

PRESS RELEASE

STATEMENT ON HOOLIGANISM AT KASARANI DURING GOR MAHIA FC vs A.F.C LEOPARDS SC MATCH ON 25TH AUGUST 2018

First and foremost, the National Executive committee of A.F.C Leopards SC highly condemns in the strongest terms possible the acts of hooliganism that were witnessed on Saturday 25th August 2018 at Moi International Sports Centre at Kasarani during the match between Gor Mahia FC and A.F.C leopards SC

Having stated our club's position on hooliganism, we would like to make the following observations.

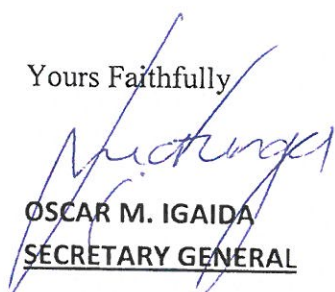
1. The home team is responsible for providing security and on this occasion no police officers were present in the stands to act as a deterrent measure to any fan who may have bad intent. A derby is a high risk match and we believe that police officers were not deployed as per the requirements of a match of such magnitude and/or as per the agreement in the security meetings.
2. The Events leading to Gor Mahia's Second goal and actions of the referee should be investigated as such officiating are hurting the game's reputation. A two footed challenge is a caution-able offence to the minimum (A straight dismissal always) but in this case it was waved play on. Such acts of officiating incite the fans into unwarranted action. As a club, we have raised the issue of poor officiating with KPL/FKF but note that the same is not receiving the desired attention.
3. The actions of our counterparts coach after the second goal should be discouraged as it doesn't show sportsmanship and only acts to incite fans.
4. This is not the first time that the two clubs have met this year and it's not the first time we have lost, it therefore requires more investigations as to what caused the disruption other than being quick to blame AFC Leopards SC.
5. The hooligans who were pictured destroying seats at the stadium are not members of our club and we have engaged members who can identify them to help bring them to book for tainting the image of the club

Finally, the management assures the football fraternity, Sports Stadia Management board, FkF ,KPL and Our Sponsors -Sportpesa our total support and cooperation with investigators to ensure

that the culprits are brought to book and that the incidents of violence do not occur again in future.

DATED THIS 27th DAY OF August 2018

Yours Faithfully


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SECRETARY GENERAL