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YAHYA HAPPY TO MEET THE PRIME MINISTER

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LANGKAWI, May 28 (Bernama)--- For Yahya Din of Pulau Tuba, today is a historic day for having the opportunity to meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad who visited the island.

Yahya, 110 years, is the oldest resident on the island. He is the grandson of Tok Bagus, the first settler there.

He met the Prime Minister once in 1956 when Dr Mahatir was working as a doctor.

"I often see the Prime Minister's picture on television and in the papers," he said while waiting for the arrival of the Prime Minister to the island together with 1,000 other residents.

Yahya shook hands with the Prime Minister.-- more

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He said the people of Pulau Tuba greatly appreciated the visit made by Dr Mahathir which could pave the way for a new era of development on the island.

Yahya has six children, 30 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren and looks strong for his age.

"We are confident that the visit by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir to Pulau Tuba today will pave the way for development on the island similar to development on the main island," he said.

More than 2,000 people live on the island. -- Bernama.

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