

Global Sporting Bodies Make Calls For Probe Into Doping Allegations

Global sporting bodies have called for a complete probe of the latest doping allegations that were made by Britain's Sunday Times newspaper and Germany's ARD/WDR broadcaster. The two organizations reported they had obtained secret data from International Association of Athletics Federations, the global athletics governing body, supplied by a whistleblower who was disgusted by the extent of [doping](#).

The allegations did not revealed that any athlete had failed doping tests but it only disclosed that the tests had been abnormal that can sometimes be an indicator of cheating. The Sunday Times cited Australian doping expert Robin Parisotto and another scientist, Michael Ashendon, concluding that more than 800 athletes had recorded one or more "abnormal" results. Parisotto, an inventor of the test used to detect the blood doping agent [Erythropoietin](#), remarked it is damning that the IAAF appears to have sat idly by and let this happen with so many athletes appear to have doped with impunity.

The British daily said such athletes accounted for 146 medals at top events, including 55 golds. According to the report, Russian athlete had 415 abnormal tests and Russia was followed by Ukraine, Morocco, Spain, Kenya, Turkey, and others. The Sunday Times revealed a remarkable 80 percent of Russia's medal winners had recorded suspicious scores at some point in their careers.

The [United States Anti-Doping Agency](#) remarked an "aggressive review" was required for protecting clean athletes after the doping allegations surfaced. USADA Chief Executive Travis Tygart remarked he was unaware of the involvement of any American athlete in the report. Tygart added a thorough and aggressive review of all that evidence needs to be had to ensure that clean athletes' rights are protected and went on to add that this is more evidence of what many of us already suspected.

The USADA Chief Executive also remarked USADA aggressively pushed WADA to open an investigation several months ago into prior allegations about doping in Russia. Tygart added now it is in the hands of WADA to do the right thing and hopefully give confidence to clean athletes around the world that these gangsters are not going to hijack sport and violate the right of clean athletes.

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) said it was very disturbed by the reports that claim many endurance runners were suspected of doping and were winning a third of the medals at Olympic Games and World Championships. WADA's decision to investigate the "alarming" reports was welcomed by Athletics Australia (AA). John Coates, the chief of Australian Olympic Committee, said the reports were "disturbing" and added the AOC has a zero-tolerance approach to doping in sport.

IAAF Vice President Sergey Bubka remarked the International Association of Athletics Federations has zero tolerance for doping and we will not stop the fight. The former pole vault world and Olympic champion from Ukraine is competing against Sebastian Coe to succeed Lamine Diack as the new boss of world athletics.

Russian sports minister Vitaly Mutko denied allegations that a big majority of the "abnormal" results were from Russian athletes. Mutko added the allegations reflected a power battle before the IAAF leadership vote and had "nothing to do with Russia".