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1.FIFA-Organised Crime slide:

Good afternoon – My presentation today is a much reduced version of a chapter I've written for a book on governance published by the South African Institute of Security Studies. I was in Cape Town last week doing the keynote at the launch. It's a good book! (show)

Many of FIFA's luminaries will be visiting America later this year in connection with America's bid to stage the 2018 or 2022 soccer World Cup. Look out for the business monopolies and cartels they hope to impose.

My definition of Organised Crime has two boxes to tick. The first is - a bunch of crooks committing criminal acts with the goal of profit.

Secondly, they have high level protection.

FIFA tick both these boxes; the evidence shows they qualify as a globally organised crime syndicate.

Today I want to focus on 3 of FIFA's crime bosses.

2 Blatter pic:

Meet President Joseph Sepp Blatter, the notorious ballot-box stuffer and a man who knows more than most of us about bribery, corruption

and kickbacks on contracts. He's reluctant to talk about it. So I tried with a BBC TV crew

3 VIDEO – Blatter walking:

4 Chuck Blazer pic 1:

Nearer home - meet New York's Chuck Blazer. He is the most senior official of your regional football franchise CONCACAF. . .

5 CONCACAF LOGO:

. . . The Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football.

6 Chuck Blazer/Specs pic:

Chuck is CONCACAF General Secretary. He keeps a close eye on the Concacaf treasurer – every time he looks in a mirror. Talking to yourself speeds-up the reporting process – and saves on printing, travel and hotel bills.

7 Chuck Blazer/Brown pic:

How's this for protection? British Prime Minister Gordon Brown has to make nice – we want the World Cup.

CONCACAF started life registered in the Caymans, relocated to the Bahamas and may have moved on to another user-friendly island.

8 Chuck Blazer/Merc pic :

Nice car? Chuck runs the CONCACAF office in Trump Tower on Fifth Avenue where he also has apartment - or from his beach house on Paradise Island, Nassau, or from his restored farmhouse in North Carolina. Don't ever think there's no money in soccer.

9 MasterCard case:

But Chuck has a credibility problem here in America. When the MasterCard company lost its World Cup sponsor contract to VISA, it sued FIFA for breach of contract.

Sepp Blatter was not perturbed. He sent Chuck to bamboozle Manhattan judge Loretta Preska.

10 MasterCard graphic:

Chuck held forth in his commanding way. Judge Preska listened.

Awarding judgment to MasterCard she noted –

“Mr Blazer's testimony was generally without credibility - based on his attitude and demeanour and on his evasive answers on cross-examination.”

She added that it was “fabricated.”

President Blatter didn't think this merited a reference to FIFA's Ethics Committee – little is – and hurriedly paid \$90 million to MasterCard to go away.

11 Warner – outside - pic:

Chuck has no problems with the rackets run by his close associate, CONCACAF boss, Trinidad's Jack Warner.

The officials of his 40 member nations in this region are silent.

There's more free debate in Pyongyang than in Warner's confederation.

12 Warner/Blatter pic:

It's similar at Blatter's FIFA. You'll never hear an American accent demand free speech. Never. Oh, and the Brits are as bad.

Here . . . Blatter showing Warner where the money's hidden.

13 Warner/Kerik:

Warner fantasises of becoming Trinidad's prime minister. He talks about law 'n' order. He made a big fuss of bringing this man to Trinidad to launch a clean-up. Recognise Bernie Kerik?

14. Warner jail picture:

Here's Jackula – as he's known at home - outside a Trinidad jail trying to raise bail for an associate in a Miami-based scam.

He also treats the USA with utter contempt.

15 Aaron/visa scam document:

A few years ago a source gave me this document. It had been through several fax machines but is just legible.

Here's CONCACAF boss Warner writing to a Mr Colin Aaron of Guyana, summoning him to be a match official at the upcoming FIFA Women's World Cup in Los Angeles.

Let's start with the date of the letter: June 14, 1999. Mr Aaron was being told he was needed the next day in America. Really? That's not long to tell his family and employer and book tickets.

In fact . . . officials had been chosen two months previously and rigorously tested for physical fitness and knowledge of the rules.

The address he gave to the US Embassy officials in Guyana was the prestigious Century Plaza. But that wasn't true either. Only top officials like Warner stayed there. Match officials had more humble accommodation.

And the tournament was nothing to do with Warner's Concacaf empire. It was controlled by the global body, FIFA. So Warner had no power to issue this invitation.

The official procedure was for the invitation to go first to national associations who then informed individual officials and told them how to apply for visas and get their tickets from FIFA's travel office in Zurich.

Mr Aaron took this letter to the US embassy in Guyana. They gave him a US visa, based on a letter drafted to deceive them.

Subsequently Mr Aaron's name did not appear on any list of match officials.

It **never** could have: **All** the officials at the women's World Cup were women.

16 Warner finger:

Jack Warner, a FIFA vice-president, was a member of the committee that made that women-only decision six months earlier. So Warner – a compulsive, habitual liar - was at it yet again. I first published this story in April 2002. I am still waiting for Warner to respond.

He was involved in a criminal conspiracy against this country. So where is his protection?

17. Poor Warner and Obama:

Here he is last year inside the White House . . . with the corrupt Blatter

18. Obama- Blatter & Warner:

What a topsy-turvy world where a US president has to make nice with offshore fraudsters like these two . . .

Is hosting the World Cup **that** important?

The World Cup is very important to Warner and his sons. There's some great rackets to run.

18A: Warriors pic:

Warner will rob anybody – even his national team, the heroic Soca Warriors. Trinidad was the smallest nation to qualify for the World Cup in Germany in 2006.

19 LOC page:

The Warners set up this private company to harvest the World Cup income from tickets, TV rights, Government support, and selling sponsorships to companies like Adidas totalling at least US\$26 million - plus a FIFA payment of around US\$6.5 million to all finalists in Germany. And they've kept it.

Here you see listed Jack Warner, his son Daryll and three timeservers from his entourage. Here's how they spend the money they've stolen from the team.

20 Daryll & Daryan pic:

Here's Daryll Warner, on the left and brother Daryan – I'll tell you about his rackets in a moment - in a champagne-fuelled Hummer on their way to a Chelsea game in London last year. Although his father set up the company to rob the national team it was Daryll who did the paperwork.

The Warner family also invest some of their ill-gotten gains in property here in Miami.

Former English Premier League star, goalkeeper Shaka Hislop (– you’ll see him on ESPN soccer these days –) told me what Warner did to the team.

21 Shaka Hislop vid:

I filmed that interview 3 years ago for the BBC. Warner still won’t produce the accounts revealing how much he has stolen.

Warner’s a wealthy man. Most of the squad are not. Shaka told me at the weekend that they still feel ‘outrage’ at their treatment.

Two years ago Warner tried to get rid of them with cheques for a miserable US\$1,700 each. Disgusted, most donated the pittance to charity.

22 CONCACAF Cheque:

But . . . that money didn’t come from the Trinidad company controlled by the Warners.

It came from a CONCACAF account at the Republic Bank via a Bank of America account in Miami.

May I remind you that the USA and the US Virgin Islands are members of CONCACAF. So it looks like you guys helped pony up the cash.

But you’ll never know because Warner’s tame accountant audits his private company’s books – and all his soccer federations as well. It’s one seamless business.

23 Jack Warner pic

As a FIFA vice-president Jack Warner has insider access to valuable World Cup tickets. He’s been dealing big time for two decades.

In the past, when I've tried to interview him for BBC-TV he's either punched me or told me to 'Go Fuck Yourself' – both times on camera – both times saying so much about the guys who control FIFA.

After one incident he went on a public platform in Trinidad – a multi-racial country and ranted. . .

24 Newspaper clip:

'No foreigner – particularly a white foreigner will come to my country and harass me, intimidate me and push me around.'

The video clip of him ranting is on my website.

After the last World Cup I obtained a secret FIFA report by Ernst & Young on Warner's rackets. He'd had around 6,000 tickets that he sold for \$3 million profit. He refused to discuss this with the BBC so we just happened to be there when he flew into Zurich airport.

25 Zurich-Warner (video)

26 Daily Mail tix story

I'd disclosed Warner's racket in a London newspaper. It looked like he was in big trouble.

But Warner controls CONCACAF's 35 votes –including America's - out of 208 at every FIFA congress. President Blatter needs Warner – and you– to stay in power.

A Blatter bag carrier made what he called 'inquiries' and ruled that Jack was innocent and it was all the fault of son Daryan.

27 WARNER & Daryan pic

Then came the draconian punishment.

Daryan, here with daddy was told not to do it again.

In secret, FIFA fined Daryan around \$1 million. There is no evidence it has been paid.

To remain in power Sepp Blatter gives Warner anything he wants.

Like the TV rights to the World Cup for the Caribbean territory, including the US Virgin Islands.

He's had them since 1990. He's probably made about \$20 million for this year.

This is a gross conflict on interest. A complete breach of FIFA's ethics code. Will the American soccer federation be complaining?

You at the back – stop laughing.

28 Adamu pic – with Blatter pic:

It's not only Jack Warner who likes those US dollars, banked in a safe place.

Here on the right, with Sepp Blatter, is Nigeria's wealthiest public servant, Amos Adamu, a member with Warner of FIFA's ruling executive committee. Be nice to him – his vote will be essential to America's bid to stage the World Cup.

29 Adamu Bank doc:

But do note this curious document. Amos Adamu was CEO of the 2003 All-Africa Games in Abuja. He signed this letter to the Nigerian Olympic Committee. The best place to bank a \$200,000 grant from the IOC was at the Amex branch in New York – the heart of Africa's sport action.

In the subsequent correspondence the amount shrank in the Nigerian money washing machine to \$180,000. Sadly, seven years later, Amos Adamu has been too busy to present audited accounts for the event. Or any accounts.

(pause)

How did we get here?

30 DASSLER pic

Meet Horst Dassler, who ran his family's Adidas sportswear company in the 1970s and 1980s.

31 DASSLER - Barca

Here is Horst – in the middle - in Barcelona in the 1970s.

He was in town looking for a deal with a man who wanted to become president of the International Olympic Committee.

Dassler wanted the marketing rights to the Olympics. In 1980 he fixed the vote. His man was elected.

32 Samaranch – right arm pic

And here is that man, Juan Antonio Samaranch who died 2 weeks ago - I wrote his obit for the *Financial Times* – He's 4th from the right in 1974, doing his favourite right-arm exercise.

He was a high-ranking official in the Franco fascist regime that ruled Spain from 1938 until the dictator's death in 1975.

Samaranch took power at the IOC at the Moscow Olympics in 1980 and threw away the positive doping results – creating the first “drug-free” games in modern history.

He threw away more positive tests in LA in 1984 because he and Dassler were negotiating the contracts to sell the clean image of the Olympics.

The entrepreneur Horst Dassler didn't have enough money in the early 1980s to pay for all the marketing rights he was acquiring - so he found a new investor.

33 Andre Guelfi pic

Andre Guelfi is a French wheeler-dealer, racing driver, money-lauderer, he ended up in jail for suit-casing \$40 million to Germany's Chancellor Helmut Kohl to help him buy an election.

Between times he provided cash to Horst Dassler and socialised with Uzbek businessmen.

34 Sam, AG and Rakhimov

Here on the left is Andre Guelfi with Samaranch and Central Asian entrepreneur Gafur Rakhimov.

35 Rogge and Rakhimov

And here's Rakhimov with current IOC president Rogge

(pause . . .)

36. FIFA logo

Horst Dassler's other big coup was taking control of world soccer. He paid the bribes to elect Brazil's Joao Havelange FIFA president in 1974.

(Pause)

For a moment . . . let's jump ahead 13 years to Dassler's memorial service in 1987 following his sudden death.

37 Dassler memorial service pic

Look – there's current FIFA president Sepp Blatter – his predecessor Joao Havelange and IOC president Samaranch – struggling to keep his right arm in his pocket.

There you have it – the Sports Mafia

38 Havelange – 2 FINGERS pic

Once Joao Havelange had control of FIFA he gave the lucrative marketing rights to the World Cup to Dassler's company, I-S-L. In return Havelange extorted tens – maybe hundreds - of millions of dollars in kickbacks.

After Dassler died the money transfers were taken over by his assistant Jean Marie Weber, now known as The Bagman.

39 Havelange, Weber, Blatter

Here's Havelange on the left with Bagman Jean Marie Weber in the middle and a young Sepp Blatter when he was FIFA's general secretary.

40 Sepp and Weber

Here they are again

41. Tunis pic

And again in Tunis in 2004. By now Blatter is FIFA president – note the intimacy of Blatter and The Bagman.

(Pause)

Jean Marie Weber got the Bagman nickname after admitting in court in Switzerland 2 years ago that he suit-cased around \$100 million – I repeat \$100 million - in bribes to sports officials, mostly at FIFA.

I was the only British reporter in court for this stunning disclosure. AP and Reuters didn't turn up.

42: Leoz named

This document from that court shows FIFA Executive Committee member Nicolas Leoz, from Paraguay, taking 2 bribes totalling

\$130,000 from the ISL company. Blatter won't discuss it. Nor will Leoz. FIFA's joke Ethics Committee is silent. So are FIFA's sponsors. So has bribe taker Nicolas Leoz been ostracised by football officials? England wants to host the WC.

43 Triesman/Leoz pic:

On the Left is Lord David Triesman – it's a political title, not hereditary – he chairs the England FA. Leoz is centre.

44 Sunil and Leoz:

And here's Sunil Gulati, President of US Soccer, 24 days ago in Ascunion, Paraguay, begging for Leoz's vote in December, for the 2022 World Cup.

45 Lowy-bidding:

America's main rival is Australia – their bid is led by Frank Lowy, a billionaire. Sepp Blatter took an instant liking to him.

46 Lowy and Blatter:

Lowy's Westfield group operate 55 major shopping malls in this country.

47 Westfield logo:

– there's 6 here in Florida.

48 His yacht:

This is his 242 ft yacht.

Do you remember Frank, a couple of years back?

49 Lowy & sons:

He and his sons were headline news in July 2008 when the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations . . .

50 Cover of doc:

. . . released a report on Tax haven banks and some US Tax criminals.

That committee, chaired by Senator Carl Levin, heard that Frank and his sons had used well-worn routes through Delaware and the Caribbean to wash \$68 million into Liechtenstein bank LGT.

51 Bank pic:

That's owned by the local Royal family who have a hereditary seat at the IOC.

52 Bank & castle:

This is their palace - The current IOC seat-warmer is Princess Nora.

Frank Lowy claimed that the committee's investigators had not given him the chance to give his side of the story.

53 Peter composite:

But when his son Peter, an American citizen who lives in Beverly Hills, was called to testify – he refused to speak, invoking his right to avoid self-incrimination.

Frank Lowy has hired a special consultant to tempt FIFA to vote the World Cup to Australia.

54 Hargitay & Marc Rich:

Meet Peter Hargitay - on the left - with a former client, American tax fugitive March Rich.

Hargitay is close to Sepp Blatter and before that did PR for Union Carbide after they gassed thousands of Indians in Bhopal in 1984. He also runs a dirty tricks outfit in Zurich that does bank accounts and phone records - including mine - for clients.

55 Hargitay composite:

Any of you ever bump into Hargitay? (*pause*) He was locked up for seven months in this city in 1997 because a court feared . . .

56 Detention 1:

. . . he would flee cocaine trafficking and bond fraud charges.

57 Detention – 2:

There was surprise when he was cleared. Later he went to work for . . .
. Trinidad's Jack Warner.

(*pause*)

Back to FIFA . . .

In 2001 the ISL company that paid the kickbacks went bust.

59 ISL offices

These were ISL's offices in the Swiss city of Zug. There's a new sports marketing company there now. They are called . . . Infront.

60 Infront image

FIFA has granted **Infront** almost identical contracts to the ones they used to give ISL - around 50 per cent of the World Cup TV rights.

61 MATCH - Ambiance

But **Infront** have got even more . . . they have joined with two other companies – both longtime cronies of Sepp Blatter - and set up a business called MATCH to exploit this summer's World Cup in South Africa.

They have been given exclusive rights on hotel accommodation, flights and tickets – and corporate hospitality.

62 Philippe pic:

This is the boss of Infront. His name is Philippe.

Hasn't he done well!

This is his uncle.

63 –JSB:

The other box to tick for Organised Crime is **Protection**.

You can't get better protection than this:

64 Brown & Blatter

65 Blatter, Sarkozy, Brown

66 Blatter & Merkel

67 Obama and Blatter and Warner

69 Putin – and Blatter

70 Alik smiling

Let's round off with another enemy of the people. Do you remember

Alik Tokh-tak-houn-ov, the Russian mobster who fixed the ice-dancing Gold medal at the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City?

Alik is on the FBI's Most Wanted List and cannot leave Russia.

He is also part of Russia's bid to host the World Cup.

(pause)

FIFA president Sepp Blatter is a member of the International Olympic Committee.

What do you think Blatter's reaction would be if he ever met Mobster Alik in a Moscow nightclub?

71 Blatter and Alik

A final thought . . . if President Obama had been properly briefed he could have asked Sepp Blatter – 'how's Charlie these days?'

72 Blatter -Taylor standing

This is Charlie.

These days he lives rent free at The Hague.

There's no handle on the inside of his door.

[PAUSE]

73 Blatter -Taylor handshake]

Yes, its Liberia's Charles Taylor, serial murderer and human rights abuser, currently on trial in Holland. Back in 1999 Blatter wanted Liberia's vote for his next presidential election.

74 AJ Slide