

# **JIT Veto Match Fixing Press Conference**

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**The International Football Betting Fraud  
Central Investigative Chief Prosecutor's Office  
HUNGARY**

# Action video



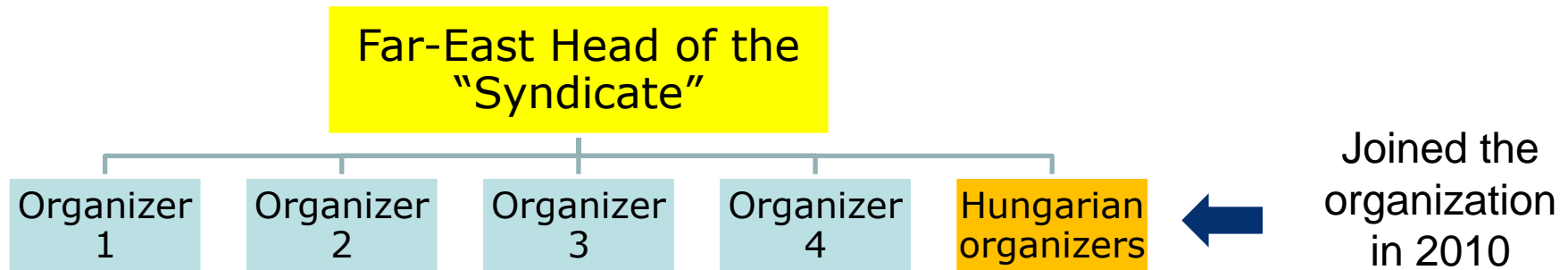
# Introduction

- The first time when Hungarian prosecutors and policemen, under the support of the Office of the Prosecutor General of Hungary have joined such a form of international cooperation in criminal matters as JIT
- Investigation upon the crime report filed in by the Hungarian Football Association against unknown perpetrator for the criminal case of bribery
- The Central Investigative Chief Prosecutor's Office (CICPO) is conducting the investigation in cooperation with the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI)
- The case is currently investigated for the felony of fraud as an organized crime and the felony of bribery with the purpose of international football betting fraud
- The Hungarian investigation authority has also carried out investigative acts in JIT member countries (Finland and Germany) and provided and received information in a rogatory letter inter alia from Italy, Croatia, Macedonia, the Isle of Man, Alderney and the Philippines.

# The first investigative actions

- CICPO and NIB took a coordinated, large-scale action on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2011
- Simultaneous-house searches on 12 scenes:
  - Large amount of physical and documentary evidence
  - Electronic data storage media
  - Large sum of money (EUR 320,000)
  - 7 persons arrested (3 football players and 4 referees)
  - on the day of the arrest all interrogated as suspects of multiple-count, organized, businesslike and cumulative fraud and bribery

# The method of the criminal organization



- **Tasks** of the Hungarian members and their helpers around matches selected and approved by the head of the syndicate:
  - organize the bribery of players and/or referees
  - arrange travel to the selected matches
  - pass the bribery money given by the head of the syndicate
  - inform the head about the accomplishment of the tasks entrusted regarding the manipulation of the match
- **Successful manipulation:** Gained net profits were equally distributed among all the members of the "syndicate" (including those who did not "work" on the particular match)
- **Unsuccessful manipulation:** expenses were borne by the organization as a whole

# Investigation facts 1

- In the case presently there are 50 persons - former and active players, referees, club owners, football managers and trainers - suspected with regard of 33 matches
- The matches include:

Matches manipulated by the criminal organization on an **international** level with the participation of the Hungarian members

- 1 Italian first division championship match
- 3 Finnish first division matches
- 1 international match
- 2 international junior team matches

Matches manipulated by the criminal organization on a **Hungarian** level

- 2 friendly international club matches
- 11 Hungarian championship matches
- 2 Hungarian cup matches
- 5 Hungarian league cup matches
- 1 Hungarian second division match
- 4 Hungarian U-19 matches
- 1 Hungarian regional first division match

# Investigation facts 2

## **Money:**

- Money spent on manipulating players and/or referees: EUR 40,000-600,000 per match
- Damages caused to football bookmakers: EUR 200,000-2,000,000 by each successfully manipulated match

## **Criminals (present situation):**

- 3 suspects held in pre-trial detention
- 1 suspect under the confinement to the place of residence
- others are not placed under any coercive measures

**Our investigation is expected to be completed by the end of February 2013.**



**Thank you for your attention.  
Any questions?**