compilers, professional photographers, and English speaking staff in high cost to make it. And we were expecting, to cover it from internet sales. By the allegations of CM Shabazz the book had a bad reputation, and our sales and also reputation was diminished.

This item published on Shabazz website has clear conflict with FIDE Ethical Codes 2.2.4 and 2.2.9 and 2.2.10and 2.2.11.

As TCF we complain to FIDE Ethical Commission and FIDE Journalist Commission (Established in Istanbul) to take action against Mr.Daaim Shabazz.

Attached: Chessdrum blog item (pdf file)