

Safa boss calls for a clamp down on hooliganism before Afcon starts

With the 2013 Africa Cup of Nations (Afcon) just a few months away, South African football bosses have expressed concern at an increase in incidents of hooliganism, and the president of the South African Football Association (Safa) is calling for urgent action, *BBC Online* reports.

Kirsten Nematandani wants the authorities to get tough with the hooligans, and is demanding life bans for those found to have been involved, "We should root out this evil before it becomes a monster", he says.

Nematandani noted a number of incidents of late. "Most people go to watch soccer as a source of entertainment with their families, and they need to be protected from these thugs," he said. According to *BBC Online*, the most recent of these incidents occurred on Sunday, when Mamelodi Sundowns supporters tore down barriers and knocked down the club dugout, in protest over a 2-0 loss to Moroka Swallows at Dobsonville Stadium. Nematandani urged clubs and the league to stamp out the rise in football-related violence by educating their supporters.

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