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The new Turkish Legislation against the violence in sports events
Recent developments : match fixing

1. By enacting the law No.5179, the Turkish state tried to prevent violence and disorder in the conduct of sports events. This law was later supplemented by several rules.

Noting the insufficiency of legal and associative dispositions to control the evil gnawing professional football, the Turkish Parliament has adopted on 14.04.2011, a new law, Law No. 6222, which supplements and amends the grounds of the previous legislation.

Ranging from fines, to prohibition of the abettors of disorder to enter the stadiums, the new legislation extends to the application of severe prison sentences against those who violate the law.

Regardless of punitive sanctions provided by law, sports federations can, as they have been able to so far, apply themselves disciplinary sanctions. They may even relegate a team to a league below, prohibit the participation to championships or apply very high fines.

2. What is new: The new law is innovative such that the match fixing or attempting to the match fixing has become a criminal violation explicitly recognized by law and is very severely punished.

The penalties involving personal restraint provided for such violation may even go up to 12 years imprisonment and fines of several thousands of dollars.

Just coming into force, the application of Law no. 6222 in field of "match fixing" created an "earthquake " in the world of Turkish professional football. Indeed, in July 2011, several leaders of major clubs such as Fenerbahce and Besiktas have been prosecuted.

3. Synthesis - Three main aspects will be developed during my presentation:

- Critical Review of the new legislation with respect to legal and practical aspects,
- Review of developments in Turkey in terms of match fixing and their consequences,
- Role and influence of the FIFA and UEFA in this area and future provisions in Turkish professional football.

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