Sambal Serai Prawns Recipe

(Creamy Cashew Nuts and Lemongrass Sambal Prawns Recipe)

Ingredients:

150 g raw, whole cashew nuts

100 ml oil

20 g (3 cloves) garlic, peeled and sliced thinly

4 shallots, peeled and sliced thinly

60 g (4 stalks) lemongrass, chopped and pounded coarsely

10 g belachan (dried shrimp paste), toasted and crumbled

200 ml thin coconut milk

5 g tamarind pulp

½ teaspoon salt

300 g medium-sized prawns (shrimps), shelled and de-veined

100 ml thick coconut milk, from ½ grated coconut

Garnishings:

1 red chili, seeded and chopped

2 green chilies, seeded and chopped

Method:

Lightly roast the cashew nuts in a dry wok over a medium fire, stirring often to prevent burning for about 5-10 minutes, or until lightly golden. Set aside to cool completely. Heat 100 ml oil in a wok to fry the garlic until fragrant and golden. Dish out garlic and fry the shallot in the same oil until crisp and golden. Remove and set aside. In the same oil, sauté the lemongrass and belachan. Mix the thin coconut milk with the tamarind pulp and strain the mixture before adding to the wok together with ½ teaspoon salt, or to taste. Bring to a boil. Use a wooden ladle to break up any shrimp paste lumps. Add in the prawns and stir until cooked before adding in the thick coconut milk and ½ the fried garlic and shallot. Mix well and dish out onto a serving plate. Garnish with the remaining garlic and shallot crisps and chilies. Top with cashew nuts and serve.

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