

Malaysian hockey players allegedly bet on losing to India

The Malaysian Hockey Federation has launched an internal probe and lodged a police complaint after it came to light that several of its players allegedly placed bets on their team losing the last pool game against India in the Azlan Shah Cup tournament at Ipoh in May.

A Malaysian tabloid reported that the national players, allegedly involved with betting syndicates, threw their last league match against India 2-1 on May 17.

The Malay Mail report alleged that several players had placed online bets on Malaysia losing the game.

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) claimed they are in the dark about the allegations.

'This is the first time we have heard of such allegations. We compliment the MHF for their prompt action and will wait for the results of the investigation,' FIH president Els van Breda Vriesman was quoted as saying by the tabloid.

Malaysian chief coach Sarjit Singh and his assistant coaches were seen at the police station Tuesday.

The investigating officer said the coaches had come on their own accord to make a police report similar to the one made by MHF secretary Sgt Hashim Yusoff Friday.

He added police would speak to players and others, including Malay Mail journalist Johnson Fernandez and seek their assistance in the investigation

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