

Banjul, Gambia, January 10 (Infosplusgabon) - The Gambia Football Federation has rejected a communiqué from the National Assembly Sports Committee requesting the federation to comply “without conditions” with a team of the National Sports Council (NSC) in investigation of the federation's matters.

According to a statement issued by the federation, the national assembly’s position on the matter was contrary to FIFA’s demand and “thus the GFF cannot cooperate with their request”.

Infospmusgabon reported in November 2017 that the NSC proposed to investigate GFF officials over corruption but the federation rejected the request.

However, the NSC went ahead and suspended GFF officials: president Lamin Kabba Bajo; first vice president Abdoulie Jallow, second vice president Ebou Faye, third vice president Martin Gomez, and co-opted executive member Bakary K. Jammeh.

The GFF officials overruled the suspension insisting that the NSC lacked the mandate to take

such action.

Responding, the GFF stated it remains resolute in its decision not to recognise the NSC action and its refusal to cooperate in any investigation conducted by the Council or any entity set up by the Council in this matter based on their lack of legal mandate.

Following the request from National Assembly Sports Committee on Tuesday, the GFF has emphasized that it would not be part of illegal process to investigate its internal affairs.

"The GFF is nonpartisan and this stems from the fact that it is upholding the spirit of FIFA fair play and our desire to developing the game in the country.

"Our refusal to not cooperate with the purported investigation mounted by the National Sports Council is also premised on the FIFA letter addressed to the President of the GFF on 22 November 2017, which emphasized that in accordance with art. 14 par. 1 let. i), and par. 3, and art. 19 par. 1 of the FIFA Statutes, all Member Associations, including the GFF, are obliged to manage their affairs independently and without undue influence from any third party", the GFF maintained.

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