

FIB ready to take firm action against KL City, Kedah

THE First Instance Body (FIB) is ready to take firm action against Kuala Lumpur City FC and Kedah FC if they fail to resolve the salary arrears issue involving both teams by the second deadline of March 30.

The Malaysian Football League (MFL) in a statement yesterday said both teams failed to make a 50 per cent payment of the salary arrears for the year 2023 by the initial deadline of March 15, as stipulated by FIB.

FIB chairman Sheikh Mohd Nasir Sheikh Mohd Sharif in the statement said that they are aware that KL City have recently undergone top management changes, and the patron of KL City, Fahmi Fadzil (Minister of Communications), has expressed commitment to promptly settle the outstanding salary matters.

"FIB has also received an official letter from Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) agreeing to contribute to settle the salary arrears of KL City for the year 2023 before the end of March 2024," he said.

On KDA FC, he said that the club have provided evidence of a payment of RM600,000 as part of the current salary arrears but it did not comply with the 50 per cent payment requirement as set.

If KL City and KDA FC fail to settle all outstanding salary amounts by the second deadline, they will face penalties, including a deduction of three points in the 2024-2025 Super League competition and

an immediate fine of RM50,000, as per the Licensing Club Regulations of MFL Edition 2023 Article 2.4 (c) Licensing Sanctions.

"FIB will also reassess the club licence status if they fail to meet the second deadline for salary arrears payments and do not have a solid financial footing to continue competing in the upcoming Malaysian League (Liga-M) season," Sheikh Mohd Nasir said.

Meanwhile, the independent body also decided not to grant a National Licence to Perlis United FC (PUFC) due to their failure to meet additional requirements after the announcement regarding the issuance of an M3 Amateur Football League (AFL) Extraordinary Licence on March 7.

According to Sheikh Mohd Nasir, FIB set conditions to ensure that all reasonable financial efforts are made before issuing any licence to PUFC based on four additional criteria, before the submission deadline on March 22.

However, PUFC were found to have failed three out of the four initial conditions by not submitting any documents as requested and had violated all given deadlines.

Sheikh Mohd Nasir said this includes evidence of funds received in PUFC's account amounting to RM5 million, as stated in the cheque submitted before March 9, besides a declaration signed by officials and players stating that there were no outstanding debts on Dec 31 before March 13. **Bernama**