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Turkish Under-21 to play two matches behind closed doors

Cissé suspended for five matches; Giggs banned for two matches

The UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body has ordered the Turkish Under-21 national team to play its first two home matches of the European Under-21 Championship 2004/06 behind closed doors.

Various incidents occurred at the Turkey – Germany Under-21 play-off match in Istanbul on 18 November. Numerous missiles were thrown onto the pitch hitting the referee and two match officials. One of the assistant referees was also kicked in the tunnel. A fine of 50'000 CHF was also imposed on the Turkish FA for these incidents as well as for the physical attacks of German players by Turkish security staff.

Two Turkish players were suspended, Beyhan Sümer for five matches for being sent off and for attacking the German goalkeeper at the end of that game, and Aslan Kemal for four matches for punching two German players in the face after the final whistle. These suspensions will apply to the qualification matches of the FIFA World Cup 2006.

The Turkish FA was also fined 30'000 CHF for the improper and aggressive behaviour of its players and officials towards the referee at the end of the match, as well as for delaying the kick-off of the EURO 2004™ play-off against Latvia in Riga on 15 November. Turkish player Asik Emre was suspended for four matches for elbowing an opponent during that game.

UEFA's Control and Disciplinary Body suspended French player Djibril Cissé for five matches further to his dismissal at the France – Portugal European Under-21 Championship play-off match against Portugal on 18 November in Clermont-Ferrand.

Cissé was sent off for deliberately kicking an opponent. The player then did not leave the pitch immediately, protesting and insulting the referee as well as acting aggressively towards Portuguese players.

At the end of the same game, another French player, Gaël Givet acted in a particularly aggressive and insulting way towards the referee and was therefore suspended for two matches.

As both players are no longer eligible to play for their Under-21 national team due to their age, these suspensions will apply to the matches of the French A national team to be played next summer at UEFA EURO 2004™ in Portugal.

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A fine of 10'000 CHF was also imposed on the French Football Federation for the general improper conduct of its players as well as for delaying the kick-off of the first half of extra time.

The Portuguese FA was handed a fine of 10'000 CHF and ordered to pay for the damages caused by its players in the dressing room at the end of the same match.

Ryan Giggs was suspended for two matches for elbowing an opponent during the Russia-Wales UEFA EURO 2004™ play-off match that took place in Moscow on 15 November.

A fine of 50'000 CHF was imposed on Galatasaray SK for the setting off and throwing of numerous Bengal lights and missiles at their UEFA Champions League match played in Istanbul against Olympiacos CFP on 21 October.

Remaining decisions taken at the meeting of the UEFA Control and Disciplinary on 4 December will be communicated next Wednesday 10 December.