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 levied against him and will appeal.

Two current members of the executive committee of the Confederation of African Football (CaF) - Slim Alassouli of Tunisia and Mali’s Amadou Diakité - were also caught on the wrong side of the Fifa code of ethics and banned. They are joined in the dog-house by Botswana’s Ismael Hameje - another former CaF official who was forced out of Fifa in 2006.

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As the aim of the Potential Regional Instructors meeting that runs from 18 to 19 November is for the prospective candidate to presentation on various topics ranging from marketing, communications, finance, Human resources, commercials and planning the FIFA panel that will be consisting of FIFA instructors, Botswana’s Ashford Mamelodi, Mali’s Jacques of Mauritius and Jur Népeter from Switzerland, who is Head of FIFA’s Education and Technical Division.

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