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To
European Handball Federation

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Sent by email

ATTN: Mr. Michael Wiederer, Secretary General of European Handball Federation
Mr. Markus Glaser, Competition

Subject: Reaction from Macedonian Handball Federation

Dear Handball Friends,

On behalf of the Macedonian Handball Federation, we would like to express our deep distress regarding the Czech Republic National Team reaction in reference with the WCH Qualification match between Macedonia and the Czech Republic played in Skopje on 15th June 2016.

Namely, the media sources that quote the Czech Republic Handball Federation reaction concerning the refereeing at the above mentioned match, are one-sided, equivocal and unsubstantial according to the impressions of the Macedonian Handball Federation expert analysis of the match.

Namely, the objection of the Czech Federation regarding the 2 minutes suspension of the Czech player while our player, Naumche Mojsovski, was bleeding and his lip was being stitched by the doctors is more than absurd!

We would use this occasion to also mention our player's (Filip Mirkulovski) with bloody nose and Stojanche Stoilov's fractured ankle and amongst these obvious red-card situations, we consider that at times of the match, the referees were too forgiving on the rather aggressive style of the Czech team game.

We would also like to address the outrageous complain on the audience in the arena mentioned in the reaction of the Czech Handball Federation.



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Our “VIP Arena Boris Trajkovski” is made according to the highest international standards for this type of edifices. Exactly 110 people of private security agency were hired by the Macedonian Handball Federation, plus uniformed police officers were present in the Arena during the match to watch for around 5000 spectators. The handball is the most popular sport in Macedonia, and yes, the fans were loud and synchronized while cheering our team! As federation, we also provided for support of the Czech team by inviting the employees of the Czech Embassy in Skopje and Military Generals of the Czech HQ who watched the match together with the VIP guests of the Macedonian Handball Federation.

Regretfully, we cannot say that we were greeted the same way in Zlin! The school arena in Zlin hardly had any security and the Czech audience was rather hostile! The timing of the match (Saturday, 12:30 hrs), according to me personally, is contradictory with the endeavors of the Czech Handball Federation for promoting the handball sport!

Taking into consideration the fact that there will be another match with the Czech national handball team for the EURO 2018 Qualifications, we expect a more adequate timing and by any means, more adequate arena with appropriate infrastructure for a match of that high importance.

Respected gentleman, the Macedonian Handball Federation is investing lots of resources and efforts in this sport, which undoubtedly holds the primacy of all sports in the Republic of Macedonia. All those efforts, time and money are based on respect: respect for our players, opponents, officials, colleagues, media, fans and above all, the referees. And that is because we are all here for the same mission, no matter who is on the opposite goal when the match starts. The handshake at the end of the match exists for a reason: it reminds us on the point of fair-play. On the point of handball.

I would like to end this communication by sending my assurances of highest consideration to the handball authorities quoted hereto.

With sports regards,

Macedonian Handball Federation

Filip Miloshevski

Secretary General

