

To FIDE Ethics Commission

Dear Mr. Chairman!

Dear EC Members!

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion on this story and tell you facts which you perhaps still don't know.

Just in the beginning of my letter let me point your attention at one not clear (in my opinion) moment which contains in the letter of FIDE EC from 10th November 2017:

õí as raised by you in the articles you published on the Internet on 26 and 29 September 2017.ö

The article I has published myself after the closing ceremony of WYCC in Montevideo was an original text at not very famous and basically not chess forum here:

<http://diverbium.bbhit.ru/viewtopic.php?id=165#p18235> (my nickname at that forum is Spb).

The article from September, 29 I could not õpublishö as if it was published at well-known in Russia website õChess Newsö. Chief Editor of CN Mr. Evgeny Surov was interested to publish my original article. He asked my permission by e-mail to put the story at CN and I was not against that idea (screenshots of our correspondence I can forward to the Commission). Yes, it is possible to say that I was not against that story will be widely known in Russia. That is true. But it was decision of Mr. Surov to put the story at his website <http://chess-news.ru/node/23790> .

Let me also to focus your attention at the turn of speech *õfor publishing false accusations of cheating against WFM Bibisara Assaubayevaö* on the top of the mentioned EC letter.

I would like to clarify what exactly Madame Tanzharikova considers as *false accusations of cheating*. Obviously, the chess analysis of Bibisara's games which seem suspicious to me is the secondary moment. That is my own **appraisal opinion**. Important to remark, I accentuate in my article that I never would share my suspects **publicly** if the story in the Uruguay toilet **did not happen**.

But what about conversations during a chess game in the WC cabin? That is primary moment. Does Madame Tanzharikova not consider the talk on the identification of position inside WC cabin as cheating?

The key moment of the whole case is if the conversation of Bibisara Assaubayeva in the toilet took place or not. To simplify, the question is: **Who is a liar ?**

Here are two evident possibilities:

1. The liar is WIM Elizaveta Solozhenkina who has õstipulatedö WFM Bibisara Assaubayeva.
2. The liar is mother of WFM Bibisara Assaubayeva Madame Liana Tanzharikova who claims that «story of Elizaveta is fictional».

That was her exact answer on Facebook on the direct question whether the dialogue really occurred in the toilet or not.



Tanzharikova: *öSarah did not speak with anyone in WC! Especially with herself! The story of Lisa is FICTIONAL!ö*

Mme Tanzharikova signed her complaint addressed to the FIDE Ethics Commission by October, 13. At the moment she probably was sure that there are absolutely no proofs of the words of Elizaveta Solozhenkina. And she can easily affirm about *öfictional storyö* without any risk to face with evidences. But unfortunately to Mme Tanzharikova they are. And I presented these proofs two days later, on October, 15 in my second article at the CN website which was titled *öBibisara is able to play butí ö* <http://chess-news.ru/node/23831>

After her game of round 2 (during which my daughter heard the dialogue between Bibisara Assaubayeva and unknown person in the next to her WC cabin) Elizaveta Solozhenkina discussed the event in the messenger with her mother, my wife. According to the permissions of my wife and daughter I published screenshots of that conversation.

Please, do translate the dialogue of Elizaveta Solozhenkina and her mother. I am sure that any independent translator whose native language is Russian will explain you that it is impossible to *öcreateö* the dialogue in such a natural manner. This dialogue is true. Please check the date and time on the screen of the phone. To give more proofs for readers I did publish in the article the image of Elizaveta's phone with opened conversation. Of course I am ready to present the phone itself to any representative of the Ethics Commission to prove that it is not fake.

It is notable that after publishing of my article *öBibisara is able to play butí ö* about half of *ösupportersö* of Mme Tanzharikova immediately disappeared from forums and Facebook. And Mme Tanzharikova herself suddenly stopped her activity over the internet. The word *öslanderö* used by Mme Tanzharikova in her complaint and widely used by herself and her *öteamö* in various discussions and specially written articles in the main also disappeared after 15th of October.

In the mentioned article at CN website I exposed false statements of Mme Tanzharikova made in my address on Facebook under anonyne nickname (please read about that). By these statements Mme Tanzharikova intended to undermine my reputation. But I would like to remark that not only me but also other persons with strong reputation pointed that Mme Tanzharikova has an inclination to spread false information.

In July 2017 Liana Tanzharikova announced on her Facebook that well-known person in chess world, founder of Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis Rex Sinquefield invited Bibisara Assaubayeva to live in the United States and to play for Saint Louis Chess Club. This

news Mme Tanzharikova confirmed to journalist Evgeny Surov who published an article about that at Chess News website. Please look here: <http://www.chess-news.ru/node/23512>
But later the captain of the Youth Team of the United States Michael Khodarkovsky made a statement disproving Tanzharikova's announcement, exactly the following: *Rex Sinquefeld did not invite young player to move to USA. Information about that was a fantasy of her mother.*
Please look the proof link <http://chess-news.ru/node/23857>

What is the reason to believe in words of a woman whose fantasies unmask so respected person as Michael Khodarkovsky?

I would seriously doubt of Tanzharikova's declarations like the following

Adults - chess players, trainers write to Bibisara in Facebook with charges and curses that she is a cheater and she isn't worth playing chess. I receive negative letters to my daughter.

if no proof screenshots are presented.

Another interesting statement of Tanzharikova:

From the fourth tour, arbitrators checked Bibisara with the metal detector, looked into her ears, checked her hair and clothes. Even her going to the toilet, from the fourth till the eleventh tours, was followed by arbitrators.

My simple question is: if you are a clean player you obviously should to be surprised of so huge a check (if any check really had occurred). But why don't you give any information about so disturbing you check to the head of the Russian delegation GM Mikhail Kobalia? Neither after the 4th round, nor after the 11th? Simply never?

I would like also to point out at 100% false statement of Mme Tanzharikova made in her complaint

*Solozhenkin **with his daughter** wrote the complaint to the chief arbitrator*

I filled up the form of the anti-cheating complaint **based on the episode in the toilet myself** and signed up it only myself. Simply I was alone with the Chief Arbiter IA Hal Bond. How Elizaveta Solozhenkina could wrote the complaint with me?

Can it be so that Mme Tanzharikova made this false statement in order to excite emotions in the souls of members of EC? What (as Tanzharikova dreams) will lead members of EC to impose demanded sanctions against Elizaveta Solozhenkina?

Tanzharikova's demand itself to impose sanctions against Elizaveta Solozhenkina sounds completely inadequate. And the demand to disqualify WIM Elizaveta Solozhenkina makes me thinking that Liana Tanzharikova completely lost the sense of reality. 14-year old girl found herself in unexpected new situation. She heard the voice of another player asking somebody about the current position evaluation. The girl must continue playing her game. There are no Russian-speaking referees in the tournament hall. What was wrong? The girl told about the episode after the game to her father and coach. And it was me who then decided to write the complaint (as soon as I could) and to publish the article after the end of the Championship (I will explain that my decision below).

The same inadequate claim of Mme Tanzharikova concerns GMs Sergey Shipov, Dmitry Kryakvin, Sergey Zagrebelny, Sergey Beshukov and chess journalist Evgeny Atarov.

President of Krasnodar chess Federation GM Sergey Beshukov suggested to organize the "Match of the honor". In my opinion it was a nice idea to extinguish all emotions around this story. If you consider that "there was no cheating" come in and play under announced anti-cheating measures. Prove to everybody that you are a strong 2400 level player. Play and win provided by Beshukov good winner prize (200.000 RUR).

How does Tanzharikova react?

"I organizer of tournaments Sergey Beshukov have resumed since the 11th of October, 2017 a new persecution in the form of offering a match".

About what Tanzharikova is speaking? What "persecution"?

Accusations of GMs Sergey Shipov and Dmitry Kryakvin from the part of Tanzharikova as "discrediting Bibisara's reputation" should be simply estimate by her favorite word "slander". Let Tanzharikova to prove her words by exact posts of these GMs from Facebook. She never does so. She prefers to make declarations without any proofs.

GM Sergey Zagrebelny has published an article at CN website where he shared his personal appraisal opinion on some other games of Assaubayeva <http://chess-news.ru/node/23802> . And so what? GM Zagrebelny has no right to publish his opinion if that opinion does not coincide with the opinion of Madame Tanzharikova? And he should be punished for his personal opinion expressed in absolutely correct form?

Tanzharikova wrote: *"From the 26th of September began " the war" in the Internet space".*

But it was Tanzharikova herself was a provoker and an active participant of that "war" in the "internet space" under her own name as well as under different nicknames on forums and on Facebook.

Dozens of "supporters" of Mme Tanzharikova in spite of calm discussions offered to chess community the rough manner to talk with insults and spreading false personal information. "Tanzharikova's team" repeated in different words the only thought that I am a "liar". No speaking in WC "could happen". "No way". And as I wrote above after I had presented screenshots on October, 15 the "war" steadily went to its end and now practically nobody discusses the "Uruguay case" in runet.

Nevertheless I would like to present to members of FIDE Ethics Commission one of the supporters of "Tanzharikova's Team". Only one person but really "vivid" one. His name is Ruslan Yandarbiev, chess officary from Chechen Republic of Russia. Besides posts on Facebook (where Yandarbiev pointed out to FIDE World Champion GM Alexander Khalifman what Alexander has the right to say and what he does not) he published the whole article. Please, read here: <http://chess-news.ru/node/23832> I will quote the only fragment from it:

Тем не менее к последнему туру Асаубаева пришла с реальными шансами на первое место. Победа над Лизой давала ей золото. Но Лиза, претендовавшая лишь на серебро, отобрав пол-очка, лишила сборную России важной победы.

Но не будем порицать Лизу за то, что не слила партию. Тут к ней нет претензий. Отметим всё же как несомненный факт, что Соложенкины сделали всё возможное для срыва выступления конкурентки. До судье, слезки Лизы преследовали цель выбить Асаубаеву из колеи.

Yandarbiev: ðNevertheless till the last round Assaubayeva came with real chances for the first place. Win over Liza would bring he gold medal. But Liza who expected only silver took away half a point and deprived Russian team so important victory.

But lest us not to blame Liza for that she did not intentionally lose the game! ö

How do you find that *ðlet us not to blame Liza! ö*? That is so called *ölapsus linguae* according to Sigmund Freud. Mr. Yandarbiev is really upset that WIM Elizaveta Solozhenkina did not deliberately lose the game to WFM Bibisara Assaubayeva in the last round of WYCC in Montevideo. To swindle, to cheat - that seems to be a program of activity living in the consciousness of *ðTanzharikova& Teamö* members.

And finally how do I estimate my own decision to publish that story? In fact I explained the motive in my first article. When nothing happened and there was no reply on your complaint it is difficult to accept yourself that a player who discussed in WC the position evaluation gets a medal and calmly moves to another tournament. I also kept in my mind that the decision on Sandu case was published by Anti-Cheating Commission only within two years.

Do I acknowledge that I did violate anti-cheating rules by publishing my article on September, 26? **Yes, I do.**

Did I realize that likely I will be sanctioned by FIDE Ethics Commission? **Yes, I did.**

Respectfully, GM Evgeniy Solozhenkin

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P.S.

1. You can join me by phone +7

2. I appreciate very much if the investigation who ordered to set aside delays during transmission of the games of WYCC will be held. I would like to recall (please, look my first article) that during the technical meeting in Montevideo I asked Chief Arbiter IA Hal Bond about delays during transmission of the games. He was not sure and from his part asked the representative of the technical group. The answer of the representative was something like: *ðWe did not predict delaysö*. I insisted to introduce delays. Chief arbiter accepted and during the first round it were numerous delays in transmitted games. But from the second round there were no delays. It was little delay in the beginning of the game but then at one moment games were transmitted in the real time.

I would like to notice who took the decision about setting aside of delays during transmission since second round and what was the reason of that decision.