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Press Release

“India Boycotts Badminton Participation in Pakistan”

New Delhi, 1st October 2016: The Badminton Association of India (BAI) has decided to boycott the Indian participation at the Pakistan International Series on Badminton scheduled for 18th to 21st October, 2016 in Islamabad. Dr. Akhilesh Das Gupta, President, BAI, declared that no Indian badminton player is going to take part at this BWF International Series to be hosted by Pakistan.

Speaking on the decision, BAI’s President Dr. Akhilesh Das Gupta stated: “The announcement comes as an act of solidarity with the decisions of the Government of India in wake of the ongoing tensions between the two countries. On behalf of the Council Members of BAI and the entire Badminton fraternity, we express strong concerns and support towards the sentiments of our fellow citizens of India.”

About Badminton Association of India:

The Badminton Association of India (BAI) is the governing body for Badminton in India. BAI is an association registered under the Societies Act and affiliated to the Badminton World Federation, BAC and the IOA. BAI was formed in 1934 and has been holding national-level tournaments in India since 1936. BAI conducts international tournaments in India like the India Open BWF World Superseries, Syed Modi BWF Grand Prix Gold, national championships, selects team and conducts camps for Olympic Games, World Championship, looks after training of technical officials, and takes path-breaking initiatives like Premier Badminton League to promote the sport.

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