

Eritrean national Football team might forfeit FIFA qualifying games



Our trusted sources inside Eritrea have revealed President Iseias has recently instructed Eritrean National Football Federation (ENFF) Officials to shop around for players from the Diaspora to avoid the embarrassment of team members absconding. The Eritrean Dictator has made it clear that only those players with dual citizenship can represent Eritrea.

The draw for the 2018 FIFA World Cup™ Preliminary Competition for the African Zone took place on 25 July in Saint Petersburg, Russia.

Eritrea, which is one of The 26 lowest-ranked African teams, is scheduled to play its first qualifying game against Botswana in Chichoro stadium on October 10, 2015. The away game is to be played on October 13 at Francistown, Botswana.

ENFF's Casual coach, Alemseged Efreem is scrambling to put together an ad-hoc team that might include players from a neighboring country, to present the list to FIFA officials by the end of this month.

If Mr Efreem failed to manage a full squad, Eritrea might miss out on world cup qualifier and lucky Botswana will have a free ride to the next round.

Highly talented Eritrean footballers have been abandoning the nation for the last 10 years; in 2013 Cecafta general secretary Nicholas Musonye branded it as "becoming chronic".

Eritrean players and coach missing in Kenya

[History of Players absconding](#)

2013: Nine members of the Eritrea national football team and the coach of the squad have disappeared in Kenya following a regional football tournament.

2012: 17 players and the team doctor claimed asylum in Uganda.

2010: 13 players from an Eritrean club side sought refuge in Tanzania

2009: A dozen members of the national team disappeared in Kenya.

Thousands of Eritreans try to escape from the Red Sea state every year and many die making perilous sea-crossings in a desperate bid to reach Europe.

10 OCT 2015 - 16:00 Local time

ROUND 1

Cicero (National Stadium)

Asmara



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13 OCT 2015 - 19:00 Local time

ROUND 1

Francistown Stadium

Francistown



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