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MHC UMPIRES COMMITTEE: 12 state chairmen want Muthukumar removed

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TWELVE out of 16 State umpires' chairmen have signed a motion of no confidence against Malaysian Hockey Confederation (MHC) Umpires Committee chairman Lt Colonel B. Muthukumar.

It was presented and read out during the MHC management meeting last Saturday, but president Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah said he needed more time to study it before making a stand.

"The motion of no confidence tabled at the management meeting (against Muthukumar) came as a shock to me as I was not made aware of it beforehand.

"However, I am looking into it as I want to find out what the problems are before making a stand," said Tengku Abdullah in a text reply.

The four state chairmen who did not sign the motion were from Armed Forces, Selangor, Malacca

and Negri Sembilan.

Among the 12 state HA umpires chairmen who signed were Dr Mohamad Faithal Hassan (KLHA), K. Krishnan (Kedah), N. Nallasamy (Police), Shurizan Mansor (Perlis) and Aftar Singh (Sabah).

Muthukumar was alleged to, among others, have made several important decisions on his own without consulting the committee, and not abiding by some of the decisions taken by the committee.

Other allegations were:

- Failing to implement the MHC Umpires Committee blueprint on the objectives, vision and mission.
- Failing to plan and organise umpires seminars, workshops, dialogues.
- Failing to help develop young umpires or enhance the present batch's performance in any area.
- Failing to nominate names of those who have retired from active umpiring as umpires' managers to

the Asian Hockey Federation.

- Biased to several umpires who keep failing the beep test.

The motion ended by requesting for swift action, as the signatories claimed the umpiring standard in Malaysia is at its worst in recent years due to the problems plaguing the MHC umpires committee.

Muthukumar, when contacted, would not make any statement other than saying that he left the matter to Tengku Abdullah to settle.



Lt Colonel B. Muthukumar



UniKL beat Tengku Mahkota Ismail Sports School Juniors 3-0 in the **Milo Cup** semi-finals yesterday.