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Football-Youth (Malaysia/China)

CHINA TOP GROUP 7 WITH 3-0 WIN OVER MALAYSIA

JOHOR BAHRU, Aug 5 (Bernama) -- Favourites China displayed beautiful football to beat Malaysia 3-0 in the Asian Youth Under-19 Group 7 qualifying round at the Larkin Stadium here tonight.

China who won all their three matches topped Group 7. They booked a berth to the Asian Under-19 championship in Chiangmai in October.

The Malaysians, unsettled in the earlier part of the game, were completely beaten in all departments. China got three corners in the first six minutes of which one resulted in a goal.

It was in the third minute when Chen Licheng's corner found Li Yi who outjumped two defenders before placing a header neatly to the far post beating Kamarulzaman Hassan.

From then on, it was the Chinese who swarmed the Malaysian goalmouth with their swift attacks which caught the Malaysians flat-footed.

In the 15th minute, China went two up. Li Yan made a through pass to Shen Han who sent a crisp shot into the net and his fourth goal in the tournament.

Malaysia tried to penetrate the Chinese defence on a few occasions but the visitors stood firm and easily denied most of the attempts.

On the other end, Kamarulzaman had to produce his best to deny the Chinese from scoring more with several good saves.

Malaysia played better in the second half but still they could not match the Chinese.

Li Yi was on target again in the 66th minute with a solo run from 30 metres outrunning S.Jayaprakash and Mohd Nidzam Jamil before scoring China's third and his second.

In an effort to strengthen the defence, Malaysia replaced S.Jayaprakash for Mohd Fairuz Mohd Noor in the later part of the game but that did not stop the Chinese players from coming.

MALAYSIA: Kamarulzaman Hassan, Faziallah Mamat (Mahathir Mohd Jamal), Mohd Nidzam Jamil, S.Jayaprakash (Mohd Fairuz Mohd Noor), R.Nantha Kumar, Rafiz Abu Bakar (Jaafar Salleh), Mohd Shawal Johari, Akmal Rizal Ahmad Rakhli, Hairuddin Omar, Mohamed Helmi Mohamed, Kamarulzaman Yub Abdul Majid.

CHINA: Liu Yunfei, Xu Yunlong (Wang Xiao), Zheng Zhi, Chen Licheng, Li Yi (Wang Jainyu), Liu Yujian, Zhao Junzhe, Li Yan, Shen Han (Liu Fei), Wang Liang, Lu Bofei.

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