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MAHATHIR'S PRESENCE AT PYRAMID BOWL A 'GOLDEN VISIT'

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KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's presence at the Pyramid Bowl today can be described as a "golden visit" as the Malaysian pair of Kenny Ang and Beng Heng ended winning the country's first gold medal in the men's doubles event at the 16th Commonwealth Games.

The Prime Minister was present for about 30 minutes and joined other supporters in cheering for Malaysia in the 5th and 6th of the eight games. The Malaysian pair received words of encouragement from the Prime Minister and carried on with their sterling performance thereafter.

KUALA LUMPUR: The Malaysian women's doubles pair of Shalin Zulkifli and Lai Kin Ngoh caused a "stir" at the Pyramid Bowl when they emerged with "colourful heads". They had their front portion of their hair dyed with the three colours of the Malaysian flag -- blue, yellow and red.

However, they did not realise their wish of seeing national coach Sid Allen spotting a similar look when they managed to win only the silver. However, Sid, who had promised to dye his hair in the three colours if Malaysia won gold, will still have to do so after the men's pair took the gold later.

KUALA LUMPUR : As predicted, the women's doubles saw a strong fight between Malaysia and Australia from the start to the finish. To keep abreast of developments, players from either sides were often seen passing signals to one another.

Supporters of the two countries too were cheering throughout, but the Malaysian fans were larger in numbers and certainly louder.

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