

Ex-IAAF President Implicated In Bribery And Doping Scandal

Former IAAF president [Lamine Diack](#) has been charged with corruption linked to covering up doping cases by French authorities. Diack was charged with "passive corruption" and money-laundering. This news came on the day it was revealed that offices of athletics' governing body in Monaco were raided by French police and caches of documents were taken away.

Diack stepped down after 16 years in charge of track and field's governing body. The ex-long jumper is now subjected to **investigation that concerns money movements and goes beyond doping.** The 82-year-old Senegalese who recently gave up as International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF) president in August was charged on Monday in Paris. Diack's advisor, Habib Cisse, a lawyer, was also charged. It is believed that Gabriel Dollé, the former director of its medical and anti-doping department and a doctor associated with the anti-doping measures of the federation, was being questioned in custody. Diack and Cisse were released on bail. Dollé had left the world governing body after he was questioned by the IAAF Ethics Commission.

The French judicial inquiry follows information received from the World Anti-Doping Agency and is being conducted by French financial prosecutors. Diack is accused of taking at least €200,000 (£141,000) from Russia Athletics for covering up [positive doping tests](#). The French police investigation is believed to center on the case of Russian marathon runner Liliya Shobukhova who alleged few months back that two members of the Russian Athletics Federation extorted \$450,000 from her in return for covering up a positive test.

The Parquet National Financier (PNF), the office that handles financial prosecutions in France, said its probe started when WADA alerted it to acts of corruption and laundering involving members of the International Association of Athletics Federations.

Sebastian Coe, the new President of IAAF, was at the federation's headquarters at the time of the police raid. Coe volunteered himself to answer any questions. In a statement, the IAAF said it confirms that, emanating from separate ongoing investigations by WADA's independent commission and the IAAF's own independent ethics commission

into allegations surrounding its anti-doping rules and regulations, a French police investigation has now commenced. It was added that the International Association of Athletics Federations is fully cooperating with all investigations as it has been from the beginning of the process and also disclosed that police, as part of the French investigation, visited the IAAF HQ offices to carry out interviews and to access documentation.

Pape Massata Diack, the son of Lamine, was forced to render his resignation as a marketing executive with the world governing body of athletics after he was accused of involvement in corruption aimed at covering up [doping scandals](#) in Russia. Valentin Balakhnishev, IAAF treasurer and president of the Russian Federation, was also implicated and stripped of his functions by athletics' governing body.

Nikita Kamaev of Russia's anti-doping agency said his organization would provide every kind of assistance required by French investigators if contacted. Russian sports Minister Vitaly Mutko said the athletics federation of his country had cleaned up its act. Mutko added we have already said that there were problems with our federation, but the old management is no longer working there. He also added you have to understand that now there are a lot of criminal cases around the world, and it is not an easy situation to be in.