Fifa suspends Zambia over vote claim

Fifa has provisionally suspended officials Amos Adamu and Reynald Temarii over allegations of corruption.

The Fifa executive committee members are accused of offering to sell their votes in the context to host the 2018 World Cup ahead of December’s ballot.

They were secretly filmed by Sun- day Times reporters, who posed as lobbyists for a consortium of African com- panies that wanted the event to go to the US.

Fifa will meet again in mid-No- vember to make a final decision. At that meeting, Fifa will also study alleged agreements between member associations and their bid committees in relation to the 2018 and 2022 World Cup bidding process.

The world governing body did not specify which countries could be under scrutiny.

Rumours of collusion between a 2018 and a 2022 hopeful are reported to have surfaced in September, prompting Fifa secretary general Jerome Valcke to warn all associations that such maneuvers are illegal.

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Taherian Temarii, 43, who played for French club during the 1980s, is alleged to have asked for a payment to finance a special passport. He has already pleaded his innocence.

"I am 100% convinced of my integrity," Temarii, head of Fifa’s technical and development committee, previously told.

"That’s why I have stayed on." Temarii suggested his comments on the Sunday Times video had been taken out of context.

However Fifa ethics committee chairman Claudio Sulser ex- plained that the decision to provisionally suspend Adamu and Temarii was “fully justified and should not be put in question”.

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The Namibia delegates at the 2010 Fifa World Cup symposium held last week in Cairo has hailed it as one of the most important events.

According to the Technical Direc- tor of the Namibia Football Asso- ciation Klaus Staerk, the symposium held on October 13-15 was “very interesting “as it brought together various football specialists who shared their knowledge with the three member association ofCAF.

We shared ideas on how Africa faced these challenges in the past, what can be improved and also on the overall standards and organization of the world cup and how the game of football general move forward from the world cup” Staerk said.

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Fifa warns Zambian government

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This follows the Sports Coun- cil of Zambia’s decision to inves- tigate the Football Association of Zambia (FAZ).

FAZ has been in turmoil since the resignation of four executive committee members, including vice president Emmanuel Musakale.

The quartet quit after falling out with FAZ president and former national coach, Kalusha Bwalya.

Bwalya then reconstructed the FAZ executive committee by co- opting four members - a move which enraged some clubs and officials.

But the game’s world govern- ing body has thrown its weight behind Bwalya, saying the deci- sions taken by the Zambian leg- end are valid.

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