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Introduction [Brief Bio]

Name: Augustine Mukoka – freelance journalist with 18 years covering Zambian, African & World football [former sports editor – Posts Newspaper, Zambia. 2009 to 2011]

In 2009, I attended the Play the Game conference in Coventry, England where I met Andrew Jennings.

- FIFA World Cup 2006 (Germany), 2010 (South Africa)
- FIFA Confederations Cup 2009
- FIFA Under-20 World Cup 2017
- Africa Cup of Nations 2006, 08
- All Africa Games 2007
The death of Ghanaian journalist Ahmed Hussein Suale was a wake-up call.

Following his death on January 17, 2019, it was about time sports journalist like myself with experience covering the tough terrain in Africa highlighted the path we navigate.

In honour of the late Mr. Suale, may I call for a moment of silence. 0.30" seconds.

May the soul of our dear departed 'soldier of the pen' rest in peace. Thank you.
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- African sports journalists must tell the story about the continent’s top sport and its administrators.
- Protection of these sports journalists is paramount. Currently, it’s not guaranteed.
- It explains why it had to take the Sunday Times of England to reveal details of 54 FA heads meeting somewhere to strategize an election.
- Today, Danny Jordan is CAF vice-president. He was at the centre of a questionable transaction that landed Jerome Valcke and Jack Warner in troubled waters.
- His comeback calls for clarity now rather than later when it may be too late.
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- Protection of African sports journalists requires legislation and to achieve this advocacy is key.
- Threats, physical harm or any form of attempt that compromises the security of African sports journalists must be acted on by authorities.
- African sports journalists are the least protected. Even media bodies concern themselves less of the happenings and challenges sports journalists endure.
- If protection is guaranteed, African sports journalists have the potential to change course in administration of the game.
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- Football leaders in Africa wield significant power.
- They have connections to the political class. It makes journalists reporting on these administrations vulnerable.
- These leaders equally have a wide support base; a collection of supporters that in some circles are referred to as ‘cadres’.
- This is the more reason African sports journalists must be protected.
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- After securing protection of African sports journalists through legislations, we can discuss specialized training.
- There should be legislation that will criminalize threats, physical harm or any conduct that places journalist’s life at risk.
- African sports journalists must be empowered with skills in legislative reporting.
- In addition to legislative reporting, focus must also be on financial literacy and investigate journalism.
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- At 2009, it was inspiring to meet Andrew Jennings, author of Foul! The Secret World Of FIFA: Bribes, Vote Rigging & Ticket Scandal.
- My first encounter with details in Jennings book was 2006 when COSAFA’s Ishmael Bhamjee was sent home from World Cup in Germany over ticket scandal.
- Away from Bhamjee, my work at home put me at odds with the FA officials. In December 2009, I came into physical contact with one of the country’s greatest soccer stars at the time FA president.
- He was never, as expected pleased with our work of providing checks and balances to the administration.
- He was due to make a presentation in a session I was attending.
- Of particular distaste in the brief clash was an article I authored about the FA gagging players.
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- It was not the first time I endured at the hands of the FA officials. In 2006 enroute to the Egypt Africa Cup, I was kicked out of the hotel in Nice, France.
- This followed a query we had put through to his office on what we determined were issues of public interest.
- Among them were; commercial and television rights, the national team jersey and player transfer questions.
While we kept tabs on the administration, we credited his administration for reviving the national team performance.

First 1/8 in 2010 since 1994 and eventually Afcon triumph in 2012. In 2011, he was elected to CAF.

When I left mainstream media in 2011 to pursue other interests, we set up bolazambia.

Bolazambia has embraced new media such as Facebook, twitter and WhatsApp, and the internet in general to keep an eye on the administration of the game in Zambia.

In 2018, we brought to public attention a questionable distribution of funds among the current executive committee members.

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FAZ bans trio, fines 2

By Masuzyo Chakwew

The Adjudicatory Chamber of the independent Ethics Committee of the football Association of Zambia (FAZ) provisionally banned three football officials and fined two others following sitting of March 13.

Ethics Committee chairperson Kephasungo announced in a statement that had provisionally banned former committee secretary Patsectanza, Albert Mainza, Augustinka (journalist) and fined Napsa coach Mohammed Fathy and acting executive director Gabriel Mainza, Mukoka and Mainza were 90 days for circumventing FAZ documents that were illegally obtained in contravention of Article 22 (2) of the FIFA Code of Ethics.

The trio were handed punishment in absentia after their failure to appear before the committee.

Katongo stated that the trio will be summoned before the Ethics Committee again during their ban.

The Napsa Stars coach was fined K2,500 and reprimanded for attacking the association and its partner Supersport. Fathy admitted the charge and pleaded for leniency.

Kaunda was fined K5,000 for convening an illegal meeting without FAZ’s consent.

Katongo also said former City of Lusaka Football Club 2006 PLC general
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- The funds from FIFA were distributed among officials as allowances without following procedure.
- Questionable transactions among officials have also been a source of contention.
- This has attracted an illegal ban on me by the association. I have since written to FIFA to contest this and consulting legal experts to explore other options.
- There is a very high risk to self when pursuing stories that border on maladministration.
Mukoka speaks out against FAZ ban
By Main Correspondent

ANY attempt to clamp down on the scrutinising of football management in Zambia is a vicious and time-wasting exercise by FAZ president Andrew Kamunanga and his ethics committee, says sports analyst Augustine Mukoka.

In a statement following a 90-day provisional ban imposed on him by the FAZ Ethics Committee for allegedly circulating FAZ documents, Mukoka said he was yet to receive any formal charge or the committee’s ruling that “arrived at this time after a delay.”

“The chairman of the FAZ Ethics Committee Mr. Kapilas Katongo claims in a press statement that the document which contains fake pay-outs to the association president Mr. Andrew Kamunanga and others as sitting allowances for hosting the Africa Cup Under-20 tournament in 2017 were allegedly illegally obtained,” he stated.

“Mr. Katongo also goes on to say that the FAZ Code of Conduct states that "person bound by this Code are forbidden from making any public statements of a defamatory nature towards FAZ and/or towards another officer bound by this Code in the context of FAZ events. While I’m not bound by the FAZ Code of Conduct, there is nothing defamatory in publishing or discussing the outrageous allowances Mr. Kamunanga paid himself at the expense of Zambian coaches and players who won the Africa Cup Under-20 tournament.”

Mukoka stated that total amount paid to Kamunanga and others in sitting allowances for Under-20 and Under-17 tournaments in 2017 was estimated at K1.4 million.

“The FAZ president pocketed K230,000 for meetings held in a period of less than 60 days.

“This careless and imprudent management of resources by individuals managing an entity with a huge financial deficit and struggling to meet its obligation is a matter of public interest and cannot be justified through abuse of the FAZ Code of Conduct,” he stated.

“If there is anyone who should be sanctioned by the Ethics Committee, it is Mr. Kamunanga and Mr. Katongo for perpetually contraverring provisions of the FAZ constitution and the Legal Practitioners Act of the Laws of Zambia respectively.”

Mukoka said going by Kamunanga and Katongo’s misconduct, he was left with no option but to explore all other avenues available to correct this failed leadership “that has left us prioritising illegal and unnecessary bans instead of qualifying to the Africa Cup.”

By Masuyoz Chakwa

THE Zambia Under-20 National Rugby Team bel
om a slender 14-13 win
to clinch their first Barthez' Group C trophy against hosts Uganda in

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- ~ an African football story,
- told with an African experience,
- from an African perspective.
- African journalists must be encouraged to use new media to effectively hold leaders of the African game accountable.
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