

Case	FIFA provision	Sanction
Party: Abu Bakhar Kabba Position: Official Affiliation: Sierra Leone Football Association	Art. 11 FCE (2009)	Sanction by the independent Ethics Committee Ban for 5 years + CHF 50,000 fine: 26 July 2019

The case of Abu Bakhar Kabba, official, Sierra Leone Football Association

Matches: several international matches & general conspiracy

FIFA proceedings

Mr Kabba engaged in several email exchanges with the convicted match-fixer Mr Wilson Raj Perumal between October 2008 and May 2010, which came to the attention of FIFA and led to the opening of a preliminary investigation into the matter by FIFA Integrity.

The investigation found that Mr Kabba had conspired with Mr Perumal to manipulate the results of international football matches. Additionally, Mr Kabba agreed to approach Sierra Leone senior and youth national team players in order to follow instructions to manipulate the results of several international matches.

Mr Kabba further agreed to secure the Sierra Leone national team as well as national teams from other countries to play international matches organised by Mr Perumal and his company in order to manipulate such matches. Mr Kabba also acted as an official representative of Mr Perumal's company in order to organise international matches to be manipulated by Mr Perumal.

Furthermore, Mr Kabba allegedly accepted money and received payments from Mr Perumal in exchange for the attempt to influence and/or manipulate international friendly matches.

Conclusion

The conclusion of the preliminary investigation resulted in the opening of formal proceedings against Mr Kabba. On 26 July 2019, the independent Ethics Committee imposed a five-year ban and a fine of CHF 50,000 on Mr Kabba for having breached art. 11 of the FIFA Code of Ethics (2009).