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Bosnian greeting for Dr Mahathir

FROM OUR HEARTS TO THE PM ... These Bosnian children appear engrossed as they pen their thoughts to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on a giant Hari Raya greeting card yesterday.

Eleven-year-old Merisa Cirak (left) and Medina Spreco, eight, watch in rapt attention as their friend, Minela Preljevic, 12, writes her Hari Raya message to Dr Mahathir.

This will be the fourth Hari Raya in Malaysia for the Bosnian children who have adapted to the Malaysian way of life.

Speaking in fluent Bahasa Malaysia, Senada Spreco, 10, said: "Dr Mahathir sangat baik. Dia banyak menolong orang Bosnia."

(Dr Mahathir is a good man. He has helped the Bosnian people a lot.)

Senada said she knew about Dr Mahathir from watching television.

She also had the opportunity to shake hands with him and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali at a gathering once.

Senada was among 19 Bosnian children who gathered at the surau of the PKNS Flats in Seri Serdang to make Hari Raya greeting cards.

These cards will be presented to Dr Mahathir at his open house at Sri Perdana tomorrow.

Dr Mahathir will also be presented with a giant Hari Raya card made by four students of SAL Group of Colleges from Sabah and Sarawak.

These students could not return to their hometowns during the festive holidays and would be calling on the Prime Minister to wish him a happy Hari Raya.

SAL College chairman, Abdul Rashid Abdul Ghani, also presented Hari Raya clothes and money to the children sponsored by the college and the Malaysian Bosnian Business Council.

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