

To: FIDE Ethics Commission

From: Mr. Sergey Karjakin

STATEMENT

On 2 August 2019, the well-known chess journalist Yevgeny Surov published a tweet on the Twitter social network in which he speaks in a highly insulting manner about me and my long-time manager, PR director of the Russian Chess Federation and prominent journalist Kirill Zangalis, comparing our long and fruitful partnership to a relationship between a prostitute and a pimp. As can be seen from Surov's publication, it clearly refers to Kirill Zangalis as a pimp, who, according to Surov, uses me for his own personal and selfish purposes as a prostitute. This tweet was also reposted on Surov's popular chess website – chess-news.ru.

I believe that these highly insulting comparisons published by Surov in the media and social networks cause irreparable damage to the business reputation of Kirill and myself and also intentionally disparage our honour and dignity, keeping in mind that I, with the direct help and support of Kirill Zangalis, am the winner of the Candidates Tournament for the title of World Chess Champion in 2016 and a participant in the match (along with Magnus Carlsen) for the title of World Champion, the winner of the FIDE Chess World Cup 2015, the World Rapid Chess Championship (2012), the World Blitz Chess Championship (2016), and a two-time winner of the World Team Championship with the Russian team (2013 and 2019), among other things. Thus, our long-time partnership has yielded more than tangible results and has not only significantly contributed to personal success, but also to the successful development and popularization of the game of chess around the world.

Based on the foregoing, I believe that such publications cause irreparable damage to the entire chess community and require an immediate and the harshest possible response, so I therefore request that you:

1. Force Yevgeny Surov to remove the offensive tweet and make a public apology to me and Kirill Zangalis in the media.
2. Ban Yevgeny Surov from attending any chess events held under the auspices of FIDE.

I also ask to impose any other possible sanctions on Surov that the Commission deems necessary when considering this case.

Best regards,

Sergey Karjakin

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