

Blatter questioned as French prosecutors open investigation into 2018 and 2022 World Cup processes

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Photo: On July 15, 2015, Sepp Blatter tells Vladimir Putin Russia has FIFA's full trust; amid corruption probe. The question today is who trusts Sepp Blatter?

By Liam Morgan for Inside the Game, Friday, 28 April 2017: Prosecutors in France have opened an investigation into the bid processes for the 2018 and 2022 World Cups amid allegations of corruption and have questioned disgraced former President Sepp Blatter. The Swiss was at the helm of the governing body when the two editions of the tournament were awarded back in December 2010. Blatter, who is currently serving a six-year ban from all footballing activity for a series of ethics breaches, was interviewed in Switzerland last week as a witness. According to Le Monde, the probe, initiated by the Parquet National Financier (PNF), is looking into private corruption, conspiracy, trading in influence and concealment of influence peddling. The French Newspaper claims the investigation has been ongoing since last year. Former UEFA President Michel Platini, who has also been banned for six years, has not been questioned. The revelations mean the bid processes for the 2018 and 2022 World Cups, due to be held in Russia and Qatar respectively, are now being investigated in three different countries. [⋮] [http://www.insidethegames.biz/article... -2022-world-cup-processes](http://www.insidethegames.biz/article...-2022-world-cup-processes)