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## **JULES BIANCHI (MARUSSIA TEAM) IN CRITICAL BUT STABLE CONDITIONS**

### **FORMULA 1 DRIVERS FAMILY SPEAKS OUT**

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**USPA NEWS** - Jules Bianchi's family decides to talk about the Formula 1 drivers medical conditions after the impact occurred during the Suzuka Gran Prix. "Jules is still in ICU at MIE GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER of YOKKAICHI. He has suffered Diffuse Axonal Injury (D.A.I.) and is in critical yet stable conditions.

DAI is the result of traumatic shearing forces that occur when the head is rapidly accelerated or decelerated, as may occur in auto accidents, falls, and assaults. It usually results from rotational forces or severe deceleration. Vehicle accidents are the most frequent cause of DAI. "The doctors are doing their best to provide the proper medical treatments and we are grateful for all they are doing to keep Jules alive since the accident", said a family member and continued, "we wish to thank everyone and acknowledge all those who have sent us messages from all over the world".

Meanwhile, the Automobile International Association, FIA has opened an investigation on the incident involving Bianchi.

Race conditions were dangerous due to heavy rain and this is what caused many cars to spin off the track. Unfortunately Jules had the worst. He suffered brain damage on impact even though his helmet and roll-bar protected him.

Bianchi was immediately rushed to the hospital where he underwent brain surgery by the expert hands of Professor Gerard Saillant, who also operated Michael Schumacher and Ronaldo. Special thanks go out to Professor Alessandro Frati, Italian brain surgeon, who flew from Rome to Japan upon request of Scuderia Ferrari. Jules Bianchi was supposed to have been Ferrari's third driver in next years F1 championship.

Controversy- Jean Todt, ex manager Scuderia Ferrari and now FIA president, has demanded a full report on the incident after issues were raised on how race officials handled the situation. Charlie Whiting, race commissioner, will have to respond to the federation before the next Gran Prix in Sochi, Russia.

The accident- The FIA is interested on how the stewards operated during the accident occurred on the 43rd lap of the Japanese GP. Were the proper flags waived indicating a caution (yellow flag) or were the green flags exposed mistakenly indicating that the track was clear?

Should the race have been interrupted? A two hour delay on the start had also been suggested. Could this have avoided the Marussia Team drivers almost fatal accident?

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