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MAAU wants PM to step in

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THE Malaysian AAU will send a memorandum to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, explaining to him the current issues relating to the imminent suspension or deregistration of the organisation by the Sports Commission.

MAAU president Datuk Syed Mohamed Aidid Syed Murtaza said a special committee had been formed to prepare the memorandum.

"The memorandum will consist of a thorough report and background of what the MAAU had done since our inception in 1906, the athletes' achievements, the Task Force's report and our views on the current issues now widely publicised in the media reports about the organisation.

"It is an unanimous decision made by the MAAU council meeting tonight (last night) that we submit the memorandum to Dr Mahathir.

"It (the memorandum) is very relevant and necessary.

"We want to share our views and opinion of the current situation with the Prime Minister," he said after convening a special meeting, in place of the scheduled MAAU council meeting in Penang last night.

A copy of the memorandum will be submitted to Sports Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein.

Although the Sports Commissioner, Datuk Mohamad Zabri Min, will make a decision whether to suspend or deregister MAAU tomorrow, Syed Aidid said he has not set any time frame to submit the memorandum to Dr Mahathir.

"The special committee has just been formed but we will certainly submit it to Dr Mahathir as soon as it is completed," he said.

Syed Aidid said an unanimous decision was also adopted to prevent the council members from issuing any Press statements.

"It was upon the suggestion by them (council members) that only the president be allowed to make Press statements.

"Those who do will face immediate suspension," he said.

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