

**Malaysia also has been without a leader for some time,
netizens say after Najib's football analogy
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Malaysians today poured scorn on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's warning that a lack of leadership could lead to disaster in the country, with many pointing out that Malaysia has been without a leader for some time now.

On social networking site Twitter, Malaysians poked fun at the prime minister, who had used Brazil's shocking 1-7 loss to Germany in the World Cup semi-finals as an analogy.

@ktchye said, "Hahaha! Is Najib poking fun at himself?" and @OzJazzter said, "A national leader making fun of himself".

"Fuiyoh, Jibby (Najib) pandai buat analogy, tapi kita dah lama macam Brazil team bcoz lama no leadership pun," said @kaienmy. (Najib is smart to use an analogy but we have long been like Brazil because we have not had leadership too)

Twitter user @hafidzbaharom said, "You're not exactly making us Germany, DS", and @RajivJayKumar noted that the country was already like Brazil.

@adaminkk2 lamented, "We're already on autopilot".

"I think PM Najib is saying that what Neymar & Thiago Silva are to Brazil, he is to Malaysia. Without Neymar and Thiago Silva, Brazil were

ruthlessly defeated. Without Najib, Malaysia will suffer the same fate," @HRDipendra said.

He was referring to Brazil's star player Neymar, who had scored four goals in the World Cup tournament before injuring his back during the game against Colombia and was subsequently ruled out of further games while Thiago Silva – the team's captain and central defender – was suspended after collecting two yellow cards.

In Putrajaya earlier today, Najib said Brazil's loss to Germany could be attributed to its lack of leadership in keeping its backline together.

"When I watched Brazil, their defence was all over the place. I put it down to lack of leadership. There was no proper leadership," he was quoted as saying.

"If that could happen to a football team, imagine what would happen to a country that does not have effective leadership... the answer is, we will end up like Brazil.

Meanwhile, on The Malaysian Insider website, reader johan_56 listed 13 gaffes he attributed to Putrajaya, including the handling of the MH370 case, religious tensions and the worsening education standards.

"So, anyone keeping track of the score? NZ rape case handling..... own goal. HINDRAF walks away due to broken promises..... own goal. Religious restriction on Allah makes Malaysia global laughing stock..... own goal," he wrote.

MainDuaBola made fun of the analogy, saying: "Our leaders are first class in giving good comparisons eg kangkong, 1RM chicken and now

Brazilian football team. Hehehe."

"Well said PM Najib! So, when are you gonna resign for your incompetent leadership?," asked yellowleafx.

Reader aruna_51 said, "One more hilarious joke from Najib. Perhaps he does not know what the people are thinking about Malaysia and him. It has been years since Malaysia had any credible, hardworking, honest, loyal, dedicated and trustworthy leadership. The last credible, honest and trustworthy leader of this nation was Tun Hussein Onn."

Najib's leadership has often come under criticism because of his silence on several controversial issues, with the opposition saying that the country is being run on auto-pilot.

The latest to point out the premier's weak leadership is the Asianomics Country Report which painted a bleak outlook for the country, predicting failure for the second phase of Putrajaya's economic transformation plan due to Najib's lack of will.

"A weakened prime minister heads up a political party called by one cynic 'a universe of its own' whose most ambitious goal appears to be for its members to continue to loot the treasury through rent-seeking.

"It is not a pretty picture for a once-promising country," the Asianomics Country Report said, adding that the prime minister has displayed a puzzling inability to take action, instead being content, it seems, just to stay in power after his Barisan Nasional coalition kept the government after GE13. – July 9, 2014.

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