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## Mauritius goalkeeper Joseph Kinsley is arrested for drugs



Mauritius international goalkeeper Joseph Kinsley Steward Leopold has been arrested for drug dealing.

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refused to comment on the issue.

among the favourites along with fellow executive committee member Kwesi Nyantakyi, the Ghana Football Association president.

A team of the Anti-Drug Smuggling Unit searched the 27-year-old's home in Port Louis and found 22 doses of heroin and a further one gram of the drug.

Equipment used in the preparation and packaging of heroin, including razor blades and scales, were also seized.

Leopold is the first-choice goalkeeper for Mauritius Professional Football League champions team ASPL 2000.

He was also the reserve goalkeeper for the national team during the last Africa Cup of Nations qualifying campaign.

Leopold helped ASPL 2000 to win the Charity Shield on Saturday on Rodrigues Island where they beat Pamplemousses SC 1-0.

As the news of his arrest broke, some people gathered outside Leopold's home to prevent the ADSU from taking him to police custody.

According to information gathered by reporters, the police had been tracking Leopold closely for some time and gathering intelligence.

A provisional charge of drug dealing has been lodged against him.

Both the Mauritius Football Association and ASPL 2000

## Patel withdraws from FIFA race



Confederation of African Football vice-president Suketu Patel has withdrawn from the race for the two extra African places on the Fifa Council.

It leaves only five candidates left for the election which is likely to dominate Caf's Extraordinary General Assembly in Cairo on Thursday.

No reasons were given for Patel's withdrawal, which Caf has confirmed.

South Sudan Football Association president Chabur Goc Alei pulled out of the election last week.

It leaves Caf's second vice-president Almany Kabele Camara of Guinea as the most senior figure in the race and

The other three candidates are Ahmad from Madagascar, who uses just a single name, Hamidou Djibrilla of Niger and Senegal Football Association chef Augustin Senghor.

Africa has two more places on the expanded Fifa Council which is much the same as their old tarnished executive committee but instead of 24 members now has 36 and has been renamed.

The two new African members will hold their seats only until 17 March, when they face re-election at the next Caf Congress, which is being held in Addis Ababa.

But election success in Cairo on Thursday will likely give the incumbent a head start in

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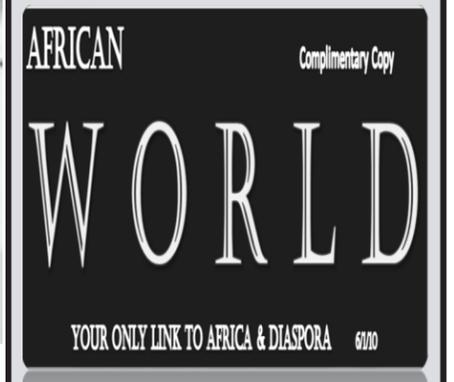
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their bid for re-election next year and a four-year term.

The gathering of Caf's 54-member associations has been called to vote in the two new members before the new Fifa Council has its first meeting on 13-14 October.

It is also expected to pass changes to the statutes to put the organisation in line with the recently adopted Fifa reforms.

The most significant change will be ending the rule, introduced just four years ago, that restricted potential candidates for the Caf presidency to members of its 15-man executive committee only.