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## Hitman, Priotti fight screened live in USA

By Kayele M. Kambombo

**WINDHOEK** - The day that falls on 25<sup>th</sup> regardless of whatever month, should be synonymous of good tidings that is familiar to all fans of Paulus "The Hitman" Moses, the former WBA lightweight champion.

On January 3, 2009, Moses dethroned the then-title holder Yusuke Kobori of Japan in his own backyard to win the WBA lightweight.

Seven months later, Moses defended his championship title against another challenger called Takehiro Shimada, alias The Samurai from the same country (Japan) in Windhoek, Namibia, where he won on unanimous decision in the 12 round scheduled fight. That fight was penciled on July 25.

On the same date (25 July), Miguel Acosta from Venezuela defeated the WBA interim lightweight champion Urbano Antillon with a ninth round knockout in Mexico.

Moses, hailed the "legend" by his mentor, promoter and manager Nestor "Sunshine" Tobias has made boxing history in his professional boxing weight category.

Eventually Moses lost his title against the then WBA interim lightweight champion Miguel Acosta in Windhoek by knockout in the sixth round.



Sergio Omar Priotti and Paulus Hitman Moses at the press conference Tuesday at the Boxing Control Board office (photo by Kayele M. Kambombo)

Paulus Moses versus Sergio Omar Priotti was screened live on Live Stream Online Free from the Windhoek Country Club Resort,

Windhoek, Namibia, last night, the 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Moses professional fighting record stands at 26-1 with 17

knockouts while Sergio Omar Priotti's record is at 30 fights 22 wins 7 losses and 1 draw with 8 Kos at least until last night.

This is a mere pre-fight enticement as the results were not available before going to press.

Namibia Today Sport will bring you the actual results of the battle for the fittest in its next edition.

## Eq Guinea slam AWC gender claim

Equatorial Guinea's football federation (Feguifoot) says claims that the country fielded male players in its women's side are "defamation".

The team finished second in the African Women's Championship (AWC) and has qualified for next year's World Cup.

Feguifoot condemned the claims and said a "defamation campaign" had been "led by some African Federations".

Accusations have been made voiced by players and officials from Nigeria and Ghana especially.

The Feguifoot statement says the "campaign" is motivated by concern over the progress of its female team - which won the AWC two years ago on home soil.

"[The campaign] is conceived by groups of people that watch with pessimism the progress made by Equatorial Guinean soccer," it said.

"The information about the supposed presence of men in the [team] is totally unfounded - Feguifoot considers the information issued as evidence of an inferiority complex."

The players concerned competed not only in the recent AWC tournament in South Africa but also in the two previous championships, according to the statement.

They are likely to be involved in the Women's World Cup campaign in Germany in 2011.

Nigerian women's coach Eucharia Uche was amongst those calling for an investigation by the Confederation of African Football but so far there has been no response from the continental ruling body. (Story from BBC SPORT)

## NFA hosts FUTURO III

The Namibia Football Association is hosting the FIFA FUTURO III

course in Administration and Management at Midgard Country Es-

tate that starts on Thursday 18 November with the Potential

Regional Instructors meeting. The aim of the Potential Re-



FIFA Development Officer Ashford Mamelodi with the regional instructors and course participants outside the seminar room at Midgard Guest farm, East of Windhoek in Namibia.

gional Instructors meeting that runs from 18 to 19 November is for the prospective candidates presentation on various topics ranging from marketing, communications, finance, Human resources, competitions and planning, to the FIFA panel that will be consisting of FIFA instructors, Botswana's Ashford Mamelodi, Malie Jacques of Mauritius and Jurg Nepfer from Switzerland, who is Head of FIFA's Education and Technical Division.

"We want to become FIFA Regional Instructors as well in Administration and Management and thus this presents an ideal platform for us to present our homework in our maters in the field and be evaluated in due course by FIFA. And is so interesting and everyone is geared up for it" said Barry Rukoro, who is one of the Potential Regional Instructors.

Other Potential Regional Instructors are Olson Mantle and Tshepo Mphoeng both from Botswana, Timothy Shongwe, who is Vice-president of the Swaziland FA and COSAFA EXCO member, and Moses Magog of Uganda.

The Potential Regional Instructors Course will be followed by the Regional Instructors Meeting which ends on November 21st before the National Course for Administration and Management for the locals starts on Monday 22 at Midgard Country Estate and ends on Friday, 26 November.

Namibia Premier League CEO Mathew Haikali is one of the 12 FIFA Regional Instructors. The Potential Regional Instructors will conduct the National Course on 22 to 26 November under the watchful eyes of Mamelodi and Jacques.

## Caf needs image rebuild

By Farayi Mungazi

Like a boxer looking in the mirror the morning after the fight, African football finds itself examining its face to see how badly it has been bruised.

It does not need a genius to conclude that the punishments handed down to Amos Adamu and three other African officials by Fifa on Thursday have cast a dark shadow over the African game.

Nigerian Adamu was banned from football activity for three years and Tahiti's Reynald Temarii for one year following claims in Britain's Sunday Times that they asked for money in exchange for votes in the contest to choose the 2018 and 2022 World Cup hosts.

Adamu insists that he is innocent of all the charges levelled against him and will appeal.

Two current members of the executive committee of the Confederation of African Football (Caf) -

Slim Aloulou of Tunisia and Mali's Amadu Diakite - were also caught on the wrong side of the Fifa code of ethics and banned.

They are joined in the doghouse by Botswana's Ismail Bhamjee - another former Caf official who was forced out of Fifa in 2006.

For a continent still basking in the glory of hosting its first ever World Cup, the suspensions of the four officials represent an almighty kick in the teeth.

All of which means Caf president Issa Hayatou finds himself with the unenviable task of rebuilding his organisation's image and salvaging the continent's dignity.

This is an institution that splits opinion right down the middle, whether it be internally in Africa or around the world.

Winning back the trust of fans is, therefore, an immensely difficult challenge; one that requires a radical transformation of Caf and the way it conducts business.

Whether or not people agree with the methods employed by The Sunday Times, no one doubts

that the damage inflicted by the newspaper's sting will take time to dissipate.

Of course, football can be a complicated business, but could this crisis also be a golden opportunity for Caf to reinvent itself at next year's general assembly in Khartoum?

With Adamu, Diakite and Aloulou gone, and South Africa's Molefi Oliphant and General Seyi Memene of Togo due to retire, it means no less than nine executive committee posts will be up for grabs when Caf's 52 members meet in the Sudanese capital on 23 February.

The executive committee seats of Hani Aboo Rida (Egypt), Alamy Kabele Camara (Guinea), Celestin Musabyimana (Rwanda) and Thierry Kamach (Central African Republic) will all be contested in February as their four-year terms will have expired.

Eight seats represent 50% of

Caf's top decision-making body.

South Africa's World Cup chief Danny Jordaan and Ghana FA boss Kwesi Nyatekyi have already thrown their hats into the ring - with Jordaan also eyeing a seat on Fifa's executive committee.

In football, as in all things, it pays to work out where the real power rests. After all, football boardrooms are places of intrigue and great drama.

I understand that Jordaan has some very powerful backers within Fifa, which pretty much makes him a shoe-in for both the Caf and Fifa posts.

Whatever happens at next year's general assembly - arguably the most important in many moons - one thing is crystal clear: African football cannot take any more punches (BBC Sport).

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