

**Palanivel calls for award for national football coach Rajagopal**  
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KUALA LUMPUR - MIC President G. Palanivel has suggested that national football coach K. Rajagopal (left) be given an award for his success with the national team.

He said a Datukship would be fitting as Malaysian football has been on the rise since the under 23 side under his charge won the SEA games gold medal in Laos last December.

Before this, Malaysia had waited for many years to regain its glory in ASEAN, Palanivel said.

"This man beat all odds and he was focused, dedicated and committed in training the national football team. Rajagopal has built a winning team made up of players with varied skills," he added. - Bernama

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