Nasi Goreng became a bit of a staple on my trip to Sri Lanka. It all starts with the paste to give its distinctive flavour.

## **Planning**

serves:	4
prep time:	15 mins
cooking time:	n/a

## **Ingredients**

2 banana shallots, roughly chopped stalk of fresh lemongrass, chopped 4-5cms fresh ginger, peeled & chopped 2 cloves garlic, chopped 2tsp shrimp paste 2tsp tomato purée 2-3 medium red chillis, seeded if you prefer 1tbs soft brown sugar 25g salted roasted peanuts

## Method

Put all the ingredients into a blender/blitzer along with a tablespoon or two of water and blend until smooth.

Store refrigerated in an airtight container until you need it. It should keep for a week or so.