Ministry to act against MNCF after SAP recommendation

SERI KEMBANGAN: The Youth and Sports Ministry is waiting for recommendations from the Sports Advisory Panel (SAP) before deciding the next course of action against the Malaysian National Cycling Federation (MNCF) for alleged discrepancies in the spending of funds allocated for the road development programme.

Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said the ministry’s internal auditors had completed their second audit report on funds spent by the MNCF, two weeks ago.

“The MNCF had requested the ministry to correct some specific matters. The ministry has referred the matter to the SAP which is chaired by Tun Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid. “We are waiting for recommendations from the panel. Right now, investigations are still at the ministry, SAP and Sports Commissioner’s level,” he said after closing the First NFDP Coaching Symposium here yesterday.

The MNCF had come under fire following the failure of the road programme at the SEA Games level since 2007 despite millions channelled directly to it for the purpose. However, Khairy said the matter would not be referred to the Malaysian Anti Corruption Commission (MACC).

An internal audit was carried out following complaints about the failed road development programme and discrepancies in the spending of millions of ringgit that was given to the federation for the development of cycling in the country.

Khairy also urged the Football Association of Malaysia (FAM) to act tough in the case whereby a match official was allegedly punched by a team official of Johor Darul Takzim II (JDT II) at the Pasir Gudang Stadium, last Saturday.

He said though the JDT II team manager On Jabar was sacked by the Johor Football Association for his action, the FAM should also serve a severe punishment for his behaviour.

“Even if he was not happy with the match official, he cannot assault the referee,” he said.

Last Saturday, On Jabar was alleged to have punched match official Sukri Abdul Rahman after the match between JDT II and UiTM had ended in a 2-2 draw at the Pasir Gudang Stadium, apparently because he (On Jabar) was not happy with the way Sukri had handled the match. - Bernama