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# PM: WE HAVE CREATED HISTORY

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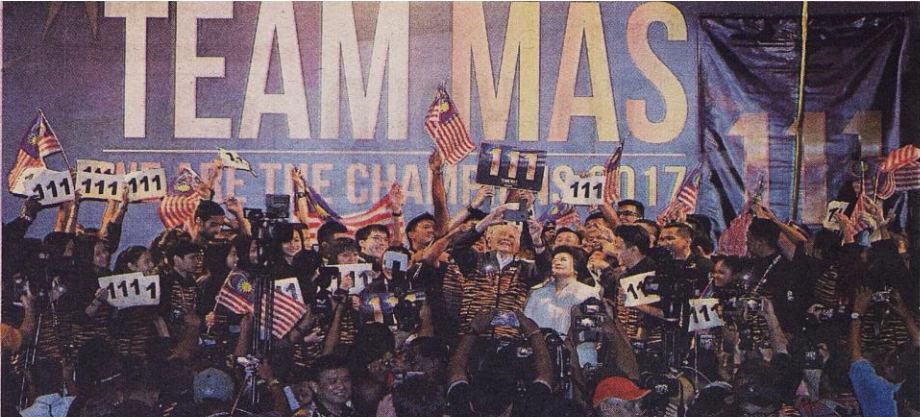
**Congratulations  
all-round as  
Malaysian contingent  
does nation proud**

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**A**S world Keirin champion Azizulhasni Awang delivered Malaysia's 111th gold last night, Malaysians flooded social media with messages of congratulations to the Sea Games contingent.

**IZZAH AMZAN**  
rhythmic gymnastics,  
individual apparatus-ball

**AMY KWAN  
DICT WENG**  
rhythmic gymnastics,  
individual  
apparatus - ribbon



*Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, celebrating with the Malaysian contingent after the country wins its 111th gold medal at the Kuala Lumpur Sea Games in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. PIC BY DANIAL SAAD*

Malaysian leaders, too, joined in, with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak one of the first to tweet his congratulations. Najib said Malaysia had created history by achieving the 111 gold medal target. In fact, Najib first mentioned the feat even before Azizulhasni won his sprint gold at the National Velodrome in Nilai. At that time, Malaysia was already assured of two more gold medals — the 110th and 111th — as the men's and women's sprint category were all-Malaysian finals. "Tonight (last night), we have created history. "We have reached the target of achieving 111 gold medals for the Sea Games 2017 and have become the unofficial champion of the games," he said after launching the first phase of the River of Life project and Blue Pool Project at Masjid Jamek Sultan Abdul Samad. (With only 67 gold medals up for grabs in the final two days of the Games, Thailand has a numerical, though unlikely, chance of beating Malaysia to the overall title.) Shortly after, Najib took to Twitter to convey his hearty congratulations to the athletes. "YB KJ (Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin) just informed me that Malaysia has earned 111 gold medals! (This is) great and congratulations to our contingent," he posted. After tweeting, Najib paid a visit to the Sea Games contingent at Renaissance Hotel, where he sang their praises for a remarkable achievement that came about even before the end of the games. "The Sea Games has helped forge greater solidarity among our people. People, regardless of race and religion, have come together to support the national contingent." Present were Najib's wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, and chef de mission Datuk Marina Chin. Khairy, in his Twitter account, posted a brief tweet saying: "Mission accomplished. #111 done. #KitaJuara." This was at 8.46pm, also before the actual medals were won. When Azizulhasni delivered his gold medal performance, Khairy tweeted again, "Written in the stars. Gold #111 by the one and only @AzizulAWANG. #CiptaSejarahBersama", followed by another: "Thank you all our @Atlet-Malaysia for this wonderful 60th Merdeka present! #CiptaSejarahBersama." Other ministers also took to social media to congratulate the team. This included Agriculture and Agro-based Industries Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek and Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau. "Congratulations Azizul for delivering the 111th gold for Malaysia #BangkitBersama (rise together)," Shabery wrote. Wilfred congratulated Khairy and the Malaysian team for achieving the target. Twitter user @VeeSakkkk said: "Congratulations Malaysia for achieving the target of 111 golds! The Pocket Rocket Man done it for 111th gold!" Another user @IanRosli, congratulated the keirin champion for earning the 111th gold medal. "Alhamdulillah... Thank you champ for (the) 111th gold! @AzizulAWANG #KL2017," he posted. User @azirashareena posted: "Congratulations Malaysia! Thank you to all athletes! Gold 111! #KL2017 #CiptaSejarahBersama #RisingTogether."