

ثالثاً: اختيار السعودية وقطر لأسباب تنظيمية وفنية

جاء قرارُ اختيار السعودية وقطر كمضيفتين استناداً إلى معايير تنظيمية وفنية وتجارية بحتة، كما أشار الاتحاد الآسيوي في بيانه، من دون أن يتضمن القرارُ أيَّ نفي أو إشارة إلى عدم تقديم العراق لملفه أو استبعاده لأي سببٍ آخر.

رابعاً: الحملة الإعلامية الممنهجة

إن تداولَ أخبارٍ غير صحيحةٍ كهذه، في هذا التوقيتِ الحرج الذي تستعدُّ فيه المنتخباتُ الآسيويةُ لخوضِ مرحلةٍ مفصليةٍ من التصفياتِ المؤهلةِ إلى كأس العالم، لا يمكنُ تفسيره إلا على أنه جزءٌ من حملةٍ إعلاميةٍ ممنهجةٍ، تقفُ وراءها منصاتٌ ومواقعٌ اعتادت على بثِّ تقاريرٍ غير دقيقة، ذات طابعٍ موجهٍ وغاياتٍ مصلحةٍ ضيقة.

وشدد البيان بالقول إلى أن تلك الأقاويل تهدف إلى التَشويشِ على مَسيرةِ المُنتخبِ العراقيّ، والتقليل من مكانةِ العراق ومؤسساته الرياضية، عبر محاولاتٍ ممنهجةٍ للانتقاصِ من قراراته الشرعية، ومشاركته التنظيمية، رغم التزامه الكامل بالإجراءات واللوائح المعتمدة من الاتحادين الآسيوي والدولي.



No.	Member Association	Qualification to AQ26PO
1	Australia	X
2	China PR	X
3	Indonesia	O
4	Iraq	O
5	Kyrgyz Republic	X
6	Qatar	O
7	Saudi Arabia	O
8	United Arab Emirates	O

Based on the submitted bids and fulfilment of the minimum hosting requirements, the AFC has conducted a bid evaluation across various criteria, including but not limited to the following:

- Quality of the competition infrastructure
- Stadiums
- Training sites
- Accommodation facilities
- International travel convenience & connections to the host MAs
- Local transportation
- Recent experience hosting top-tier international competitions
- Safety & security risk and cases
- Commercial value
- AFC's prior hosting experience in the respective MAs

Taking all the above into consideration, we are pleased to confirm that Saudi Arabia and Qatar, impeccable hosts of AFC Champions League Elite Finals 2025 and the AFC Asian Cup 2023 respectively, have been selected as the Host Associations of the AQ26PO and will host one (1) group each. For the avoidance of doubt and regardless of the team pot allocation, these two (2) host MAs will be placed in separate groups during the Draw.

2. Draw Ceremony & Team Briefing

- Draw Ceremony
 - Venue : AFC House, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
 - Date : Thursday, 17 July 2025
 - Time : 15:00 hours [GMT+8 / Malaysia local time]
 - Dress Code : Business Casual

Name of Proposed Training Sites (min. 4):

No.	Name of Training Site	Location (City)
1	Sports City Training Ground A	BASRA
2	Sports City Training Ground B	BASRA
3	Sports City Training Ground C	BASRA
4	Sports City Training Ground D	BASRA

* One (1) dedicated training site shall be provided for each Participating Team and the Match Officials for their exclusive use

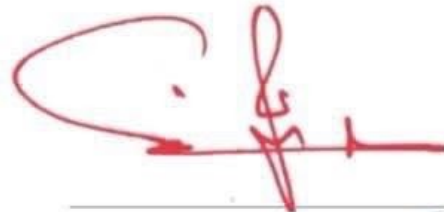
Name of Proposed Hotels (Preferably five (5)-star hotels, minimum four (4)-star hotels):

No.	Designated Hotel	Name of Hotel and City
1	Visiting Participating Team 1	Grand Millennium Al Seef Basra
2	Visiting Participating Team 2	Move npic Zenat al Hayat Hotel
3	AFC Delegation	Horizon Hotel

SIGNATURE:



General Secretary
(Member Association)



President
(Member Association)



Please submit the duly completed form to the AFC via AFCAS by:

Wednesday, 21 May 2025

Note: Bidding Member Associations shall be aware of the requirements stated in the General Bidding Information and shall adhere to the bidding process and timelines provided by the AFC. The AFC reserves the right to amend the timelines and requirements contained herein at its sole discretion.

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