Three Continents Hosted '2030 World Cup'

There is a lot of back talk about the selection of the host country for the 2030 World Cup. When FIFA announced on the 4th that "the 2030 World Cup was held on three continents," media around the world criticized it all at once.

"FIFA is not interested in the environment," the British public broadcaster BBC reported on the 5th, adding, "Many environmental experts were angry at the announcement on hosting the 2030 World Cup." FIFA said it will host the World Cup in Spain, Portugal and Morocco seven years later, and some matches, including the opening game, will be distributed in Uruguay, Argentina and Paraguay to match the status of the World Cup's 100th anniversary tournament. It is trying to achieve the unprecedented event of an international sporting event held in six countries on three continents.

"The hosting of the 'Carbon Neutral World Cup' that FIFA mentioned during the 2022 Qatar World Cup became a big lie," the BBC said. "It is not good in terms of the environment to expand the 2030 World Cup to three continents."

According to a report by the BBC in June, FIFA said it would host the 2026 World Cup as a "carbon-neutral World Cup," but the Swiss Fair Trade Commission (SLK), where FIFA headquarters is located, decided that "the phrase is not valid." "FIFA has not heard any evidence of carbon neutrality," SLK said. "We suspect false advertising."

Freddie Darley, a researcher at the University of Sussex's Global Environmental Policy Institute, said in an interview, "A competition of this size (to be held in six countries on three continents) is bound to take a lot of air time," adding, "Fans will travel by plane, and so will athletes." "I am very worried about whether FIFA will be able to resolve the issue in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way," he said, expressing concern.

"Given FIFA's moves so far, it is difficult to expect them to take an environmentally friendly step at the 2030 World Cup," Dali continued. "FIFA is a huge organization that should feel a great responsibility for climate change." He also said, "We are obligated to lead international citizens and participate in environmental protection together." Dali criticized FIFA's decision, saying, "This announcement makes us doubt the truth about FIFA's environment."

Foreign media also convey circumstantial evidence that high-ranking officials in FIFA are suspected of secretly fighting.

"Originally, Chile, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay (in South America) wanted the 2030 World Cup to be held," said Kabech Solhekal, a reporter for the British broadcast channel Sky Sports.

This is because the 2030 World Cup was exactly the 100th anniversary of the 1930 Uruguay World Cup. However, when the lien was transferred to Spain, Portugal, and Morocco, "I think the high-ranking people talked and decided. "Sharing the lien as a backstop," he said.

"These days, FIFA's administrative processing is rarely decided by voting," Sol-Hecal said. "Bribery has been actively carried out in the past. "Even now, the power struggle will continue where it is not seen," he claimed. There was already a FIFA bribery scandal over Qatar's hosting of the 2022 World Cup in 2014. As a result, then FIFA President Jeff Blatter resigned.

The struggle with the environment is not the only problem.

Critics point out that there was also a lack of consideration for fans and players who enjoyed the game. Sky Sports said, "The most uncomfortable thing about the various venues for the 2030 World Cup is the fans," adding, "If England plays Uruguay, everyone should flock to Uruguay and fly back to Africa if the next game is caught with Morocco," adding, "It's a shame."

"FIFA has suggested a solution for the players," he said. "FIFA has announced that the schedule for recruiting players will be the same as any other World Cup."

However, maintaining the transfer period is not a complete solution.

The number of participating countries will expand to 48 countries from the 2026 North and Central U.S. World Cup, and the number of games will naturally increase. In addition, flight time must be considered in the 2030 World Cup. Therefore, it is analyzed that the competition period will naturally be longer. There is also a problem with players adjusting to the season. The BBC pointed out, "Since it is the first World Cup to travel between the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, we have to spend two seasons in one tournament (in the 2030 World Cup)."

Katie Cross, the founder and CEO of Pledgeball, a charity that pursues sustainable football, expressed anger in an interview with the BBC, saying, "The 2030 World Cup is not a World Cup that treats fans like people." <u>与与外</u>