

Bouabdallah: Egypt imposes curfew on Algerian supporters

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The CEO of Air Algérie, Wahid Bouabdallah said that the Egyptian authorities are taking a firm decision to prevent supporters of the national team

Algerian team travelled to Egypt to watch the match on 14 November, from moving in the capital Cairo and in other Egyptian cities for reasons that remain unknown until now.

Worse than that, according to the latest information in our possession, the Algerian fans are banned from entering Egyptian territory by road. Mr. Bouabdallah said yesterday in an interview with Ennahar that Mohamed Raouraoua, president of the Algerian Football Federation, had informed him about the Egyptian authorities' decision requiring the services of Air Algeria to take all measures to ensure the transport of Supporters of the national team from Cairo airport to the stadium, then from the stadium to the airport, without allowing those fans to circulate in the streets and neighbourhoods of Cairo.

This decision has provoked the ire of Bouabdallah who responded by describing the decision as illogical and unjustified. "We participated in the construction of Cairo, and it is impossible to prevent the Algerians from walking in the streets of this city or in any of the other Egyptian cities and go to visit their relatives.

If the Egyptian authorities do not respect our request, we will be forced to cancel the scheduled flights and consequently oblige the Algerians to watch the match on television screens.

The number of seats booked until now for the Algerian fans, is 1500 seats, which will not be increased since it was initially limited to Algeria in the stadium.

The management of Air Algeria has expected 3000 supporters. "The number of fans will not be increased because if we let the Algerians go, there will be 100,000 in record time," said Mr. Bouabdallah.

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