

Where does SAMBO go?

Open letter to all presidents of national federations of SAMBO and particularly to my friend Dalil Skalli.

Dear Dalil!

I read your letter attentively and understood that I'm one of those "truth-seekers" that tries "to subject the president of FIAS to the glare of truth". Moreover, four years ago that was me who proposed to elect Mr. Shestakov as president of FIAS and I withdrew myself from elections.

I acted like this because Vasiliy Shestakov promised to allocate 10 million dollars for the development of SAMBO in the world (five million dollars for Russia and the same amount for international development). Moreover, we decided to "unite our forces to develop SAMBO". I don't know weather he allocated or not funds for All-Russian federation of SAMBO. This question can be addressed to the President of All-Russian federation of SAMBO but what I know exactly is that for international federation it is not allocated even the half of the sum during three and a half years.

"The work" was done during this time:

- Office in Lausanne was opened. What happens there we don't know and for what purpose it is made we also don't know;

- Statute of FIAS was registered – illegal on its initial attempt; and it was corrected under pressure from SAMBO community year and a half later. Is the Statute been executed? - **No**.

- Today in Pan-America, in Asia there are two continental federations of SAMBO. Does it contradict this Statute? - **Yes**.

In certain countries there are efforts to create alternative federations of SAMBO. There are already two of them in South Korea. And this conflict has been prolonging for more than 3 years.

- Promises to give money for the development of SAMBO stayed only promises and didn't materialize. There is **no budget** of the Federation of SAMBO. Claims from many countries came, but there is **no reaction**.

- We have never discussed what federation needs help and what federation doesn't need help and why.

- Everything is decided by one person-the president of FIAS. **The question is: do we have democracy or dictatorship?**

- Claim to IOC was sent with a signature of only one man - the president of FIAS. It wasn't discussed on any committee, in any meeting. **As a result we were not accepted by IOC.**

- "SportAccord" informed FIAS that our membership in this organization is at stake. [Is this a progress? Is it a movement to Olympic heights?](#)

- And finally - our pride, our discipline, the most modern and spectacular – Combat SAMBO is [excluded from the program "Games of marital arts" of 2013!](#)

I would like to remain intelligent but when a sport for which you dedicated your whole life is at stake, conventionalities recede into the background.

I propose to recall Vasiliy Shestakov from the position of president of FIAS as a person who lost confidence to save SAMBO.

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Honorable president of FIAS
1st vice-president of FIAS

P.S.

With regard to the proposition of Mr. Skalli to "start to negotiate" I think it is right. We have to assemble extraordinary congress of FIAS as quick as we can to make all national federations participate in the resolution of the issue about further destiny of SAMBO and not to allow Mr. Shestakov take any steps against SAMBO.