



Sport of Choice

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PRESS STATEMENT

1. We refer to the Media Releases by the Asian Sepaktakraw Federation (ASTAF) on 03 and 08 December 2022.
2. The Singapore Sepaktakraw Federation (PERSES) has reviewed the matters set out in ASTAF's Press Releases and reject any suggestion of wrongdoing on the part of PERSES and/or its personnel.
3. *First*, any suggestion by ASTAF that its property has been wrongly disposed of by PERSES and/or its personnel is strongly denied. Having investigated the matter, the items described were in PERSES's possession and were damaged beyond repair. They included boxes of consumables which were already rotten and documents being mouldy. Disposal of these items were necessary as part of handing over our previous premises back to SportSG. PERSES can therefore confirm that there is no basis for such allegations and invites ASTAF to withdraw the same immediately.
4. *Second*, as to the sanctions on the President and Secretary-General of PERSES, Mr. Mohd Nasri Bin Haron and Mr. Zahid Bin Abdul Aziz respectively, PERSES does not recognise ASTAF's authority to issue such sanctions. ASTAF has no authority over matters that affect the way in which PERSES is operated, or its personnel. ASTAF has no standing to require that the offices of President and Secretary-General of PERSES be vacated.
5. Accordingly, the President and Secretary-General of PERSES will continue in their roles as duly elected office-bearers of PERSES.
6. Lastly, PERSES affirms the Statement made by the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC), that if protection of PERSES's athletes is necessary, we will defer our athletes' nominations, selection, and preparations for major Games to SNOC's authority "*...to ensure that athletes' interests are insulated and protected from any sanctions imposed...*".

7. PERSES is committed to administering, maintaining and growing the sport of Sepaktakraw in Singapore. PERSES will ensure that its athletes' interests are at all times paramount and protected notwithstanding the efforts of external bodies to cause disruption. To this end, PERSES is grateful for the support shown by SNOC and SportSG.

Yours Sincerely,



Zahid Bin Abdul Aziz
Secretary General
Singapore Sepaktakraw Federation (PERSES)

