

**Lack Of Leadership Can Result In Disorganisation, Failure Of Country - Najib
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PUTRAJAYA, July 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said today a lack of leadership can bring about disorganisation and result in the failure of a country.

Referring to the 1-7 defeat of Brazil by Germany in a semi-final match of the World Cup soccer tournament early today, Najib said the loss was the result of a lack of leadership that caused disorganisation in the Brazilian team.

"If this can happen to a football team, just imagine what can happen to a country without an effective leadership that has vision, commitment and the people's aspirations at heart," he said at the official presentation of the Perdana Fellows Programme (PFP) participants to the Cabinet here.

Also present at the event were Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, Cabinet ministers and Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa.

The PFP is coordinated by the Youth and Sports Ministry to provide an opportunity to the nation's human capital to experience public governance by being placed under the supervision of Cabinet ministers for between six weeks and six months.

Najib said the PFP could get ready a leadership lineup for the future generation as a preparation.

"So that when the time comes, we will have many trained and experienced leaders who are capable of carrying the nation's leadership baton to a higher level," he said.

He hoped the PFP participants would acquire new experience and become the new generation of quality leaders who could carry out the trust entrusted from the current leaders.

"Our success does not only depend on the scroll of certificate that are being possessed but also on the level of matured thinking in taking action and

interacting, which can only be acquired through experience.

"There is no place better than acquiring that experience together with cabinet members, who are national leaders, as it cannot probably be obtained elsewhere," he said.

The prime minister hoped all the participants could use the opportunity as extensively as possible and interact with their other friends as well as advise them not to work in silo but across the various agencies and ministries.

"So that by that way, we can act as one government.

"In a world that has become more challenging and the environment more complex, it requires us to understand with more clarity and, if we understand, InsyaAllah, we will become more successful people," he said.

This year 84 participants were selected out of 1,400 applicants from among students and graduates, aged below 30, and will be placed at the various ministries.

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