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TWENTY-NINE PLAYERS PICKED FOR PREMIER LEAGUE SQUAD

MELAKA, Dec 24 (Bernama) -- Melaka FA has picked 29 players for its Premier League squad next year.

Team manager Aziz Abdul Majid said the players were selected from about 100 who attended four days of trials which ended yesterday at the Dusun Datuk Murad field in Ayer Keroh.

"Many new faces have been included and the management has not closed its doors to players from outside," he told reporters today.

Another series of trials will be held on Jan 20.

Melaka has recruited former Pahang coach Tajuddin Nor, who took over from Rameli Junid, and he will be assisted by Mahathir Taha and Jantan Ali.

Only five players from this season have confirmed their places in next year's squad. They are defender S. Mili Samion, midfielder Azlan Meri, strikers Shahrhan Hamzah and Halim Jantan, and goalkeeper Abdul Wahab Md Dali.

On import players, Aziz said there was a big possibility that the selection trials would be held in Australia on Jan 6.

The two import players this season, Australians Josip Biskic and Peter Tzolakic, have had their contracts terminated.

Melaka ended the season in 12th place, collecting 27 points from seven wins and six draws. -- BERNAMA

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