TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA

Circular no. 1515

Zurich, 9 December 2015
ASG/MAV/rbo

Suspension of the Kuwait Football Association

Dear Sir or Madam,

With reference to the decision taken by the FIFA Executive Committee on 25 September 2015 which led to the suspension of the Kuwait Football Association (hereinafter KFA) as of 16 October 2015 and until further notice, FIFA sent the attached FIFA Circular no. 1506 to all of its member associations, by means of which you were informed about the consequences of such suspension.

In this regard, FIFA has, through information published in the media, learned that, apparently, a match shall be played between two teams called “Kuwait’s Football Stars” and the “World’s Football Stars”. According to this information, it seems that “Kuwait’s Football Stars” is a team composed of active players from different clubs affiliated to the KFA, while the “World’s Football Stars” appears to be composed of players who, among others, appear to be registered at clubs affiliated with other FIFA member associations. According to the information published in the media, the aforementioned match is supposed to take place on 18 December 2015 at the “Jaber Al-Ahmad International Stadium” in the State of Kuwait.

Against this background, we would like to remind you that a suspended FIFA member association immediately loses its membership rights and is, as a consequence, *inter alia*, no longer entitled to take part in international matches and/or competitions until the relevant suspension is no longer in force. This basic principle applies to different levels, including representative teams, club teams etc.

Equally, FIFA member associations (or their affiliated clubs, players, etc.) that are not suspended may not entertain sporting contact with the suspended FIFA member association (or its affiliated clubs, players, etc.), as this is a consequence of the relevant suspension. Such principle is, of course, also to be followed at all sporting levels involving football in the territory of the State of Kuwait.
In view of the foregoing, we would like to thank you in advance for taking the appropriate measures to ensure that you and all your members comply with the above-mentioned decision at all times.

Thank you for taking note of the above.

Yours faithfully,

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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cc: - FIFA Executive Committee
    - Confederations

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TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA

Circular no. 1506

Zurich, 16 October 2015
ASG/pco

Suspension of the Kuwait Football Association as of 16 October 2015 and until further notice

Dear Sir or Madam,

We inform you that, based on the decision taken by the FIFA Executive Committee on 25 September 2015, the Kuwait Football Association (hereinafter: KFA) has been suspended according to Article 14 of the FIFA Statutes as of 16 October 2015 and until further notice.

Consequently, KFA loses all its membership rights as defined in Article 12 of the FIFA Statutes, with immediate effect and until further notice. The KFA representative and club teams are no longer entitled to take part in international competitions as of 16 October 2015 and until the matter is resolved. This also means that, as of 16 October 2015, neither the KFA nor any of its members or officials could benefit from any development programme, course or training from FIFA or the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) any longer. Moreover, we remind you and your affiliates not to enter into any sporting contact with the KFA and/or its teams during the suspension of the association.

Finally, the FIFA Emergency Committee or the FIFA Executive Committee may lift this suspension at any time and we will inform you accordingly.

Thank you for taking note of the above.

Yours faithfully,

FIFA

Markus Kattner
Acting Secretary General

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