



REPORT ON ISS SEMINAR

Theme: Security during the Soccer World Cup in 2010: How ready is South Africa?

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Place: ISS Head Office, Pretoria

Speakers:

- Mr. Wally RhooDe - Operational Commander, Safety and Security Directorate in the Local Organising Committee
- Deputy Provincial Commissioner William Mpembe - South African Police Service (SAPS) in North West Province
- Assistant Commissioner Ben Groenewald - SAPS Head Office in Pretoria

Chair: Dr. Johan Burger- Senior Researcher at the ISS (Crime, Justice and Politics Programme)

Assistant Commissioner Ben Groenewald

Ass. Comm. Groenewald discussed the SAPS overall security plan to be executed by the Joint Operational and Intelligence Structure (JOINTS) for the 2010 FIFA World Cup. The latter, whose functions range from co-ordination to crime combating, law enforcement and intelligence, focuses especially on the so-called 'Trio Crimes' (car hijackings, business and house robberies), consists of 14 government departments as well as other role players, such as:

- The Joint Planning Team for major events
- The Joint Operational Committee (JOCOM)
- The Joint Operational Centre (JOC)

The role of relevant government structures, such as the Ministry of Safety and Security during the event was also highlighted by Comm. Groenewald. He noted that the South African Football Association (SAFA) and the Local Organising Committee (LOC) would be responsible for the implementation of safety and security measures. In addition to this, Comm. Groenewald announced that Interpol would assist South Africa with information on known criminals and so-called soccer hooligans in preparation for and during the event.

In terms of finance for security for the 2010 FIFA World Cup, the Comm. referred to a statement by Deputy Minister for Safety and Security, Susan Shabangu:

- R650 million was made available for the purchase of new equipment for police
- R640 million for the deployment of additional police officers.

Comm. Groenewald also indicated that there will be 64 matches in 9 host cities and 10 stadia for the 2010 FIFA World Cup. Comm. Groenewald indicated that Ellis Park/Coca Cola Park Stadium will be utilized for the Confederations Cup in 2009, consisting of 8 states, including South Africa and will begin on the 14th of June 2009.

Mr. Wally Rhoode

Mr. Rhoode from the LOC for the 2010 FIFA World Cup started by disagreeing with Dr. Burger and Comm. Groenewald on the idea that security for the event cannot be seen in isolation from the security provided to South Africa by the police on a daily basis. From this vintage point, Mr. Rhoode explained the structure of the LOC to qualify his statement. Mr. Rhoode also discussed the zones that they have demarcated for all stadia:

- Public Zones – SAPS responsibility
- Exclusive Zones- LOC and government
 - By-law protection
- Outer Perimeter- Around stadium
 - Ticket inspection and searches
- Inner Perimeter- Access Control
- The Stands- seat allocations will be colour coded

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In terms of accreditation of tickets, Mr. Rhoode noted that they have identified 9 zones that will be on the inside of the stadia. In addition to this, members of the public will need to buy tickets either online or at FNB. This will ensure that fraudulent tickets are not sold.

Mr. Rhoode stated that the LOC was ready, not only for the World Cup, but also for the Confederation Cup. He stipulated that plans with SAPS, in terms of safety and security in and around the stadia were in place and that in terms of broadcasting for the South African public the Home Broadcasting Services (HBS) would be assisting them.

On funding for all their 24 projects, Mr. Rhoode clarified the fact they were not funded by government, rather, they are funded by FIFA, but reiterated that even though this is the case they would be working with the relevant government institutions.

In conclusion, Mr. Rhoode noted that while he personally believed that they were ready, there were challenges:

- Development on Regulation (liquor policy, pitching, ejection policy)
- Steward Training- 7000 for Confederation Cup and 400 000 required for FIFA World Cup
- Funding
- Integration of Operational Plans- SAPS, NATJOINTS, LOC, private sector

- Incident management- FIFA authority versus state authority

Deputy Provincial Commissioner William Mpembe

Comm. Mpembe discussed the 2010 FIFA World Cup security plans on a provincial level, in particular the North West. In this regard, Comm. Mpembe clarified that SAPS was responsible for the operationalisation of the security plans in the province and thus accepted some responsibility in this regard.

Comm. Mpembe elaborated on the joint security clusters (13 of them) which will work with government, non-governmental, host cities and private security to ensure that the plan is properly executed. In light of this, Comm. Mpembe indicated that proper communication was crucial. The Comm. noted that even though the Royal Bafokeng Stadium, which has been selected as one of the stadia to be used for the 2010 FIFA World Cup and still required 42 000 upgrades, they could fight crime in and around the stadium.

Comm. Mpembe also noted that the comprehensive plan will be communicated to other provinces except the Northern Cape.

Each speaker responded to questions, which were mainly based on their presentations from the floor.

Approximately 76 people attended the seminar, including representatives from the media, embassies, SAPS and members of the Tshwane Metro Police and LOC representatives.

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