

Kasparov Victim of Random Attack

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Just when you thought professional chess was separate from the real world, and oblivious to its problems..former world chess champion Gary Kasparov who just last month retired from professional chess, was hit across the head with a chess board in a random terrorist-like attack.

Although Kasparov was not badly hurt, this attack was a spooky reminder of the random violence for the sake of media attention which plaques our modern world today.

It seems Kasparov's chess and political world collided when a strange person approached him posing as a chess fan, and asked him to sign his chess board. Kasparov agreed, but after he signed it, the ingrate attacker slammed him over the head with the wooden chess board!

According to a Kasparov spokesperson, before he was attacked the assailant said, "I admired you as a chess player, but you gave that up for politics."

The irony of it all made the whole incident seem like some April Fools joke, but I think I speak for all chess players, when I was happy that this attacker used a chess board for his weapon.

As Kasparov stood dazed after the first swat, the assailant tried to hit him a second time, but was tackled by Kasparov security guards. Kasparov is the only chess player in the world who can afford his own security detail...and this incident proved it was money well spent.

Afterwards in front of television cameras, Kasparov was smooth as always, uninjured, but a little rattled." It was a fairly nasty incident, it was not very pleasant psychologically," He said.

Kasparov is known for being., an outspoken critic of President Vladimir Putin.

He retired from chess last month, saying he planned to focus on politics and do "everything in my power to resist Putin's dictatorship." He plays a leading role in the Committee 2008: Free Choice, a group formed by liberal opposition leaders.

Although his retirement was devastating for chess players everywhere, Kasparov who has already proven himself one of the greatest chess champions ever, has decided to devote himself to being a champion for his people, and changing the political system which he believes is corrupted.

This cowardly attack on a chess and world hero is symbolic of the type of times that we live in, when random violent attacks get national press coverage at the expense of innocent victims. Hopefully this event does not change Kasparov's gracious and embracing attitude he usually has to his fans.

