

# PM gives Man Utd victory nod in speech

**PUTRAJAYA:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim had football fans in stitches yesterday, poking fun at "personal tension at home" after Manchester United's 3-2 victory over Arsenal left his Arsenal-supporting grandchildren less than impressed.

Speaking at the launch of the National Audit Department's 120th anniversary celebration, Anwar said officiating at the event brought him joy, but the previous night's football result gave him even more reason to smile.

"*Alhamdulillah*, we have successfully officiated this event, and I am also delighted because yesterday, Arsenal scored two, but Manchester United scored three," he quipped, drawing laughter from the audience.

A die-hard Red Devils supporter, the prime minister returned to the topic at the close of his speech, slipping in another playful nod to the result.

"Once again, thank you, and thank you also for the good news of Manchester United's victory yesterday."

The result came at the Emirates Stadium, where Manchester United stunned league leaders Arsenal with a dramatic 3-2 win, narrowing the gap in the English Premier League title race.

Arsenal had opened the scoring following an own goal by Lisandro Martinez, only for United winger Bryan Mbeumo to level the match.

United then took the lead in the second half with a stunning strike from Patrick Dorgu, silencing the home crowd.

Despite Arsenal's late resurgence, substitute Matheus Cunha struck a decisive goal in the dying minutes to seal the win for United.

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