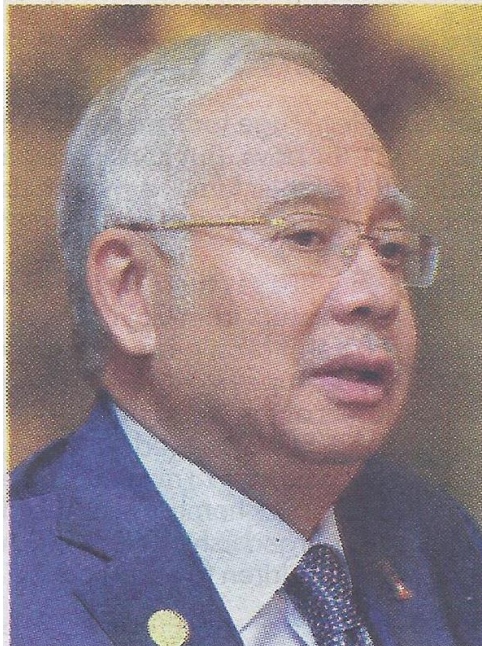


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# PM: Don't let down fans

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> Najib concerned about pullouts from Super League due to financial constraints

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The prime minister has expressed hope that the Kelantan Football Association (Kafa) and other state FAs intending to withdraw from the 2017 Malaysian Super League due to financial constraints, would find a solution to their problem.

Expressing concern on the matter, Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak (*pix*) said all quarters involved with national football should ensure the people's number one sport continues to thrive.

"We cannot disappoint the country's millions of football fans, especially the younger generation.

"God willing, with consensus and sincerity on the part of all quarters, we will be able to find a

way out of this problem," he said in a post yesterday on his Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Najib said he had asked former Kafa president Tan Sri Annuar Musa to help the association resolve its problems so as not to disappoint the thousands of fans of The Red Warriors, Bernama reported.

"I understand that the problem arose following the resignation of Annuar Musa as the president," he said.

It was reported on Dec 16 that Kafa wanted to stay away from the league because it could not raise sufficient funds to manage the Kelantan squad in the tournament.

Besides the problem of sponsorship, Kafa is also without a president to succeed Annuar.

On Tuesday, the Football Association of Selangor also indicated it might withdraw from the league due to failure to find a sponsor for the Red Giants.