

# PM never forgets his roots

ALOR STAR, Sat. — The Prime Minister always makes it a point to return to his roots.

Each time Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad flies to Alor Star, he takes a quick trip to Pekan Rabu where he used to sell *goreng pisang* and fruits as a student during the Japanese Occupation.

And yesterday, Dr Mahathir — who was here to break the fast with Muslims at the Masjid Kampung Telok Malik in Jitra — dropped by Pekan Rabu to buy enough *kuih* to take back to Kuala Lumpur.

Dr Mahathir's private representative in Kubang Pasu (the PM's parliamentary constituency), Haji Saad Hashim said: "The Prime Minister has never failed to find time to visit the place, despite his hectic schedule.

"Each time I greet him at the airport, I know by the look on his face where he wants to head to first — Pekan Rabu."

He added that Dr Mahathir still placed orders for *baju Melayu* and *songkok* at Pekan Rabu.

Till today, Dr Mahathir remains the patron of the Pekan Rabu Co-operative.

There are no formalities with Dr Mahathir at Pekan Rabu. His old friends remember him as *Che Det*, as he was known in his younger days.