

**MALAYSIAN FOOTBALL**  
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1. It's not too late I hope, for me to congratulate the Malaysian football team for winning the AFF Suzuki Cup.
2. Although I am not much of a football fan, I do follow the progress of the national football teams. For a long time, our football teams have been in the doldrums.
3. I am proud of this young team's achievement. They have restored the pride of "Harimau Malaya".
4. I hope they will continue to achieve success. I hope too that they will not be spoilt by the riches their success brings and would maintain the discipline and hardworking nature that brought them this far.

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By RabiatulAdawiahAuthor Profile Page on February 3, 2011 4:11 PM

As Salam to Tun,

I do understand very much of your 'not be spoilt by the riches their success brings' It was a well-known fact that our past football players have a very interesting culture among themselves. They would celebrate with every possible opportunity with alcoholic beverages and women (not that I am taking much concern over their religious belief/practice). Before the game and after the game despite they win or not.

How do I know this? I get to meet alot of national athletes when studying in UPM, they have MSN hostel built right behind our dormitory. We shared the cafe and of course we shared stories.

If there is a chance to bring back the glory of our past football players, that is to start with this culture, to discard it and to bring a more healthy worthy culture.

By KuyomAuthor Profile Page on January 28, 2011 5:44 PM

Bola sepak di malaysia sudah mula nampak sinar mungkin hasil pertukaran sesetengah pemimpin dalam FAM baru2 ini,diharapkan akan terus berkekalan,mungkin FAM sudah boleh mula merancang untuk menghantar beberapa pemain berpotensi bermain atau sekurang kurangnya berlatih di luAr negara.malah baru2 ini pemilik cardiff city iaitu seorang warga negara malaysia telah memberi tajaan dan merasmikan majlis memprkenalkan pemain2 kelantan jadi mengapa tidak FAM berbincang dengan pemilik cardif ini bagi menempatkan beberapa pemain malaysia di sana.saya yakin pengalaman mereka bermain di sana akan meningkatkan keupayaan pasukan.pasukan yang dibentuk juga harus dikekalkan dan tidak dipisahkan bagi membentuk keserasian

By det kecikAuthor Profile Page on January 25, 2011 7:13 PM

Masaalah bolasepak di Malaysia adalah pentadbirannya dan bukan pemain-pemainnya.

Apa salahnya dengan bayaran kewangan yang lumayan kepada pemain yang mengambil permainan itu sebagai kerjaya mereka.

Apabila pentadbiran persatuan-persatuan bolasepak tidak profesional, pemain-pemainlah yang akan jadi mangsa.

Politikus yang mentadbir persatuan-persatuan sukan umumnya yang "memandulkan" pembangunan sukan itu sendiri kerana dalam kepala hotak politikus ada unsur-unsur untuk mempopularkan diri mereka walaupun pemain-pemain ada yang dizalimi.

Politikus bukan hanya memperkudakan bangsa, agama dan negara demi kepentingan peribadi politiknya malah memperkudakan sukan yang popular di negara ini iaitu Bolasepak.

Tahniah kepada pasukan TIGER Malaysia diatas kemenangan tempoh hari.  
By Abdullah Chek SahamatAuthor Profile Page on January 24, 2011 7:25 PM

Harimau Malaya nama pasukan kita. Elok juga nama itu. Di Sarawak dan Sabah, mana ada Harimau. Hanya di Malaya ada Harimau. Maka kalau kita tukar jadi Harimau Malaysia tidaklah betul pula. Nanti Najib tukar pula jadi Harimau 1Malaysia. lagi tidak sesuai.

Cuma, kenapa guna nama Harimau? Harimau pandai main bola ke? Atau sebab, semangat dan semangat Harimau itu kuat benar ke? Tapi kalau nak difikirkan semual apa nama yang sesuai, saya rasa elok bagi nama Malaysia saja.

Cuba bayangkan jika kita kekalkan nama Harimau Malaya, dan kalau penonton menyokong melaung-laung nama samada Harimau atau Malaya....harimau Harimau Harimau taua Malaya Malaya Malaya....pasti lain jadinya. Tapi kalau dinamakan saja Malaysia, pasti hebat bunyinya! Jika teriakan Malaysia...Malaysia....Malaysia..pasti lebih hebat.  
By ungku raadAuthor Profile Page on January 17, 2011 8:14 PM

Salam sejahtera buat Tun sekeluarga,

Tahniah Harimau Malaya.U've made US proud.May God bless us with a lot of trophies in the cabinet to remedy in many years to come.

As i grew,I had seen alot of pretty,eventfull,ups and downs of Harimau Malaya.My uncle ( Syed Ahmad ) was a legend himself.Though he DID NOT play in the Olympic after he has scored so many goals that made us through.

M'sian,stay positive...We have not achieved WAW 2020 yet...soon!

Well,OUR time has emerged as a supreme football power again.Be proud.It has been long coming.Many to come I hope.We had proved that We are the best.Olympics next,without the bickering of politics we hope.

Next?THE World Cup!

Glory Malaysia,glory our Prime Minister,Tun!Glory Harimau Malaya!Allahuakbar!Malaysians are winners.

By shaharuddin mohd isaAuthor Profile Page on January 13, 2011 9:47 PM

I think the true beneficiaries to this football success are the politicians. In the Malaysian team they have found a tool to further their cause in rallying the Malaysians to unite which they have so far haven't able to do. That's why they don't mind showering the players with excessive rewards and incentives, which is not even theirs in the first place.

By 2worldpeaceAuthor Profile Page on January 11, 2011 7:17 PM

saudara parameswara 2:

1-I would recommend that Najib do not take this matter lightly. The Sabahans are opened enough to voice their grievance over our insensitivity. We should be magnanimous enough to resolve the matter. Be a good sport.

saya setuju sangat dengan pendapat anda. kalau kita tengok para pemain sekarang ini, saya rasa seorngpun tiada pemain dari Sabah dan Sarawak. manalah tidak mereka kecil hati sikit. seperti semua kita tahu bolasepak adalah sukan no1 di Malaysia dan juga di dunia. cepatlah hentikan penggunaan Harimau Malaya kepada pasukan bolasepak sekarang. Kalau merujuk kepada pasukan masa Malaya dahulu, tak apalah.

Saya ada terbaca suratkhbar inggeris hari ini yang menulis 'Malaysian Tigers' sambil merujuk kepada pasukan bolasepak kita. sedap bunyinya dari 'Malayan Tigers'.

Terima kasih Tun.

By OrangLamaAuthor Profile Page on January 10, 2011 12:46 AM

Salam,

Tahniah Malaysia. Cara permainan menentang Indonesia di Bukit Jalil nampak ada kualiti. Satu yang ketara adalah pemain Malaysia sekarang nampak lebih cergas, fokus dan berkeyakinan. Mungkin depa kebanyakan muda2.

Main bola kena badan kuat sikit, kalau lembik2 lebih baik masuk pertandingan bolasepak orang2 tua atau main netball!(jangan marah kaum Hawa ye, hang pa ta kan nak jadi kuat macam lelaki?)

Pasukan Malaysia perlu lebih pendedahan perlawanan bertaraf dunia . Hantarlah pasukan bola kita pi lawan merata2 seluruh dunia supaya depa dapat bina keyakinan diri. FAM kena cari sponsor hantar pasukan Malaysia lawan kelab2 di Amerika Selatan, Afrika, Eropah, Amerika Syarikat. Saya sentiasa berpendapat kelemahan pasukan bolasepak Malaysia ialah kurang pendedahan bertaraf antarabangsa.

Tahniah Malaysia.

By shahiranAuthor Profile Page on January 9, 2011 3:23 PM

I too feel proud with the recent Harimau Malaya. However, the 'among the stars' feeling is yet too early. I accept the victory, yet still, I am hoping for more. It is now their job to stay positive and bring back as many victory they could. If they lose once in a while, okay then, but please, be a 'winning team', I too want to cheer not underdog.

By checkerAuthor Profile Page on January 9, 2011 9:09 AM

Salam Tun & fellow bloggers,

Tahniah kepada pasukan bolasepak kita atas kejayaan mereka tapi saya sukar untuk mengharapkan kemajuan dan peningkatan tahap sukan negara kita seterusnya dan berkekalan. Faktor2 penghalang ialah peneglibatan politik, pentadbiran sukan, tak ada strategi jangka panjang yang jelas dan banyak parasite yang hanya memikirkan keuntungan peribadi yang membelakang peningkatan kemahiran, disiplin, kekuatan mental, semangat juang, kesihatan dan tenaga ahli2 sukan negara.

Pendapat ini berdasarkan apa yang telah berlaku di masa2 lalu. Belajarlah daro kesilapan dahulu jika ingin mencapai kejayaan seterusnya.

By nazrimalikAuthor Profile Page on January 8, 2011 2:32 PM

Hidup Harimau Malaya! Harap2 konsisten lah..

By Rimba EmasAuthor Profile Page on January 8, 2011 1:19 PM

SALAM BUAT TUN BERDUA MOGA DIRAHMATI ALLAH S.W.T

1) MALAYSIA JUARA AFF DIANTARA NEGARA ASIAN SAMA JUGA DENGAN JUARA SUKAN SEA YANG PERNAH KITA MENANGGI.

2) KITA BARU KEMBALI MENJUARAI SETELAH KALAH SEBELUMNYA.TARAFNYA TETAP SAMA. TAGET YANG BELUM DICAPAI SEPATUTNYA KEMUNCIAK UNTUK DIRAYAI.

3) NEGARA KITA PERNAH MEMBANGUN MALAH SEIRINGGAN DENGAN RAKAN ASIA SEPerti NEGARA JEPUN, KOREA, CHINA DALAM BEBERAPA SEKTOR INDUSTRI PERDAGANGAN.

4) BOLASEPAK SEPATUTNYA SEIRINGGAN DENGAN NEGARA-NEGARA ASIA YANG MAJU INI. PAKAR-PAKAR DALAM EKONOMI INILAH YANG TIDAK SAMA STANDART MENERAJUI DALAM INDUSTRI BOLASEPAK KINI.

5) KALAU PENTADBIRAN BOLEH SAMPAI Menguasai PERINGKAT ASIA, JADI JURULATIHLAH SEKARANG YANG TERENDAH DALAM KONFERASI BOLA SEPAK DUNIA.

6) SETUJUKAH ANDA BAHAWA UNTUK MENGALAHKAN JUARA DUNIA KITA PERLU SEORANG YANG BIJAK MERENCANA STRATEJI YANG TIDAK MEWAKILI KONFERASI BOLASEPAK DUNIA KERANA ILMU BOLASEPAKNYA BERLAINAN UMPAMA MELAWAN SISTEM ASAL. CONTOHNYA TUN PERNAH MELAWAN BARAT MENYELAMATKAN EKONOMI NEGARA DENGAN MEMPERKENALKAN CARA MENGATASI SISTEM ANTARA BANGSA IMF ? MALAYSIA BOLEH KALAU KITA BERANI MENCABAR JUARA DUNIA.

WALLAHU'ALAM

By HajarAuthor Profile Page on January 8, 2011 1:05 PM

Salam YAB & diKasihi Tun,

1. Saya pun bukan peminat bola sepak,,tetapi seperti Tun, saya sentiasa mengikuti perkembangan semasa sukan negara.

2. Mengenai istilah "HARIMAU MALAYA" saya setuju ianya dikekalkan. Saya hairan mengapa ada pihak yang mempersoal istilah tersebut. Cuma mereka yang jahil saja yang mempersoalkannya. Ada juga yang mempersoal istilah tersebut kerana takut kepada kebenaran fakta & mahu memadam sejarah yang lalu.

3. Apapun Tun, saya setuju supaya pemain-pemain muda ini TIDAK DIMANJA dengan pemberian hadiah yang melampau-lampau. Lihat saja apa yang berlaku dimasa lalu. Kita kena belajar dari kesilapan lalu. Cukup sekadar mengiktiraf pencapaian mereka dengan ganjaran yang munasabah. Yang penting ada PENGIKTIRAFAN & PENGHARGAAN. Pastikan mereka tidak LUPA DIRI & sentiasa tekankan soal DISIPLIN. Kalau melanggar disiplin, kenakan tindakan disiplin sewajarnya. Baru kita boleh kekalkan prestasi. Bukan setakat menang sekali-dua sudah bermegah-megah...sampai dapat CUTI umum...

Terima kasih Tun.

\*\* Semoga Allah SWT sentiasa melindungi Tun sekeluarga \*\*  
By parameswara 2Author Profile Page on January 7, 2011 10:32 PM

dearest Tun

//By Chang KeeAuthor Profile Page on January 6, 2011 11:51 PM

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1-I would recommend that Najib do not take this matter lightly.The Sabahans are opened enough to voice their grievance over our insensitivity.We should be magnanimous enough to resolve the matter.Be a good sport.

2-Well if we are too proud to really think that our enemies fear us because of this name 'Harimau Malaya'we are just being too arrogant.True to donplaypuks,'one swallow does not a summer make.'

3-Did any team pissed in their pants facing 'Harimau Malaya' the last thirty years?

4-If 'Harimau Belang' is unacceptable maybe just 'Sang Harimau' Team.Being a West Malaysian I am also very fond of the 'Harimau Malaya' but we must remember we are now married to a Part of Borneo.

5-Small though this matter be, sports are emotional matters that touches deep into the hearts of many many Malaysians.The leverage of sports is its ability to amplify emotions either positively or negatively.

6-Don't let the opposition exploit this come PRU13 and see BN losing these two states for the first time unnecessarily.Don't play play,wise man say 'Small leaks Sink Big Ships'.

Thanks Tun  
By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on January 7, 2011 9:42 AM

Dear Tun,

I wonder whether this "brand new Harimau team" is sustainable to become champions for the coming years ahead. The problem with our players that they are being spoiled by the govt. and the players become "cocky" suffering from cultural shock. They are more or less becoming celebrities overnight and they could not handle the situation for being in the limelight everywhere they go.Some of them "sudah lupa daratan" and involve in unhealthy activities without taking care of their health which is very important. They will start going clubbing and indulge in activities that can affect their physical fitness.

FAM must monitor their new lifestyle and if need be remove them immediately if they are found to be detrimental to the whole squad.

Discipline must be given top priority before it becomes rotten.  
By maaAuthor Profile Page on January 7, 2011 7:01 AM

Assalamualaikum,

Biarlah ia kekal dengan nama Harimau Malaya. Kenapa 'alergik' sangat dengan nama Harimau Malaya? Bukankah nama itu unik dan memberi mimpi ngeri kepada pasukan lain?

Tahniah kepada para pemain dan K. Rajagopal. Malaysia memang boleh, jenama tempatan juga bukan sebarangan. Namun jangan cepat lupa, nanti cepat kaput juga.

Melihat entry ni, langkah bagus jika perpaduan kaum dapat dikekalkan dan digembleng secara bersama dengan mengetepikan segala perbezaan yang tiada hujung pangkal dan sia-sia belaka.

maa

By kolarbiruAuthor Profile Page on January 7, 2011 12:10 AM

Salam buat Tun dan semua pembaca setia blog ini

Sukan tidak kira apa jenis sekalipun matlamatnya adalah menang seterusnya bergelar juara.

Saya pernah terbaca dan mungkin anda pun jua salah seorang pengurus pasukan yang telah berjaya merangkul gelaran Liga Juara Juara Eropah pernah mengeluarkan kenyataan lebih kurang sedemikian : "Bola sepak moden (zaman sekarang) kemenangan lebih penting daripada bermain cantik (seni) kerana walau secantik mana pasukan itu bermaian dan bergelar juara hanya nama pasukan sahaja akan tercatat pada piala tersebut bukannya nama pengurus ataupun nama pemaian yang bermain cantik"

Jika kita amati startegi jurulatih negara ketika mengendalikan skuad kebangsaan sehinggalah muncul juara Piala Suzuki ianya lebih kurang sama dan walaubagaimana sekalipun ucapan tahniah kepada Rajagopal serta tiada niat buruk dari saya untuk memperkecilkan kebolehan beliau.

Spanyol telah mencipta sejarah bergelar Juara Eropah serta Piala Dunia dan La Liga mereka juga tidak kurang hebatnya setanding EPL.

Kejayaan Sepanyol merangkul 2 kejuaraan tersebut disebabkan Liga bola sepak mereka lebih mengutamakan pemain tempatan dan kemasukan pemain import dihadkan secara tidak langsung lebih banyak pemaian tempatan dapat pendedahan diperingkat lebih tinggi melalui liga antara kelab - kelab yang terhebat didunia berbanding pemain bola sepak liga Malaysia.

Kejayaan Malaysia dibawah pimpinan Rajagopal juga pernah menjuarai 2 kejuaraan dan saya berpendapat setelah ketiadaan kelibat AWANG IMPORT dalam liga Malaysia dapatlah pemaian - pemaian menerima banyak pendedahan serta dapat mempertajamkan skill individu yang mana berkemungkinan ketika adanya AWANG IMPORT jurulatih terpaksa mengetepikan mereka disebabkan faktor pengalaman ataupun skill individu.

Keputusan FAM menutup pintu rezeki pemaian import dalam liga Malaysia telah membuka ruang seluas - luasnya pada pemaian tempatan dan mereka telah membalasnya dengan membawa 2 kejuaraan dibawah pimpinan Rajagopal.

Sukan perlukan pendedahan lihatlah apa yang dilakukan oleh BAM terhadap pemain - pemaian badminton negara yang sehingga kini walaupun skuad pelapis tetapi apabila lawan ketahui ianya dari Malaysia mereka perlu siapkan startegi sebelum berlawan dengan pemain kita.

Ada atau tidak Awang Import dalam liga Malaysia bagi saya ianya bukan isu utama cuma apa yang saya perhatikan mungkin juga anda perasan tidak kira apa jenis sukan sekalipun atlit kita tidak konsisten dan tahap kekuatan mental untuk bergelar juara masih bersifat ragu - ragu buktinya Malaysia banyak membawa pulang pingat perak dan gangsa pada 2 kejohanan besar baru - baru ini. Pasukan bola sepak tidak terkecuali buktinya peringkat separuh akhir pertama Malaysia - Indonesia di Bukit Jalil pemain ragu - ragu untuk menang lantas mengikut permaianan pihak lawan jika tidak disebabkan barisan serangan yang tajam serta penjaga gol yang cekap mana mungkin kita boleh menang dan sikap konsisten buruk tersebut diamalkan sekali lagi di Jakarta dan barisan serangan dan pertahanan sekali lagi jadi penyelamat.

Hasrat kerajaan untuk membina kompleks sukan bola sepak bertaraf 5 bintang dialu - alukan tetapi pandangan saya binalah dulu pusat kecemerlangan minda berkelas dunia. Sukan menuntut kekuatan fizikal dan mental yang terbaik untuk menang dan bergelar juara. 90 minit bermain beriklim khatulistiwa menuntut kekuatan fizikal yang tinggi dan apabila pemain sudah keletihan tahap kekuatan mentalnya pun merosot. Jaguhan bola sepak dunia terletak diiklim yang sejuk walhal pemain kita dapat rasakan sesekali sahaja mereka mempunyai susuk badan,tendangan serta larian yang berbeza bagaimana pemain kita dapat mengatasinya???

Pandangan Anda pula bagaimana???

By AtaturkAuthor Profile Page on January 6, 2011 11:58 PM

Tun,

I am surprised to hear you are following the progress of Malaysian football.

When you came into power, stadiums were filled with all the major races when matches were played. I used to frequent them too.

It was a 1Malaysia then.

When you left, only Malays came to stadiums to watch Malaysia play.

Something for you to ponder about your great rule over 22 years.  
I hope you are very proud of this achievement as well.

Best Regards,

Ataturk

By Chang KeeAuthor Profile Page on January 6, 2011 11:51 PM

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By mat khalidAuthor Profile Page on January 6, 2011 11:31 PM

Salam Tun,

On 26 Dec 2010, my faith in Malaysian football has been restored!!! ( lost for more than 2 decades after being cheated by match fixing scandals).

For those who are still debating about the use of "HARIMAU MALAYA", stop it and buka encyclopedia. Jangan campur aduk dengan konsep 1 Malaysia. Our football was in the mess before bila di campur aduk dengan politik taik kucing..

Salam,

Mat Khalid

(Now no. 1 fan of Khairul Fahmi Che Mat aka KFC Mat)

By rezekiasia99Author Profile Page on January 6, 2011 10:19 PM

Salam ayahda Tun,

Tahniah kepada pasukan kita dan juga kepada Tun kerana menggunakan ungkapan HARIMAU MALAYA !

PS:Lebih dari 100 gunung tertinggi didunia termasuk Gunung EVEREST terletak di "Banjaran hiMALAYA" ... does this ring a BELL! (rujukan Wikipedia) ... renung2kanlah!

Kalau pendita "tua" zaman dahulu dalam makrifat beliau memberi nama "hiMalaysia" pada "Banjaran" tersebut... ouch x serasi bunyi-nya? ... tetapi bila diberi nama "hiMALAYA" bunyinya mantap, gagah dan perkasa!!!.

Tahniah kpd pasukan HARIMAU MALAYA !

rezekiasia99 - Yakin pada ilmu dan makrifat "PENDITA Tua"

By dinoAuthor Profile Page on January 6, 2011 4:43 PM

Dear Tun,

What I fear always is that our winning team may not have the 'staying power' to continue with their thirst for more success. They become complacent easily. It is our trait.

Salam.

By 2worldpeaceAuthor Profile Page on January 6, 2011 4:26 PM

Salam Tun,

Dahulu kita setaraf dengan Korea dan mungkin lebih baik. Kita pernah membelasah Jepun dengan jumlah gol yang banyak. Kalau perkembangan bolasepak kita tidak terbantut sebelum ini, mungkin kita dah jadi finalis di World Cup. Entah2 dah jadi semifinalispun. Mana tidaknya Korea dan Jepun dah berapa kali masuk World cup. Mungkin sekarang ini kita dah ada ramai pemain yang bermain di liga2 Eropah seperti BPL di mana ramai pemain Jepun dan Korea beraksi. Jangankan ASEAN cup, Asia Cup mungkin juga kita dah menang.

Peristiwa hitam yang terjadi dalam tahun 90an di mana beberapa pemain ternama negara terpaksa mengakhiri kareer mereka secara tiba2 di harap menjadi panduan. Kita telah kehilangan satu generasi pemain semasa itu.

Kita harap pihak berkenaan akan memastikan pasukan generasi sekarang ini dijaga baik2 dan dibiarkan berkembang permainan mereka. Kalau pemain Jepun dan Korea boleh mengeksport skill mereka ke Eropah, mengapa tidak pemain Malaysia.

By syuhadaAuthor Profile Page on January 6, 2011 4:04 PM

Salam kasih buat Tun dan semua,

Saya masih ingat tahun 1998 Sukan Komanwel diadakan diMalaysia. Saya berada di stadium bukit jalil dihari pembukaan Sukan Komanwel. Itu lah pertama kali dalam sejarah hidup saya, saya faham bila orang kata meremang bulu roma (bukan sbb nampak hantu/setan ye...hehehe).Itulah diantara sejarah paling manis dalam hidup yang akan saya bawa hingga keakhir hayat. Perasaan yang tidak dapat diungkapkan dengan kata2... mungkin hanya yang pergi saja yang dapat merasakan...

Saya juga pergi utk pertandingan akhir perlawanan bola sepak sebab pasukan Malaysia masuk final dalam sukan komanwel, menjerit2 dari belakang dalam hujan ... dan itu lah perlawanan bolasepak pertama dan terakhir yang saya pergi dalam sejarah hidup saya sampai kini...

Apa2pun, saya hidup dizaman Tun menjadi PM (Tun masih tetap PM dihati dan fikiran saya). Sesungguhnya banyak kebaikan yang saya dapat rasai, terimakasih tidak terhingga untuk Tun. Saya sentiasa mendoakan Tun dan Tun Hasmah sentiasa dilindungi dan dirahmati oleh Allah s.w.t.

By LionelcheeAuthor Profile Page on January 6, 2011 3:56 PM

I was once a soccer fanatic during my school days in the 70s. I walked for miles to the stadium to watch the matches played in the Merdeka Cup tournaments. I was proud to be supporting the Malaysian team. Japan, Thailand, Singapore, Kuwait and most of the teams in Asia feared playing against the Malaysian team. South Korea was the only team that offered a tougher fight and most of the time, Malaysia ended up the winning team. I remembered Malaysia beat USA 3-0 during the Munich Olympics. All these successes, we were not granted holidays. After boycotting the Moscow Olympics, Malaysian football has never been the same. Corrupted players and people without the knowledge of managing football came into the scene. The the sport became political. Unfit players (those who failed the basic - Cooper's test) were selected into the national team. Most of them were seen struggling on the fields. For more than 30 years, there was no solution to bring back the glories of the 70s. The old guards who failed are still hanging to power. I guess this is

Malaysian style. MALAYSIA BOLEH - sekejap saja.

Take care of your health, Tun.

By donplaypuksAuthor Profile Page on January 6, 2011 2:12 PM

Congrats, but one swallow does not a summer make. After all, they have lost to teams from Laos and other low ranking countries. Also, in the two-stage finals, they won at home and lost away in Indonesia.

Then again, it was victory in a tournament involving South East Asian countries and not the World Cup that we have to award cash and land to our players. There's no comparison to our national football teams of the '50's - '70's which used to win the Merdeka Cup involving teams from ASIA like Japan, Korea, India etc. and they even made it to the Olympics!!

Such rewards should go to consistent achievers like our badminton and squash players (Nicile David, World No.1 for 5 years now,for example) who are names on the world stage.

So, don't get carried away. And, the Harimau Malaya should change to Harimau Malaysia, or haven't you noticed that the times have changed!!

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we are all of 1 Race, the Human Race

By nasnurAuthor Profile Page on January 6, 2011 1:32 PM

Salam sekali lagi tun..

Pada pendapat saya, mereka perlu diberikan sokongan dan sedikit tekanan supaya mereka tidak lupa diri dan sentiasa bersemangat..Bagi saya, skuad harimau muda memang bagus sebelum ini tetapi oleh kerana beberapa pihak tidak percaya dengan kemampuan mereka dan lebih percaya kepada pasukan yg lebih senior, maka keupayaan mereka tidak dapat ditonjolkan..Sebelum ini pun pasukan kita telah pun melakar beberapa kejayaan.

bagi saya, pasukan harimau muda ini memmang berbakat. Mereka masih muda dan umur hanya sekitar 20 an..Jadi masih banyak masa dan peluang untuk mereka belajar. Cuma, saya harap pihak media tidak perlulah terlalu mengagung-agungkan skuad Harimau Malaya ini. Jika kita lihat, skuad Garuda(Indonesia) pun agak hebat, tetapi disebabkan oleh media massa mereka yg terlalu memuji pemain2 mereka, prestasi mereka tellah merosot..Jadi, apa yang perlu sekarang ialah, kita sokong Skuad Harimau Malaya ini dan berikan mereka sedikit tekanan supaya mereka meningkatkan kualiti..kita buat sesuatu yang membina. sekian..

By pppzAuthor Profile Page on January 6, 2011 1:11 PM

Salam YAB Tun dan semua,

Harap HARIMAU MALAYA tidak akan pupus.

Wassalam.

By JamalAuthor Profile Page on January 6, 2011 11:26 AM

Salam Tun,

Tahniah! Tahniah! Tahniah! Rajagopal dan Tim Malaysia!

Sekarang masa nya Mereka lihat apa yang belum tercapai dan BUKAN apa yang telah tercapai!!!

Ni Baru ASEAN aja....boleh kah di capai ASIAN CUP! dengan apa yang kita ada ni....

Maka nya Tim anak buah Rajagopal perlu kerja lebih gigih...dan bukan biar angin masuk ke kepala.

Tak ingat ke suatu masa dulu..Thomas Cup..kita menang..tapi lihat apa terjadi selepas tu!

Jangan fikir kita yang terbaik..kerana kejayaan ni harus memacu kita ke yang lebih tinggi...

Selamat Maju Jaya Bola Sepak Malaysia.

Malaysia BOLEH!!!!

By ManoharanAuthor Profile Page on January 6, 2011 11:25 AM

Dear Tun,

Congratulations to the team and its members.Sure, this team invokes memories of our glory days in 70's and 80's.We were feared by many and we had our trade mark football.Ball possession,short passing,good ball control,boundless energy and willingness to chase every ball was what took us to lofty heights in those days.Mokhtar,Arumugam,Chin Aun,Syed Ahmad,Wan Zawawi,Abdah Alif,Bakri Ibni,Wong Choon Wah,M.Chandran,Khan Hung Meng,Shukor Salleh,Abdullah Ali,Salleh Ibrahim,PDhramalingam and others of that era were born with such traits and produced a brand of football that were a joy to watch.We also had good local coaches like,Uncle Choo,Yee Seng Choy,Jalil Che Din,Chow Kwai Lam,M.Karathu,Moey Kok Heong etc who retained the basics and maintained our style.

Coach Rajagopal (now Jose Gopal for many) has brought back our identity by telling these boys to keep possession,chase every ball,100 per cent work rate and good team work.All these boys need to do now is to find a leader on the pitch (someone like Chin Aun or Ismail Ibrahim or M Chandran ) to organise things when the chips are down.

Rajagopal is applying the same tatics that he learnt from Kwai Lam,Karathu or Abdul Rahman during his time with Selangor and Malaysia.

Hope the politicians and others allow the team to grow and bring back our trade mark football without too much glitter or rewards.

Our previous experience with foreign coaches has been a total flop because they tried to impose tactics and styles that are alien to many of us.Malaysian footballers should be taught to polish these basic skills and endurance levels for them to stamp their mark.

Thank You

Manoharan

By Collin NgAuthor Profile Page on January 6, 2011 10:03 AM

Tun

After undergoing major revamp, the current Malaysia national team has certainly liven up to their nation's expectation with the Suzuki Cup accolade. The same cannot be said of our national team from Singapore, a wake-up call to them.

Congrats to the Malaysia football team.

By mas2rahAuthor Profile Page on January 6, 2011 10:03 AM

salam Tun...

hai tun!...menyedihkan bila Orang2 indOnesia bertelagah ...mengutuk2 Malaysia..siap buat page anti malingsia...satu nusantara pOn nak bergaduh2 kan tun!!

LUAHAN HATI :

tun...i am very happy t0 see and shake hand with y0u yesterday....On siti nurhaliza's talk sh0w punya rec0rding dekat Jabatan filem Negara semalam ( 5 januari 2011 )...i am dying t0 see y0u...walaup0n saya demam semalam tapi bila tahu je Tun nak datang...saya gagahkan diri jugak untuk datang...walaup0n tak dapat tempat duduk...teng0k berdiri p0n jadilah...gembira dapat bergambar dengan tun...walaup0n ramai Orang....dan walaup0n dapat bergambar sipi2 je...hahahahaha!! Tun perasan saya semalam k0t...wanita berbaju kelabu duk kat tepi2 pintu ...pakai cermin mata berbingkai hitam...ser0n0k sangat! h0pe t0 see y0u again!!! and y0u l00k s0 cute yesterday...y0u are my inspirati0n.....

s0rry lari t0pik lah pulak.....time malaysia menang tu memang rasa nak berj0get2 je!!!!!!! MALAYSIA BOLEH!!!!!!!!!!!!and Khairul fahmi is the best g0alkeeper!!

By Puak BinuangAuthor Profile Page on January 6, 2011 9:37 AM

Salam Tun yang dikasihi,

Isu Harimau Malaya atau Malaysia ni sedikit menjejaskan kemeriahan kejayaan pasukan kita. Kutukan dan kemarahan dari kawan2 di Semenanjung kepada kami di Sabah agak mengejutkan.

Sebenarnya banyak yang diperkatakan agak kurang tepat. Isu ini mungkin ada benarnya dipolitikkan tetapi sebahagian besar penyokong Malaysia di Sabah adalah rakyat biasa. Berapa kerat sahaja ahli politik yang tengok bola? soal spesies harimau malaya pun kami faham.. ada juga yang mencadang nama universiti malaya juga perlu ditukar jika harimau malaya di tukar. kata sindiran kononnya sabah kenegerian, mundur, orang hutan juga agak keterlaluan. mujur la hanya segelintir rakyat sabah yang melayan kutukan ini.

Bagi kami peminat setia Malaysia, isu ini cuma berkaitan RASA. kita sama2 berdoa, berdebar, menjerit, bergembira dgn kejayaan Malaysia. Wlubagaimana pun ada sedikit terasa lain bila dlm keghairahan kita membaca berita kejayaan ini Gelaran Harimau Malaya meluas digunakan. tiada rasa marah, benci, sekadar sedikit terasa. itu sahaja. lantaran cadangan agar di tukar kepada Harimau Malaysia dikemukakan untuk sama2 berkongsi rasa dgn kawan2 di semenanjung. itu saja. Kami mohon berkongsi 100% RASA yg sama. Soal kenegerian tiada kaitan ba ni. Kami ada ramai kawan2 berasal dari semenanjung. kami suka ke semenanjung.. so soal benci atau marah tidak mgkin ada.

Tetapi kami di Sabah juga akur dgn kehendak majoriti kawan2 di Semenanjung agar gelaran ini dikekalkan. Kalaupun gelaran asal pasukan kita Harimau Borneo, keadaan serupa juga mungkin akan berlaku.

Kami berpendapat Harimau Malaya adalah semangat dan kegagahan Harimau Belang yg kebetulan ada di Semenanjung. Tetapi Gelaran Harimau Malaysia adalah semangat harimau2 di Malaysia sebab di Sabah jugak ada harimau.

Gelaran Harimau Malaysia pula bagi sesetengah orang kurang gah, kurang ganas dan manja berbanding Malaya. ini pun tak betul. Sampainya hati kita menafikan kegagahan nama Malaysia. kalau bgtu baik la nama negara kita ini di tukar menjadi Malaya! rakyat sabah tak kisah agar negara kita lebih gah..

Soal siapa yang main utk malaysia bkn isu besar klupun seluruh pasukan kelantan terpilih main utk malaysia kami tetap sokong atas nama Malaysia. Asasnya hanya yg terbaik layak main..

So sekiranya kawan2 di semenanjung tak sudi berkongsi rasa tak apalah. Kami ok. cuma hentikanlah kutukan, cacian dan marah kepada kami di Sabah. Kami tetap sokong Malaysia.  
By jufairiyAuthor Profile Page on January 6, 2011 6:31 AM

Salam ayahanda Tun,

Saya sekeluarga ingin mengucapkan tahniah sekali lagi kepada pasukan bolesepak Malaysia. Semoga mereka akan terus berjaya dalam masa mendatang.

Semoga Tun dilindungi Allah dan take care.  
By ekomputeAuthor Profile Page on January 6, 2011 2:09 AM

A pre-election gimmick? I really don't know. I am not a football fan nor a car enthusiast.

I bought a second-hand Proton Saga in 1989 and have been using Proton Sagas until now, the latest being a 1.3L. A very good car, I would say, at least for me... no technical problems at all, even though I used the second Saga for 17 years, while my brother's Wira always seems to be in the workshop. But I am still scratching my head how the Proton Saga Aeroback managed to win the International Car of the Year Award (economy class) when it was first launched in 1985 with a Lancer engine and chassis that failed in the market place.

Miracles do happen, I do not deny that. And so I take the latest football win with a bit of salt, more so when a public holiday was declared the following day. Ohhh, maybe I am just too cynical. Why should a public holiday be declared when someone kicks the ball into the goal post, when more important achievements are not likewise celebrated?

But I am wary that not all my thoughts and opinions are always right. I just air them so that I may be corrected. That I often disagree with Tun does not mean that he is wrong but that I sometimes do not understand his thoughts. Does that then explain why he is a world renowned figure and I am a nobody. Well, even if I start shouting on top of my voice against the Semites, I am sure I won't even get a special mention in their Anti-Semitic list, only this I am sure.

By jalil7Author Profile Page on January 6, 2011 1:16 AM

Salam Tun,

if they want to be celebrities, why not ? kalau kita lihat Beckham dan lain2 bukan sekadar footballer, mereka juga celebrity, mereka juga artis. one whose true love is football will not be tainted by fame and fortune. if so, Pele himself would have been long gone.

bagi lah orang2 kita celebrate ( i.e. nak jadi celebrity , nak famous, nak kaya ). kalau prestasi menurun, itu kegagalan mereka sendiri. pastinya mereka tak mahu begitu. jadi tak payah kita sibuk dan risau.

Tun's comment is apt. Money has a way to persuade us to not chase glory anymore. But we hope the passion for football will overtake such minor side effects, and they remain strong.

so, let them have a good life, please !

By azizAuthor Profile Page on January 6, 2011 1:08 AM

A;kum Tun,

I was surprised to read the title 'Malaysian Football' when I first read the blog. I am so happy that you finally pen your thoughts on it.

Its the most beautiful game on earth and most viewed sports in the whole wide world during the World Cup.

I must say that I am grateful to Allah that our national team won the AFC Suzuki Cup. First time in the history of Malaysian football.

But to be honest with you Tun, our team were not the best team in the tournament. I do not want to take credit away from the team but I am being realistic. If you really watch the game against Thailand, we were lucky not to lose the match. If we were to lose that game, we would be eliminated from the tournament after second defeat. I guess luck played its part this time. But it may not strike twice.

Therefore there is a need for our government to change the football management in the country. I mean looking at 10 or 20 years from now. Not next tournament or to be Asian Champion. Look at the bigger picture.

For me football is the most beautiful game ever invented and therefore we must create interest within our society. Country like Brazil, Argentina, Holland, Spain, Germany, England, Italy or even Japan and Korea, they produce quality players. And their league is the best in its region. We must first create M-League to be the best league in South Asia. By having good quality match every week, we will attract crowds to the stadium. Teams will make profit from the gate tickets and therefore bring more financial strength to the team.

They then can invest on players and send for training and development program for our footballers to overseas. Money is very important as well to make our football to be viewed by Asean countries.

Those people who are sitting in FAM Committee must think of the best way to start pulling together for the sake of the country and the quality of our football.

Japan can have their players playing in European league now. South Korea produce players like Park Ji Sung and playing well at Man United. I believe that Malaysia can produce players like that too. Its not the size issue or skills. Its the development and quality of our league that is not in the same standard as the European league. That is why they never look at our league for scouting to identify new talent.

They rather go to Japan or Korea for Asian player or perhaps Iran or Gulf country.

We may win AFC Suzuki Cup now, but the question is, can we maintain that and bring it forward to win bigger title like Asian Cup, qualify for Olympic or World Cup?

That is the hardest part!

Thank you Tun....

aziz

By MikailAuthor Profile Page on January 6, 2011 12:54 AM

Salam Tun,  
It's the thought that counts.

Congrats to Harimau Malaya/Malaysia!! . Lepas ni jangan asyik di buai mimpi dan badai glamour.

By Syhazzly Izhah HamzahAuthor Profile Page on January 6, 2011 12:50 AM

Dear Tun Det,

Even though you're not a football fan, you're still the original Harimau Malaya!

Now we need more Harimau Cubs, not necessarily in football. We need Harimau Cubs in economy, business, education, politics, entertainment, religion, etc.

Semangat Harimau must be instilled in our DNA!

Take care!

By nasnurAuthor Profile Page on January 6, 2011 12:40 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun...

Saya ada dengar ada pihak nak tukar nama gelaran HARIMAU MALAYA kepada HARIMAU MALAYSIA sebab ada pihak yang rasa terpinggir..tp bagi saya tak perlulah..Harap Tun dapat memberikan pandangan kepada media tentang hal ini..

Di bawah ni link blog saya, kat situ saya nyatakan sedikit sebab mengapa saya tidak setuju dengan caadngan penukaran gelaran Harimau Malaya ini..

<http://nasnur.blogspot.com/2011/01/harimau-malaya-dianggap-perkauman.html>

By Chang KeeAuthor Profile Page on January 5, 2011 11:00 PM

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By Shah2010Author Profile Page on January 5, 2011 10:12 PM

Assalamualaikum and hello Tun and all readers. Happy New Year 2011.

Football, like any other sports needs the right mindset to win. The quality of teamwork is another demand to succeed in football. By having a growth mindset and the capacity to understand each other in order to work as a unit, everybody can achieve victories in football.

Congratulations! Malaysian Football Team can go further. Just do it!

Thank you.

By faudziAuthor Profile Page on January 5, 2011 9:40 PM

Salam TUN

Memanag agak terlambat TUN, namun begitu lebih baik lambat daripada langsung diam.. hee hee.

apa yang penting semangat Malaysia boleh sudah menjelma kembali setelah beberapa hampir di kuburkan.

Sekian, selamat menulis TUN

<http://pantausblog.blogspot.com>

By al-DinAuthor Profile Page on January 5, 2011 9:13 PM

Congratulations. They worked so hard to win games. We got a holiday. That's cool! What have we done so hard? It reminds me of school days. Esok cuti, menang hoki.

By parameswara 2Author Profile Page on January 5, 2011 9:00 PM

Dearest Tun

//2. Although I am not much of a football fan, I do follow the progress of the national football teams. For a long time, our football teams have been in the doldrums.//

1-To be exact our football team had been in the doldrums ever since you took over the premiership,so it is about 30 years already!When you are 'not much' a football fan your following the progress will also be 'not much'..

2-But you had other more important things to achieve then for this nation,like creating jobs for the many of us during the 1986 recession by aggressively luring in the FDIs.To get the FDIs you must provide the World class infrastructure that also help accelerate our economic growth.But the same time also,poor you have to put up with all the crazy political and economic challenges internally or externally,with 'Musa-Kuli','Anwar-Al Gore' and 'Soros-Singapore'.. so no,sir, we don't blame you.You are only human.

4-But can you imagine if you had love football as much as you love Langkawi?I think we

would have already won the last World Cup..

5-Anyway, let bygones be bygones. No point crying over spilt milk. I am completely comfortable with the hero 'kalah dulu' phenomena. What is important we will just be great again. Looking at Najib's interest in soccer I believe we will surely have a great future ahead of us. It'll be like the days of our Tunku again.

6-Tun please ask Sabaruddin Cheek to be bigger minded and just change the name of our football team to 'Harimau Malaysia' immaterial if there is no such name for the tiger. No one is going to give him a Red card for changing it. All our footballers are only imaginary tigers anyway. So why can't we imagine that there is a Malaysian Tiger just to be sensitive to our Borneo counterparts and for the sake of one Malaysia?

7-May be it will be necessary for us to learn from South Korea or Japan to find out how they can maintain their standard for so long. Their players are also always well rewarded after they have achieved glory for their country but why is it they don't falter easily like us. Aren't they human too? What is their secret? Or could there be something wrong with the officials instead?

8-I am truly proud of our Malaysian team now and I hope that our Raja Gobal will be well taken care off. Make sure he is well motivated and will continue to bring our football team to World class level. Reward him lots of RM, Datuk Seri or Tan Sri whatever that it takes, as long as we can continue to win! If we can win another great competition before PRU13, BN may have a hope of a 2/3 majority. Yes sir there is magic in Sports..

Thanks Tun.

By BingoAuthor Profile Page on January 5, 2011 8:31 PM

Dear Tun,

I guess it was the 1st time you have touched on sports issue, glad to hear that. Indeed, it touched on our national football team, the most popular sports in Malaysia, I think so.

To me it shows your caring towards national stuffs although you are not fan of its.

By dwauholidaystravelAuthor Profile Page on January 5, 2011 7:22 PM

salam tun,

beginitulah hasilnya....

bilamana semangat perjuangan mengatasi kemewahan, pasti hasilnya lebih memberi kepuasan... **HIDUP KAN KEMBALI SEMANGAT HARIMAU MALAYA**

Mr Rodzam

By sayangTunMAuthor Profile Page on January 5, 2011 3:12 PM

Gerenti lupa diri punya...masuk majalah mangga, skandal dgn artis etc etc....player team malaysia dulu2 je yang best...

By tokapiAuthor Profile Page on January 5, 2011 3:07 PM

Tok Det,

Sangat la betul apa yang Tok Det cakap. Kalau depa ni kita dok terlebih manjakan pulak dan terlampau bagi news coverage, lama-lama semua pakat nak jadi artis. Lepas tu prestasi

pun menurun.

Tapi secara peribadi la kan, saya nampak pasukan muda bimbingan Rajagopal ni bukan jenis yang cepat melatah bila dipuji dan dimanja. Harap prestasi depa dapat dikekalkan malah dipertingkatkan. Mana tau boleh masuk Olimpik 2012 ni nanti...

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER TOK DET... Hehehehee..

Wassalamualaikum..

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