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Memorable day for patients at Jitra Hospital

JITRA, Thurs. - It was a memorable day for patients at Jitra Hospital today when Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, paid them a visit to distribute Hari Raya packets and hampers.

The visit also inspired mothers Rashidah Hamid, 29, and Shairatul Anishah Mat Salleh, 23, to name their babies after Dr Mahathir and Siti Hasmah respectively.

Rashidah, of Kampung Kangar, Changloon, delivered a 3.5kg baby boy, her second child, last night and had not decided on his name until the Prime Minister's visit.

Shairatul Anishah of Bukit Tangga had chosen "Norliana" for her first born baby but decided to change it to "Siti Hasmah" after the visit. Her 2.7kg daughter was born at 9.20am today.

Later in Alor Star, Dr Mahathir and his wife spent about 40 minutes on their Raya shopping at Pekan Rabu. The couple also visited the newly-opened Star Parade complex.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir met members of the China Islamic Association at the Sultan Abdul Halim airport. They were association vice president-secretary Wan Yaobin, vice-president Abdul Rahim Amin, foreign affairs section chief Yang Zhibo, foreign affairs secretary Chang Qing Liang and lecturer Ma Aidong.

Also present was Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid.

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