Refs' rebuttal

REUTERS, Yokohama

World Cup referees denied allegations of a conspiracy involving South Korea on Tuesday after a number of controversial decisions helped the co-hosts reach the World Cup semi-

"We cannot ignore the fact that some other sports have suffered the ignominy of corruption in recent years," said Senes Erzik, the chairman of the Referees Committee of world governing body FIFA.

"But football is a sport that does not lend itself to such dishonesty. Anybody who really knows the game, the people involved in it, and the control mechanisms that are in place, knows in their hearts that this

In a statement FIFA president Sepp Blatter added: "Any allegations of a conspiracy in favour of Korea Republic are dismissed in their entirety."

The Koreans meet Germany in the first semi-final in Seoul later on Tuesday.

Criticism of the refereeing at the World Cup gathered pace after Spain's quarterfinal defeat to South Korea last week.

One Korean flag not yet

AFP, Seoul

Supporters of the South Korean football team said on Tuesday they had dropped a plan to use a giant flag symbolising a unified Korea during the World Cup semifinal against Germany.

The supporters' Red Devils club had planned to unfurl the giant white and blue flag printed with the Korean peninsula, at the Seoul stadium for Tuesday's semi-final.

Group C, an ill-tempered tussle "Although the plan was well eventually won 2-1 by the South meant, we have scrapped the plan because it might run against FIFA regulations and prompt politically sensitive reactions," Red Devils chairman Shin In-Chul said. to confirm their status as favourites for the title, maintaining a 100 per Red Devils and pro-unification cent record through to the last four,

activists said they wanted to display the 40 metre by 60 metre (132 feet by 198 feet) flag in full view of the global television audience to convey Koreans' wish for national unifica-

Euphoric Berlin

FROM PAGE 16 rooms will be available for watching the match."

The German branch of the Swedish furniture company IKEA had said it would be putting televisions in its stores so employees could watch the game.

But the Volkswagen car firm was made no concessions in its production schedule.

And rival car company Daimler-Chrysler found another, more

draconian solution. There, bosses had pledged not to watch the match, in solidarity with assembly line workers who must stay on the job Tuesday, spokes-

Champion

man Silke Walters said

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If luck favoured them against the Irish, it was certainly in short supply in their quarter-final against joint hosts South Korea

Injured striker Raul was sorely missed by his team mates, Fernando Morientes hit the post in extra time and Egyptian referee Gamal Ghandour ruled out two apparently legitimate goals.

After 120 minutes of football the game remained deadlocked at 0-0 and for the second time in a row Spain had to endure the torment of a

Frequently among the pre-

tournament favourites, they have

not made the semifinal stage since

1950 and have yet to throw off their

tag as perennial under-achievers on

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nerve-racking penalty shoot-out. Ironically it was Spain's man-ofthe-match Joaquin who missed the only penalty in the shoot-out and

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handed victory to the hosts. For Spain, their exit completes another chapter in their catalogue of throw us out," he raged. World Cup disappointments.

Koreans fans are furious at the slights from Europe on a team of which they are justifiably proud after all, before these finals South Korea had never won a World Cup

Both teams are playing a lot better collectively than in the group games and if we are not at our very best we will not win anything." Juninho, who is expected to replace suspended midfielder

stay calm and ensure that we are at

the top of our game against Turkey.

GRATEFUL KOREANS: Korean fans hold a giant banner thanking the Netherlands for their national side's coach

Guss Hiddink before the start of the World Cup semifinal between Germany and South Korea at Seoul yesterday.

Beauty and the beast

hanks Kingdom of Netherlands

Ronaldinho for Wednesday's game, believes that while Turkey could cause problems Brazil must not be suckered into changing their style. "It's a difficult game - I think more

difficult than the first one," the former Middlesbrough man said. "They are playing well, they have good players and are confident. "We have to attack, we have to

play the same way and look for the goals, it is what we do best," he said. But Brazil must defend well. Our defenders have been brilliant in the last two games, so I hope they can keep it up because Turkey have some very good footballers." Rivaldo, currently the tourna-

ment's joint top-scorer with Ronaldo and Germany's Miroslav Klose on five goals, believes the semifinal is a chance to settle a score.

"We won the first match because we were better, not because of the referee or an invented penalty," said Rivaldo, who sparked uproar in the earlier game after helping get Hakan Unsal sent off by pretending he had been hit in the face when the Turkish player kicked the ball at his

legs.
"This is a chance for us to prove

World's apart

dismissed in their entirety".

AFP, Saitama

here on Wednesday.

fresh in the memory.

Brazil believe they will have over-

come the most difficult obstacle

standing between them and a

record fifth World Cup if they beat

underdogs Turkey in their semifinal

Only a dubious penalty pre-

vented the Turks from snatching a

draw against the Brazilians when

the two sides met in the first round's

While Brazil have since gone on

the escape against Turkey remains

organised side asked awkward

questions of the South Americans'

defence on the counter-attack and

are perfectly equipped to find the

sort of holes on the flanks that often

pop up against teams like Brazil who

"I think the semifinal will be more

"The first game against Turkey

employ a three-man defensive unit.

difficult to get through than the final,"

Brazilian wing back Roberto Carlos

was the toughest battle we have had

here and we know we will have to be

very, very careful if we are to get

past them again. The room for error

"The important thing for us is to

will be minimal, if not non-existent.

Turkey's compact, well-

Britain's respected Daily Telegraph newspaper sided with the Spaniards and called for fans to support Germany in the semi-final

"Warning: do not cheer for South Korea. They have no right to be in a World Cup semifinal. Spain should be playing Germany in Seoul ... this tournament has descended into farce," it said.

Anyone trotting out the theory that sports and politics should never

mix have been given a slap in the Even Italy's Public Administration Minister Franco

Frattini saw fit to comment on his nation's second-round defeat in extra-time to the Koreans. "An indecent and scandalous

referee! I've never seen a match like that. It seemed like they got around a table and decided in advance to

"Spain and Italy should not return

to Korea in a hurry, their actions have been despicable," said Kim Hyo-Young, an 18-year-old high

school student Kim Yoon-Yi, a management consultant, said: "We didn't expect to get this far. Actually Korean people just wanted the team to get into the last 16, so they don't have that much expectancy.

"Korean people don't want to win the World Cup with the help of the referees.

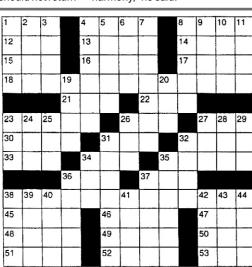
"If the referees made mistakes that is their problem," she added.

Television viewers in European and South American nations already eliminated from the competition have showed flagging interest as the time differences have taken their toll.

But in South Korea, seven million people were expected on the streets on Tuesday to roar their team to

victory. After a week of heated accusations. Turkish coach Senol Gunes tried to elevate Wednesday's semifinal with Brazil to a puritanical level.

"We see football as something that encourages love, peace and harmony," he said.



CRYPTOOUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE OLD FARMER LOST TRACK OF WHICH COWS HE HAD MILKED. IT WAS UDDER CONFUSION.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals R The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, It will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

SCORING CHART

AFP, Seoul

World Cup scorers after Tuesday's semifinal match: 5 - Miroslav Klose (GER), Rivaldo

(BRA), Ronaldo (BRA). - Jon Dahl Tomasson (DEN),

Christian Vieri (ITA). 3 - Michael Ballack (GER), Pape Bouba Diop (SEN), Robbie Keane

(IRL), Henrik Larsson (SWE) Fernando Morientes (SPA) Pauleta (POR), Raul (SPA), Marc Wilmots (BEL). 2 - Ahn Jung-Hwan Ahn (KOR)

Jared Borgetti (MEX), Henri Camara (SEN), Nelson Cuevas (PAR), Landon Donovan (USA), Fernando Hierro (SPA), Ronald Gomez (CRC), Hasan Sas (TUR), Junichi Inamoto (JPN), Brian McBride (USA), Michael Owen (ENG), Ronaldinho (BRA), Umit Davala (TUR). 1 - Milenko Acimovic (SLO), Julius

Aghahowa (NGR), Niclas Alexandersson (SWE), Francisco Arce (PAR), Gabriel Batistuta (ARG), David Beckham (ENG), Vladimir Beschastnykh (RUS) Beto (POR), Oliver Bierhoff (GER) Cuauhtemoc Blanco (MEX), Marco Bode (GER), Raouf Bouzaine (TUN), Gary Breen (IRL), Bulent (TUR), Sol Campbell (ENG), Jorge Campos (PAR), Sebastjan Cimirotic (SLO), Hernan Crespo (ARG), Alessandro Del Piero (ITA), Agustin Delgado (ECU), Salif Diao (SEN), Damien Duff (IRL), Edmilson (BRA), Emre Belozoglu (TUR), Samuel Etoo (CMR), Khalilou Fadiga (SEN), Rio Ferdinand (ENG), Diego Forlan (URU), Quinton Fortune (RSA) Èmile Heskey (ENG), Matt Holland (IRL), Hwang Sun-Hong (KOR), llhan (TUR), Carsten Jancker (GER), Junior (BRA), Valery Karpin (RUS), Pawel Kryszalowicz (POL), Thomas Linke (GER), Clint Mathis (USA), Benedict McCarthy (RSA), Edison Mendez (ECU), Gaizka Mendieta (SPA), Teboho Mokoena (RSA), Richard Morales (URU), Hiroaki Morishima (JPN), Hidetoshi Nakata (JPN), Oliver Neuville (GER), Siyabonga Nomvethe (RSA), John O'Brien (USA), Ivica Olic (CRO), Emmanuel Olisadebe (POL), Park Ji-Sung Park (KOR), Winston Parks (CRC) Patrick Mboma (CMR), Lucas Radebe (RSA), Milan Rapaic (CRO), Alvaro Recoba (URU), Roberto Carlos (BRA), Dario Rodriguez (URU), Dennis Rommedahl (DEN), Rui Costa (POR), Roque Santa Cruz (PAR), Bernd Schneider (GER), Seol Ki-Hyeon (KOR), Wesley Sonck (BEL), Takayuki Suzuki (JPN), Anders Svensson (SWE), Dmitri Sychev (RUS), Egor Titov (RUS), Gerardo Torrado (MEX), Valeron (SPA), Peter Van der Heyden (BEL), Johan Walem (BEL), Paulo Cesar Wanchope (CRC), Mauricio

Davala defends

REUTERS, Saitama

has defended his home-made Mohican haircut, one of the most shocking in a World Cup of outland-

"I think it's good," he told laughing reporters. "My team mates cut my hair and I think it's very success-

not a perfect imitation.

haircut

ish hair-dos.

3. Costa Rica 4. China SECOND ROUND June 18, in Miyagi, Japan

Turkey 1 (Umit Davala 12) Japan - 0 QUARTERFINAL June 22, in Osaka, Japan

Umit Davala said the style had been inspired by, and loosely modelled on, the largely shaved head of

made minimum five dollar investments on both South Korea and Japan. "You could almost picture him driving to the next TAB," he said.

"It wasn't every day but it was at least twice a week and it was always 10.30 in the morning - he was like clockwork. It became a bit of humour here, but now he's up for some serious money and I suppose good luck to

They believe the person spent 1,250 dollars in 125 bets. LUCKY THIFF

REUTERS, Seoul

A South Korean judge denied an arrest warrant on Monday for a teenager who had been detained for theft and urged him to cheer the national soccer team which has reached the World Cup semi-finals.

3,400 won (\$2.82) last Friday from a car parked in Chonju, one of the 10 South Korean cities hosting the World Cup finals, a court official said.

"Rather, I decided to give him an opportunity to cheer the national team to boost his loyalty for the nation," he said

BLATTER NOT SURPRISED

AP, Tokyo

Semifinalists South Korea and Turkey are not one-hit wonders, and their success at the World Cup is proof that now "everybody can beat everybody," FIFA President Sepp Blatter said Tuesday.

"I announced surprises before the beginning of the World Cup," Blatter said in an interview with The Associated Press. "The Europeans, when they won the World Cup, they've won in Europe," Blatter said. "The South Americans, they've won when the

burnt out following a long and tiring season, Blatter said it was up to more time to recuperate

"A decision must be made by the whole football family to cut down the number of matches to a certain number."

Mount Samba to scale

"Otherwise, we've no injuries, Okan

is good."
"We have watched Brazil with admiration in the past World Cups," Gunes said. "Now we are now competing with it. We've proved that

we're not behind any world team. "There is no intimidation. We know Brazil are a good team. We've already played them and we know that that have talented players. We are talented too and whoever plays best on the day will win," Hasan Sas, who scored against Brazil in the group C defeat, said.

Turkey's players, most of them accustomed to European success with Galatasaray, say they see their semi-final as a step on the way to a World Cup win, not as an achievement in itself. "It's great to be here in the semi-

final after the problems we've had but everyone should understand that this was not a coincidence, said Hasan. "We have proved by reaching the

semi-finals how talented the Turkish player is and what a good team we Defender Alpay Ozalan said he had been impressed by Brazil's attack force of Ronaldo and Rivaldo in their opening match but was

confident he could keep them under

"We know, I know, how good they are. I knew from a distance how good Ronaldo was before the Brazil game but I saw for myself during the game that he was even better. I'm working now on closing him down.

21-Emre Belozoglu; 17-Ilhan Mansiz

FROM PAGE 13

1. Brazil

2. Turkey

4. China

Belgium - 0

3. Costa Rica

SECOND ROUND

QUĂRTERFINAL

June 13, in Seoul

1. Brazil

Turkey

Senegal - 0

Turkey: 1954

PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1990,1994, (champions),1998.

June 17, in Kobe, Japan

June 21, in Shizuka, Japan

GROUP STAGE TURKEY

Turkey 1 (Hasan Sas 44)

England 1 (Michael Owen 23)

June 3, in Ulsan, South Korea

June 9, in Inchon, South Korea

Costa Rica 1 (Winston Parks 86)

Turkey 1 (Emre Belozoglu 56)

Brazil 2 (Rivaldo 67, Ronaldo 87)

Brazil 2 (Rivaldo 45, Ronaldinho 50)

Brazil 2 (Ronaldo 50, Rivlado 87pen)

Turkey 1 (Ilhan Mansiz 94 golden goal)

1956: Brazil-1, Turkey-0, Friendly, Turkey

PREVIOUS WORLD CUP APPEARANCES:

2002: Brazil 2, Turkey-1, World Cup, Ulsan, South Korea.

Turkey -3 (Hasan Sas 6, Bulent Korkmas 9, Umit Davala 85)

FINAL GROUP STANDINGS

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Referee: Kim Milton Neilsen (Denmark)

Juninho, 6-Roberto Carlos; 9-Ronaldo, 10-Rivaldo

PROBABLE TEAMS

Brazil: (Formation 3-5-2; Jersey numbers in the beginning): 1-Marcos; 3-Lucio, 5-

Edmilson, 4-Roque Junior; 2-Cafu, 8-Gilberto Silva, 15-Kleberson, 19-

Turkey: (Formation 4-5-1; Jersey numbers in the beginning): 1-Rustu Recber; 4-

Fatih Akyel, 3-Bulent Korkmaz, 5-Alpay Ozalan; 22-Umit Davala, 8-

Tugay Kerimoglu, 10-Yildiray Basturk, 18-Ergun Penbe, 11-Hasan Sas,

FACT BOX

FINAL GROUP STANDINGS

Brazil - 5 (Ronaldo 10, 13, Edmilson 38, Rivaldo 62, Junior 64) Costa Rica 2 (Paulo Wanchope 39, Ronald Gomez 56)

After the game is over we'll see who was successful," Alpay told report-

Turkey were livid that a last minute dubious penalty decision cost them a draw against Brazil. Their fury coloured their next match, a 1-1 draw with Costa Rica that was

the low point of their campaign. Now the Turks have a second shot at Brazil. "We were unlucky against Brazil

and we see this as a rematch. We will meet them in the semi-finals and we all know how close the cup is,' said Hasan.

"We can do it, we all believe that with all our hearts. It will be a great match," he said. Meanwhile, Brazil received a boost with the news that superstar

Ronaldo has recovered from a leg muscle ailment and is fit to face Turkey. Brazil's team doctor said. 'The way he sprinted and moved

we feel he is in condition to play," Dr. Jose Luis Runco said after practice Tuesday. Ronaldo complained of pain in his left thigh during Brazil's 2-1 win over England on Friday and was

replaced in the 70th minute. An ultrasound scan on Saturday showed there was no serious injury, and Runco said the cause probably was strain from overwork.

"There was no lesion," Runco "He had muscular fatigue,

which can happen to any athlete."

Ronaldo trained lightly Monday and felt no pain in the muscle. The workout Tuesday was heavier, and

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afterward the Inter striker was cleared was cleared to play for the

"He can play the full time if necessary," Runco said,

Ronaldo's legs have been a constant source of worry after two knee operations that kept him sidelined for nearly two years. When he returned to action last year, a series of muscle injuries further delayed his recovery.

At the World Cup, his recovery

has been surprising. In five games, Ronaldo has scored five goals and is tied with teammate Rivaldo and Germany's Miroslav Klose in the race for the Golden Boot.

Runco said he didn't expect the problem to recur if Brazil reaches the final Sunday.

"He had five days to rest, and I don't think we'll have this problem of game," he said.

Custodian Marcos was also been passed fit for the game after hurting himself in training on Monday

"He trained as usual with no problem whatsoever," said Runco. Brazil's players, once again appearing as if they were reading a

script prepared by coach Luis Felipe Scolari, all repeated the same lines about respecting Turkey. "I remember them being one of the most difficult teams we have played in this World Cup," said

"They have players who deserve respect and we know we are going to have to play really well to win He added that Brazil's tradition -

they have four world titles while

Turkey are at the World Cup for the

first time in 48 years -- meant nothing.
"We have already seen in this World Cup that tradition and name don't win anything. But we know that Brazil, with our tradition and having won four World Cups, have an

obligation to beat Turkey. The only player to veer from the diplomatic line was Edilson when he was asked about Turkish complaints that they would have drawn the opening game if it had not been for the referee.

...We can say what you want and sometimes you hear what you don't want," he said. "We'll send them a message after the game.

Thank you

FROM PAGE 16 would break rules against banners with political messages during World Cup matches.

About 100,000 people who did not have tickets waited outside the stadium and there was more than a million followers of the Red Devils supporters club in the Gwanghwamun and City Hall districts in the centre of the capital.

More than 33,000 police were to be on duty across the country amidst mounting fears of accidents linked to celebrations.

And the country is determined that the feat of becoming the first Asian team to reach the semi-finals

of the World Cup is not forgotten. South Korea's Dutch head coach Guus Hiddink has become the country's most popular foreigner because of the success of the national team in reaching the semi-

finals. Banners proclaiming Hiddink's name have been put up on buildings across the country. And the government announced before the match that Hiddink will be the first foreigner to be granted

honorary citizenship. The cabinet agreed to give honorary citizenship for the first time at a cabinet meeting Tuesday chaired by President Kim Dae-Jung,

the justice ministry said. The coach has been showered with gifts and awards since South Korea scored victories over

World Cup.

Portugal, Italy and Spain at the

watch the World Cup final because

losing in the quarter-finals will still be

because I still feel we had a team

that was good enough to go all the

game and I am convinced it's Brazil

they are not as good as Brazilian

of the best players in the world in

way and take the trophy.

who will be the winners".

teams of the past.

their side.

"Sure, the disappointment of

"That hurt will not go away

"But I'll tune in and watch the

He added: "People might say

"But for me they still have some

"You look at Ronaldo, Rivaldo

England have been knocked out.

Brooklyn the healer

Brazil: 1930, 1934, 1938, 1950, 1954, 1958 (champions), 1962

(champions), 1966,1970, (champions),1974,1978, 1982,1986,

Turkey have scored in all eight of their previous World Cup final matches.

Wednesday's game will be the 62nd of 64 matches at this year's tourna-

"But now I just want to relax and spend some time with Victoria and Brooklyn.

"And I'm not even looking to go away on holiday to do that. "After all. I've been away for six weeks during the World Cup and I

just want to be at home with my

family.' Becks revealed he is convinced Brooklyn is destined for a golden future but he's not sure vet whether it will be on the soccer pitch or the

With a top footballer for a dad and a pop star for a mum, the youngster could be kicking golden balls or recording gold discs before long. But Becks reckons Brooklyn is

"I know everybody goes on about

the amount of time I put in practising my free kicks to try and make sure they are absolutely perfect. Well, Brooklyn is showing the same kind of ability when he practises deadball situations

"And I have to admit he's already got a cracking right foot.

"But I want him to be just as good with his left one.

"So I'm putting in a lot of work with him and getting him to practise as much as he can." Once soccer practice is over,

however, Beckham Junior climbs out of his replica Manchester United or England strip and heads for an imaginary stage. Beckham said: "Brooklyn loves

to sing and dance as much as he enjoys playing football. "He obviously gets that from his mum so you never know, Brooklyn

might just take after her and build a career in showbusiness." Meanwhile, though, the youngster is keenly awaiting the arrival of a baby brother or sister in

September.

for pre-season training with Manchester United next month will find time to watch the World Cup final as he relaxes with his family.

And he is convinced Brazil will lift the trophy for the fifth time in their Japan to give his barnet a trim in time for the Brazil game. David said: "I don't know where those stories came from because it

"The only thing on my mind last week was the game.'

showing real signs of terrific talent in World Cup was in the Americas." and Roberto Carlos. both fields. David said: "Brooklyn knows he Blatter said South Korea and Turkey have proved there are no longer "And, in terms of technique and David smiled with pride as he any 'small' teams. is going to have some new company ability, there aren't three better said: "I obviously hope Brooklyn will fairly soon and he is obviously very 'That's finished. Everybody can beat everybody," he said, adding that players than them anywhere in the follow in my footsteps. excited about it. success of unheralded teams is likely to produce a "strong reaction" "Already he loves playing foot-"But he also says he is not too world." Reflecting on his amazing among soccer superpowers which will try to bounce back in the 2006 ball and even at his early age I can bothered whether he gets a brother World Cup in Germany. World Cup experience, Becks is still Responding to suggestions that smaller soccer nations only got this see signs that he could go on to be or sister to play with.' bewildered by one thing. far because top European and South American stars have effectively some player. Beckham who is due to report There were reports that he flew his hairdresser Aidan Phelan to

> Becks said: "It certainly won't be the case for me that I cannot bear to

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England and was replaced after an hour but has recovered well and Of stars and crescents REUTERS, Saitama Turkish midfielder Emre Belozoglu thinks the biggest impact of his country's World Cup success will be

expects Turkey's star and crescent flag to be all the rage. "You know, I think the fashion designers will come out of this best. We will have started a star-andcrescent trend across the world. Products in red and white with the star and crescent will break all sales records after our success," Emre wrote in a rare posting on his

on the world of fashion where he

we are better than them.'

should play.

The incoming Juninho aside,

Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari is

expected to name an unchanged

starting line-up against Turkey, with

Inter Milan star Ronaldo confident of

during the quarter-final win over

Ronaldo suffered a thigh strain

crescent on a red background. Left-footed Emre, 21, is a crucial figure in a smooth and efficient Turkish midfield that has won them a rematch against Brazil in the semifinals of the World Cup. Long the subject of interest from

English side Arsenal, the Inter Milan

player is one of a number of younger

Turkey's flag is a white star and

Turkish soccer success as the generation led by Hakan Sukur moves on. "I struggle to find the words to describe my feelings now. We have probably recorded the greatest sporting success in (Turkish) republican history," he said, promising

website. "Sometimes I think the internet site is not for me. My press advisor...gets pretty worried by the situation," Emre said.

more frequent updates to his

Wright (CRC), Yoo Sang-Chul Yoo

(KOR), Marcin Zewlakow (POL).

Turkey's right-winger Umit Davala

Germany's Christian Ziege, but acknowledged that the result was

CUP CORNER

The 16-year-old middle school student stole a notebook computer and

"He is just a teenager. I thought arresting him is bad for his education." said judge Lee Jeong-ryeol at Chonju District Court.

national federations to shorten their league seasons and give players 'The date of this World Cup was known more than two years ago," he said. "If you want to prepare properly for the World Cup, you cut the season, you have less matches in the league or cups.