

FINA vice-president Gyarfás arrested on suspicion of ordering murder of rival in 1998

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International Swimming Federation (FINA) vice-president Tamas Gyarfás [at right in photo] has been arrested by police in Hungary on suspicion of ordering the murder of media tycoon Janos Fenyo in 1998.

By [Liam Morgan](#) for Inside the Games, Apr 18, 2018 Gyarfás, the former Hungarian Swimming Federation (MUSZ) President who serves on the eight-person FINA Executive, was detained by police in connection with the investigation, according to state news agency *MTI*. Fenyo, who owned a portfolio of newspapers and magazines and a television network, was gunned down while in his car in February 1998. Slovakian Jozef Rohák was sentenced in life in jail for the killing of Fenyo, who Gyarfás considered a rival, in May of last year. They did not say who ordered the murder, however, and Hungarian police decided to reopen the case last October. So far, no-one has been charged with ordering the killing. *MTI* named Gyarfás as one of two men who were questioned and arrested as part of their ongoing investigation. The 69-year-old has been a controversial figure in Hungarian swimming in recent years and resigned from his role at the helm of the MUSZ in 2016. He stepped down from a position he had held since 1993 following pressure from athletes such as three-time Olympic champion and multiple World Championships gold medallist Katinka Hosszú, who called for him to quit. A catalogue of problems were alleged by swimmers, including Hosszú. Hosszu had claimed her relationship with Gyarfás has been adversarial ever since he supposedly urged her to "stop swimming and retire" in 2008. Training conditions within Hungary have worsened since 2015, she said, to the extent that top swimmers often have to train "at zero degrees, many times in the pouring rain in an outdoor pool". [⋮] [https://www.insidethegames.biz/article ...g-murder-of-rival-in-1998](https://www.insidethegames.biz/article...g-murder-of-rival-in-1998)