

Dr Mahathir calls on Aznan's widow and family

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ALOR STAR, Sat. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today visited the widow and family of the late Kpl Mat Aznan Awang at his mother's house in Parit Panjang, about 80km from here.

Despite a tight schedule and a heavy downpour, Dr Mahathir spent about 15 minutes talking to Mat Aznan's older brother, Mohd Amin, at the house, after he arrived by a Royal Malaysian Air Force helicopter about 3.05pm.

The Prime Minister discussed several matters with Mohd Amin, including the welfare of Mat Aznan's 28-year-old widow, Siti Zawiyah Yahaya, and their two daughters, Noorazlinda, 7, and Noorhashimah, 5.

Before leaving, Dr Mahathir made a personal contribution to Siti Zawiyah and her daughters through her brother-in-law.

The Prime Minister later left for Langkawi from Butterworth to check on the preparations being made for the Langkawi

Island Maritime and Aerospace '93 Exhibition.

Mohd Amin later told reporters he and the rest of the family were touched by Dr Mahathir's gesture.

"The Prime Minister took the trouble to visit Siti Zawiyah and my two nieces despite his busy schedule. He called on us despite the heavy rain."

Earlier, on arrival at the Sekolah Menengah Parit Panjang football field, Dr Mahathir was welcomed by Deputy Minister

in the PM's Department Raja Datuk Ariffin Raja Sulaiman, who is also MP for Baling, General-Officer Commanding, the Second Infantry Division, Lt-Jen Datuk Mohd Ali Abdullah and State Assemblymen for Kupang and Bayu Zainol Md Isa and Mohd Sibi Ahmad.

Mat Aznan was buried at the Parit Panjang Muslim cemetery about 10.30am today with full military honours.

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