

KHOZA: LEAVE PSL OUT OF IT!

Chairman refuses to be drawn in the lower tier leagues' mess

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THE responsibility to clampdown on corrupt lies with the SA Football Association (Safa).

The association will have to work hard to rid the game of the scourge tarnishing the image of local football.

According to PSL chairman Irvin Khoza, the PSL has no jurisdiction over football in the lower leagues nor the match officials. This is in the wake of an incident where an angry fan nearly mowed down players, officials and fans with his car, ostensibly in protest of the poor officiating during the Safa ABC Motsepe League match in the North West last week.

While such incidents are a common occurrence in the third and fourth tier divisions, the incident in question was captured on camera, which has since gone viral.

The incident has brought the spotlight back on the corruption which is rampant in amateur football.

"I can't talk about the event because I don't have the facts," said Khoza.

"I only saw the pictures in the newspaper. In the PSL there are certain compliance that you must adhere to, including the SASRIA Act which states that for every event that takes place in the country, depending on the number of people attending, it must be categorised.

"I can't talk about the event (Safa league) because it does not fall under the ambit of the PSL, the NSL ambit for any investigation."

However, Khoza, who recently announced the PSL's Memorandum of Understanding with the SAPS to help combat crime through sport, has condemned the incident, adding it wasn't good for the image of football in the country.

"The incident is terrible for the advert of football in our country. It can't be condoned," he added.

"Even if the event is the Mahlobo Games category for instance, you still need to apply to the police. For any gathering where you expect a certain number of people to assemble, you need to make sure you comply with certain elements and avoid such incidents

from taking place. For PSL events, we submit our fixtures to the police at the beginning of the season for the categorisation of risk."



PSL chairman Irvin Khoza says they can't comment on shenanigans in the lower tier leagues.

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