

Asyraaf quits Cebagoo FC



ASYRAAF ... shock decision.



TOP-LEVEL DISCUSSION ... Joh (centre facing camera) chairing the club's meeting on Wednesday night.

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KOTA KINABALU: Sabah's sole FAM Cup representative, Cebagoo FC suffered a minor setback following the resignation of its head coach Mohd Asyraaf Fong Abdullah early this week.

With only about a week or so before the new season kicks off, the Sepanggar-based clubside has appointed Asyraaf's assistant David @ Ayman Abdullah as caretaker coach, as search for the new man begins.

The decision to accept Asyraaf's decision to quit was made at the club's top level meeting late Wednesday night.

It was also decided at the meeting that Asyraaf would be sacked as the team manager as well, with Asri Abd Mali named as his replacement.

Club President Mohd Joh Wid when contacted confirmed the matter, before lashing out at his former manager cum

coach by describing the latter's act as irresponsible.

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"Nevertheless, we are rather disappointed with his sudden decision because it has never been brought to the round table. Furthermore, his decision was made only about one week before the season kicks off. So I will describe his action as irresponsible," said Joh.

Joh went on to say that Asyraaf's departure will not affect their preparations, insisting that they are determined as ever and that the 2015 Premier League will remain as their main target.

When pressed further, Joh said that Asyraaf cited having a knee problem as well as his work burden as director of the varsity's Sports Unit as his reasons for giving up the Cebagoo job.

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