

## World's Fastest Woman Threatens To Go On Strike

The reputation of Jamaican athletics suffered another blow when the world's fastest woman, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, threatened to go on strike. If that was not all, Herb Elliott, the head of the island's Anti-Doping Commission (JADCO), indicated he would resign after a report in the *Wall Street Journal* that questioned his academic qualifications.

[Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce](#), said she is thinking of pulling out of international competition. The Jamaican track and field sprinter, who won gold in the 100m, 200m, and 4x100m at this year's World Championships in Moscow, remarked the Athletics Administrative Authority of Jamaica is not doing enough to defend athletes from "hurtful" accusations and does not offer sufficient for up-and-coming runners. She said you listen to accusations about Jamaica's athletes and there is no one to get up, take the mic and say that whatever being said is a lie. The athlete added they are just sitting back enjoying the benefits and fruits of our labor but when it's time to actually doing their jobs they are not doing it. She went on to remark if it comes down to not competing to make sure that things are up to scratch when it comes to facilities and different things in Jamaica then she would and we believe that we deserve not to have our names tarnished.

Fraser-Pryce insisted that the criticism of athletes from the country was unfair. She said there is no one in Jamaica looking to dope up intentionally to run fast and added what's happening is that athletes are not checking the [supplements](#) that they use and no one is intentionally cheating.

Incoming World Anti-Doping Agency boss Sir Craig Reddie Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce's boycott threat is "welcome" if it helps clean up Jamaican athletics.

Meanwhile, Elliott is under huge pressure after the *Wall Street Journal* reported that it had been unable to verify whether he earned a master's degree in chemistry from Columbia University and a medical degree and a PhD in biochemistry from [Université Libre de Bruxelles](#). He remarked it is likely he will resign. Elliott told Jamaica's *Gleaner* newspaper all he is trying to say is that he doesn't want JADCO to be brought into disrepute because of him and so he is thinking that, in the best interest of Jamaica, perhaps he should speak to the prime minister. He added that he is only an individual, and JADCO is more important than any individual or any board. Elliott added and, therefore, if resignation will take the heat off JADCO, as JADCO has very important work to do, then forget it.

The JADCO head said in the interest of JADCO and Jamaica, he would resign and he doesn't know if he would do it right away, because he doesn't want anybody to feel that he did anything wrong and, therefore, that is why he is resigning. Elliott, however, went on to admit that he had not been able to locate all of his papers to verify his various qualifications after his wife died three years ago and added he doesn't know where all the papers are and he doesn't even know where all the bank books are.