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**Fifa: Indonesia stripped of right to host Under-20 World Cup**

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**Fifa has stripped Indonesia of hosting rights for the Under-20 World Cup.**

The decision follows the cancellation of the official draw for the tournament, which was due to be held in Bali last Friday.

The Football Association of Indonesia (PSSI) said Fifa was forced to cancel the draw after Bali's governor Wayan Koster refused to host the Israeli team.

The U20 World Cup is set to take place from 20 May to 11 June.

Indonesia does not have any formal diplomatic ties with Israel and recently protesters have held marches demanding Israel be stopped from competing in the tournament, in support of Palestine.

Indonesia were awarded hosting rights in 2019, before Israel qualified for the tournament. England's U20 team is also set to compete.

"Fifa has decided, due to the current circumstances, to remove Indonesia as the host of the Fifa U20 World Cup 2023," a Fifa statement said.

"A new host will be announced as soon as possible, with the dates of the tournament currently remaining unchanged. Potential sanctions against the PSSI may also be decided at a later stage."

Half an hour before Fifa's announcement, PSSI executive committee member Arya Sinulingga said he was "very pessimistic" about Indonesia keeping the hosting rights.

"If we make political requirements in sports, it'll always be like this. We will be exiled from the football ecosystem.

"It's very tough for all of us. We're headed into a calamity in sports. We have to separate football or sports and politics."

### **'Fifa needs an alternative pretty quickly' - analysis**

BBC Sport's Simon Stone

Fifa insists Indonesia was not ready to host the tournament and are threatening to take action. However, there was a growing feeling it had to be moved anyway given the tensions around Israel's qualification.

Criticism of Israel in the country and its policy towards Palestine has been growing after Bali's governor said he did not want them to play in his region and Friday's planned group stage draw was cancelled.

Fifa knew any decision to strip Indonesia of hosting rights would be hugely controversial but it was also aware it had to do everything to protect Israel's players against potential security threats.

With the 24-team tournament due to begin on 20 May - with Indonesia now no longer competing - Fifa needs to come up with an alternative pretty quickly.

Data 2

# Indonesia U-20 World Cup cancellation sparks political backlash

Potential Jokowi successor's anti-Israel rhetoric targeted for blame

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JAKARTA -- Political fallout has swelled from FIFA's decision to strip Indonesia of hosting rights for this year's Under-20 soccer World Cup, threatening the front-runner status of a potential successor to President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo.

Public opinion has turned sharply against government officials seen as ruining the dreams of the soccer-loving country's young players.

The controversy stems from the handling of Israel's participation in the tournament. Indonesia, with the world's largest Muslim population, does not have formal diplomatic relations with the country and has long called for Palestinian independence.

Gov. Ganjar Pranowo of Central Java is seen as one of the potential leading candidates in Indonesia's February 2024 presidential election. He and other Muslim conservatives expressed opposition to Israel's participation, spurring protests.

When FIFA, soccer's global governing body, announced on March 29 that it would pull the tournament from the country, public reaction was swift. A post on Ganjar's Instagram account received about 350,000 comments accusing the politician of destroying young people's futures and pledging to oppose him in the upcoming election.

Ganjar's rhetoric against Israel's participation was widely regarded as an attempt to score political points. In order to run in the election, he needs to be nominated by his party, the ruling Democratic Party of Struggle.

The party has had a historically strong anti-Israel stance, and some observers say it was behind the push to exclude the country from the tournament.

Various polls show Ganjar as a leading potential presidential candidate. But an opinion poll conducted after the tournament cancellation -- though not from a major polling institution -- showed Ganjar's position plummeting, with rivals Defense Minister Prabowo Subianto and former Jakarta Gov. Anies Baswedan gaining ground.

Ganjar is desperately trying to put out the fire. A video posted on his Instagram on April 4 showed him dining with a player from the Indonesian U-20 team who had criticized him on the player's own social media account. The player took down that post immediately after making it.

"I want to apologize to the national team, and hope we can move forward," Ganjar said in an interview with local media.

President Widodo will leave office after completing his second and final term in October 2024. He may have to rethink his succession strategy depending on public support for Ganjar, who is considered likely to continue his agenda.

"We shouldn't waste our energy blaming each other," Widodo urged.

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Data 3

# Indonesia’s tensions with Israel force delay of FIFA U20 World Cup draw

## **Tournament, set to be held in Bali, pushed back due to protests against Jewish state’s debut at tournament, governor’s calls for ban of players over Palestinian issue**

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GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — FIFA postponed the men’s Under-20 World Cup finals draw because of host nation Indonesia’s issues with Israel’s qualification, the Indonesian soccer federation said Sunday.

The decision was announced five days before FIFA was due to make the 24-nation draw Friday on the island of Bali for the May 20 – June 11 tournament, which includes debutant Israel.

Doubt was cast on the draw event last week, when the governor of Bali, Wayan Koster, called for a ban on Israel playing there because of Indonesia’s diplomatic support for the Palestinian cause.

The six stadiums due to be used for the 52-game tournament include one in the Balinese city of Gianyar.

Protests against Israel’s participation were also held in the Indonesian capital Jakarta last week by conservative Islamic groups.

Indonesia is the world’s most populous Muslim-majority nation, with about 277 million people, and it does not have formal diplomatic relations with Israel.

However, Indonesian soccer and public authorities agreed to FIFA’s hosting requirements in 2019 before being selected to host the 2021 edition of the Under-20 World Cup. The COVID-19 pandemic forced the tournament to be postponed for two years.

Israel qualified last June for its first-ever Under-20 World Cup when it reached the semifinals of the Under-19 European Championship. The team went on to lose the final to England.

FIFA declined to comment Sunday on the draw being postponed just eight weeks before the opening game.

If Indonesia fails to resolve its hosting issues over Israel, the national soccer federation risks being suspended by FIFA. That sanction can remove Indonesia from Asian qualifying for the 2026 World Cup that starts in October.

The Indonesia soccer federation president is Erick Thohir, a former co-owner of the NBA’s Philadelphia 76ers. He is also a former president of Inter Milan, the storied Italian soccer club whose fans include FIFA president Gianni Infantino.

Thohir and Infantino are also both members of the International Olympic Committee.