SENEGAL MUST REFUND SH43B, TROPHY & GOLD

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The world watched as Senegal lifted the 2025 AFCON trophy, their necks adorned with winners' gold.

And, of course, the smiles continued all the way to the bank, where each member of the team received $135,000 (sh506m), thanks to a record $10m (sh43b) cash prize for the AFCON winner.

But now, Senegal are being asked to bring it all back. And their response—no chance!

Senegal were stripped of the AFCON title Tuesday night after the CAF Appeals Board pronounced itself on the most controversial AFCON final in history. The eight-strong board, led by Justice Ron Daibo Harriman of Nigeria, ruled in favour of Morocco, who had appealed the final of the 2025 AFCON after the Teranga Lions walked off the pitch for 17 minutes.

Senegal won the final 1-0 in extra time after Moroccan star Ibrahim Diaz missed a penalty at the end of regulation time. And that was supposed to be the end of the story, especially after CAF dished out a raft of punishments following initial disciplinary proceedings.

But all those were set aside by the CAF Appeals Board, sparking a barrage of questions.

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CHAMPIONS: The Morocco team that started the final against Senegal on January 18

PARIS

Senegal say they will appeal after they were sensationally stripped of the Africa Cup of Nations title on Tuesday and the Confederation of African Football (CAF) instead declared Morocco champions, two months after their chaotic final.

Several Senegalese players controversially walked off the pitch in Rabat during the final on January 18 in protest when the hosts were awarded a penalty late in second-half stoppage time.

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