

**Lichess:** I have a few questions. I would be grateful if you could find the time to reply:

- Do you think Azerbaijan will support you?
- Do you know if Azerbaijan's federation is considering taking further action against FIDE?
- How would you respond to criticism that you did not really want to play anyway?
- Emil Sutovsky has said that no players (other than you) raised the complaint in the correct way - by a letter, in writing. But you were the only player removed from the tournament. Do you think FIDE punished you for following the correct complaint process?
- Did (or has) the ACP offered any help towards you?
- Do you think the ACP has conflicts of interests with FIDE when they issue their statements?

**Teimour Radjabov:** Azerbaijan as a whole will support me, 1st vice prime minister and so on.

Federation already gave me the full support and most probably will act next week with open letter.

It's not a criticism that I did not want to play, it's just personal opinions, strange ones to my understanding. I have signed the contract on the 7th of February and was eager to play, conducted 1 full month of training sessions with top GM's. And planned everything to go to Yekaterinburg. I just can't understand this. Beside that it's just not correct. It's personal feelings and can be described only by the person himself. In this case by me. Rest are rumors and speculations.

ACP sent the letter to FIDE, I did not see FIDE's answer to it, that they are concerned and FIDE has to stop all the events.

No one else officially submitted the complaint, even though all the players were complaining during the event. But FIDE's decision towards me is brutal, ultimatum came from their side with times and deadlines. I was always open for discussion and answering their calls and whatsapps, but they just send the ultimatum. It seems that there was only one goal, to host the tournament, good or bad, in any circumstances. To my mind it is a wrong decision, there was even a ban by ministry of sports to host any international events on Russian territory, that was simply ignored. And a lot of other things that I have mentioned already.

FIDE is not making any proper statements as yet. Only thing what they tell us all, is that they will proceed further on with the next 7 rounds as soon as possible.

Yes I am certainly considering legal actions.

Feeling frustrated with the attitude towards me and with all that happened I am very upset about it. I have warned of it and it's exactly what happened. And I am left aside.