



**CASE: n°2021-10**

**Mr. Vazha Margvelashvili and Mr. Lasha Shavdatuashvili**

**COMMISSION COMPOSITION:**

- Mr. Francis LEGOND	President
- Mr. Colin DRAYCOTT	Vice-President
- Mr. Dick D. JOHANSSON	Member
- Mr. Hirofumi OTSUJI	Member
- Mr. Envic GALEA	Member

**CONCERNED PERSONS:**

- Mr. Vazha Margvelashvili Athlete, Georgia,
- Mr. Lasha Shavdatuashvili, Athlete Georgia

**FACTS AND PROCEDURE:**

During the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 athletes Mr. Vazha Margvelashvili and Mr. Lasha Shavdatuashvili had breached the Covid-19 regulations by going sightseeing.

On August 13th, 2021, the International Judo Federation General Secretary informed Mr. Margvelashvili, and Mr. Shavdatuashvili that a disciplinary procedure was open against them and asked them to choose between the written procedure and the hearing.

**On August 16th, 2021, Mr. Margvelashvili gave the following explanation:**

“First of all i apologize for the fact that happened. Let me explain that Gagamaru, Sumo player from Georgia came to Olympic Village and asked there in Japanese if it was possible to leave village by his car to take photos and we were allowed to go by his car. We me and Shavdatuashvili Lasha took photos and came back. After that in the village we fully followed all the rules.

Once again, we apologize about it.”

**On August 17th, 2021, Mr. Shavdatuashvili gave the following explanation:**

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**REGARDING THE CASE FILE:**

Mr. Vazha Margvelashvili Mr. Lasha Shavdatuashvili broke the COVID 19 protocol. Although all gave excuses for leaving the village, they must appreciate that this protocol protects the whole sports community. Their recklessness is against Judo's spirit and moral code.

**ON THESE GROUNDS, THE IJF DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION:**

**Pronounces against Mr. Vazha Margvelashvili and Mr. Lasha Shavdatuashvili a warning.**

- **Says that this decision shall be communicated to:**

- Mr. Marius VIZER, IJF President.
- Mr. Jean Luc ROUGE, IJF General Secretary.
- Mr. Sergey SOLOVEYCHIK, EJU President.
- Mr. Mohamed MERIDJA, IJF Education and Coaching Director.
- Mr. Vladimir BARTA, IJF Head Sport Director.
- Dr. Lisa ALLAN, IJF Event Director ;
- Mr. Vlad MARINESCU, IJF Director General.
- Georgian Judo Federation President.
- Mr. Vazha Margvelashvili Mr. Lasha Shavdatuashvili

**Informs Mr. Vazha Margvelashvili Mr. Lasha Shavdatuashvili that this decision is subject to appeal with the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The time limit for appeal shall be twenty-one days from the receipt of the decision appealed against.**

Paris, September 7th, 2021

President  
Mr. Francis LEGOND

Vice-President  
Mr. Colin DRAYCOTT