

Blatter boss of FIFA for 4 more years

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Sepp Blatter has been re-elected as the president of FIFA. The 79-year-old beat his only rival, Prince Ali bin al-Hussein of Jordan, in a vote on Friday. Mr

Blatter now has another four years as the boss of football's governing body. In his victory speech, Blatter said: "I am the president now. The president of everybody." He was re-elected even though a major corruption scandal emerged on Wednesday. Seven top FIFA officials were arrested. Mr Blatter was not one of them but many people in football want him to resign. They say there have been too many scandals at FIFA since he became president in 1998. The UK Prime Minister David Cameron said Blatter should quit and "the sooner the better".

Mr Blatter said he took responsibility for all that is wrong with FIFA and that he would bring change. He said he would work to put FIFA in a "strong position". However, the boss of England's Football Association Greg Dyke said: "I cannot see FIFA reforming itself under Blatter. He's had 16 years to reform it and he hasn't done it." In those 16 years, Blatter took the World Cup to South Africa and put a lot of money into building the game in Asia and Africa. However, the name FIFA is now frequently linked to scandal. FIFA's major sponsors Visa and Coca Cola are asking big questions. There are also many concerns over why FIFA is doing so little about the 1,200 workers who have so far died to build the Qatar 2022 World Cup.

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Writing

Soccer is the greatest sport on Earth. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

president / vote / four years / boss / football / corruption / arrested / resign / quit / responsibility / change / strong / scandal / sponsors / concerns / Qatar 2022 World Cup

True / False

- Sepp Blatter beat two of his rivals in the vote for being FIFA president. T / F
- Blatter told people that he was the president of everybody. T / F
- Police arrested seven top FIFA officials for corruption last Wednesday. T / F
- The UK's prime minister called for Sepp Blatter's resignation. T / F
- Blatter said he took responsibility for FIFA's problems. T / F
- The boss of English football thinks Blatter will change FIFA. T / F
- Blatter has spent 19 years as head of FIFA. T / F
- FIFA has done a lot to protect workers building the Qatar World Cup. T / F

Synonym Match

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| 1. rival | a. a further |
| 2. another | b. bad |
| 3. major | c. until now |
| 4. emerged | d. big |
| 5. quit | e. improve |
| 6. wrong | f. became known |
| 7. reform | g. worries |
| 8. frequently | h. competitor |
| 9. concerns | i. often |
| 10. so far | j. resign |

Discussion – Student A

- What do you know about and think of FIFA?
- What do you think of the latest scandal?
- What do you think of Sepp Blatter?
- What should happen to the corrupt officials?
- What do you think Blatter means when he said he is the president of everybody?
- Why do so many people want Sepp Blatter to quit?
- How long do you think Blatter can survive as president?
- What good things has FIFA done?

Phrase Match

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| 1. Sepp Blatter has been | a. scandal |
| 2. victory | b. so little |
| 3. a major corruption | c. the better |
| 4. there have been too | d. responsibility |
| 5. the sooner | e. in a "strong position" |
| 6. he took | f. re-elected |
| 7. he would work to put FIFA | g. speech |
| 8. He's had 16 years | h. linked to scandal |
| 9. FIFA is now frequently | i. many scandals at FIFA |
| 10. why FIFA is doing | j. to reform it |

Discussion – Student B

- Why is soccer the world's most popular sport?
- How has big money changed soccer?
- Do you prefer the word 'soccer' or 'football'?
- Should FIFA's sponsors say more to change FIFA?
- What should FIFA do about worker deaths in Qatar?
- Why is FIFA doing so little about worker deaths in Qatar?
- What questions would you like to ask Sepp Blatter?
- What do you think his answers would be?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. h	2. a	3. d	4. f	5. j
6. b	7. e	8. i	9. g	10. c

Role Play

Role A – Wider goal posts

You think wider goal posts is the best way to make football more exciting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): no goalkeepers, extra points for goals or no offside.

Role B – No goalkeepers

You think no goalkeepers is the best way to make football more exciting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): wider goal posts, extra points for goals or no offside.

Role C – Extra points for goals

You think extra points for goals is the best way to make football more exciting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): no goalkeepers, wider goal posts or no offside.

Role D – No offside

You think no offside is the best way to make football more exciting. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): no goalkeepers, extra points for goals or wider goal posts.

Speaking – Better football

Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to make football more exciting at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • video referee | • extra points for goals |
| • four quarters | • unlimited substitutions |
| • wider goal posts | • no red cards |
| • no goalkeepers | • no offside |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.