

Football - PM wants Palestine to be merciful

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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak has pleaded with Palestine to go easy on Malaysia in their upcoming football match later this month.

"By the way, please allow Malaysia to win against Palestine," he quipped.

"We lost 0-10 to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), (that was) very, very embarrassing," he told a Palestinian journalist who had asked him a question

Malaysia suffered a 6-0 thrashing at the hands of Palestine in June in a 2018 World Cup Group A qualifying match.

In September, Malaysia had suffered an even more humiliating defeat, losing 10-0 against UAE in the Asian Zone World Cup qualifiers match in Doha.

The prime minister was speaking during a press conference after the World Islamic Economic Forum in Kuala Lumpur today.

"We hope we won't lose that badly (this time)," he said to laughter.

Malaysia is set to face off against Palestine again on Nov 12 in another Asian Zone World Cup qualifier match.

The World Cup 2018 will take place in Russia.

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