

PM Najib Congratulates Azizulhasni Over Olympics Cycling Win
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 17 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today congratulated national cyclist Mohd Azizulhasni Awang who won the bronze medal in the keirin cycling event at the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro on Tuesday.

He said the success of the 'Pocket Rocketman' saw the 'Jalur Gemilang' Malaysian flag hoisted for the second time at the games in Brazil.

"Jalur Gemilang was hoisted at #Rio2016 for the second time. Congratulations @AzizulAWANG for winning the bronze medal! #PocketRocketMan #MAS," he said in a post Wednesday on his Twitter account.

In the dramatic final round, the eight-lap race was restarted twice after technical infringement by the riders and, in the third start, Azizulhasni pipped world champion Joachim Eilers of Germany to finish third.

The 28-year-old Melbourne-based rider crossed the finish line for the bronze behind defending champion Jason Kenny of Britain and Dutchman Matthijs Buchli.

Azizulhasni's victory earned the Malaysian contingent its second medal at the games after divers Pandelesa Rinong and Cheong Jun Hoong won the silver in the synchronised 10-metre platform diving event on Aug 10.

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