

29 January 2019

H.E. Prayut Chan-o-cha
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand
(E-mail: grforeign@gmail.com)

Your Excellency, Prime Minister,

Re: Hakeem Al-Araibi

On behalf of the Asian Football Confederation, I as AFC Senior Vice-President have been appointed by the AFC Executive Committee to deal with all matters related to the West region, humbly contact you regarding the situation of Mr. Hakeem Al Araibi.

As stated publicly on numerous occasions, the AFC has been in constant contact with FIFA and other stakeholders regarding this matter. Through the AFC Administration there has been a constructive dialogue with many of the relevant bodies in this case, including the Football Association of Thailand.

Therefore, on behalf of the AFC I hereby respectfully request Your Excellency take the necessary steps to ensure that Mr Al Araibi is returned safely to Australia, where he has been granted Refugee Status, at the earliest possible opportunity.

The AFC joins FIFA and other stakeholders in the belief that his release will respect Thailand's obligations under international law and demonstrate the basic human and humanitarian values, which are held dearly by your country.

To help bring about a speedy resolution to this case the AFC puts its Administration at your disposal to aid the Thai Government in any way possible and the AFC thanks Your Excellency and your Government for considering the AFC's appeal for the release of Mr Al Araibi as quickly as possible.

with my respects,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Praful Patel', written over the typed name below.

Praful Patel