

We will not give up our fight and will sacrifice our time and energy.

Match-Fixing Syndicates:

While football's governing body Fifa, has applauded the latest moves in the ongoing match-fixing investigation in Italy, called "Last Bet", it stressed that the match-fixing malaise cannot be curbed until the money men behind it are prosecuted. And the money trail in the saga of Italian football's, fixed matches can be traced back to Singapore and alleged match-fixing financier Dan Tan Seet Eng, who is believed to have fixed matches in Italy since 2008.

Investigations have shown there are match-fixing syndicates operating globally and each syndicate comprises different levels of operators. Although some significant arrests have been made, it is believed that match-fixing will continue as long as persons, such as Dan Tan Seet will carry on financing these operations.

Dan Tan Seet, the mastermind with Balkan links, is said to have manipulated matches in Italy's Serie A and B since 2008. But Italy does not have an extradition treaty with Singapore. His fellow Singaporean and convicted match-fixer Wilson Raj admitted to Finnish police, last year that he was one of five shareholders from Slovenia, Bulgaria, Croatia and Hungary who report to alleged financier Dan Tan Seet. Wilson Raj, the notorious match-fixer, who has been linked to fixed matches across the world, is now in Hungary after he was extradited.

Evidence has shown that this Syndicate placed most of its bets in China.

A company, Exclusive Sports, whose Directors were Dan Tan and Wilson Raj, has also been in the spotlight for offering Finnish football club, Tampere United €300,000 in a deal that would allow football players from Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and Latin America to be showcased there.

Dan Tan Seet's criminal activity in the match-fixing world, is estimated to be worth more than \$90 Billion.

Catching match-fixers is hard. With markets so big and liquid, they can often bet tens of thousands on a game – ideally spread over various bookmakers – without anyone noticing anything strange. Even if someone does spot odd betting patterns, it's almost impossible to prove matchfixing.

In other words, matchfixing usually goes unnoticed.

"If nobody on the inside says anything, it's difficult" — And usually nobody does say anything.

A commissioned "Black Book" about Eastern Europe, polling more than 4000 footballers in the region, states that 25% admitted, anonymously, that they had been asked to manipulate a match. In Greece it is more than 35%. 40% of footballers across Europe said that they were aware of match-fixing in their league.

These figures are grossly underestimated.ft