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More than 5,000 at PM's open house

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JITRA, Fri. - More than 5,000 people from all walks of life turned up at Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's open house held in conjunction with the Hari Raya Aidiladha at Dewan Jitra today.

Also present to greet the visitors were Dr Mahathir's wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

Among the visitors were Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid and his wife Datin Seri Nila Inangda Manyam Keumala, State Executive Councillors and State Assemblymen including Jitra Assemblyman and former Menteri Besar Tan Sri Osman Aroff.

Dr Mahathir's open house which started about 10.30am ended about 4pm and the Prime Minister made a brief speech to thank the visitors.

The Prime Minister said he was very touched by the presence of people from all walks of life regardless of their religion.

He also said he was glad that such a spirit of goodwill prevailed in the country.

Earlier, the Sultan of Kedah, Raja Muda of Kedah, Dr Mahathir and Sanusi joined thousands of Muslims for Hari Raya Aidiladha prayers at Masjid Zahir while the Sultanah of Kedah and Siti Hasmah attended prayers at Balai Besar.

Later Dr Mahathir handed over a cow for korban to the bilal of Pondok Chegar mosque.

The cow was handed over to Mat Yusof Ahmad, 60, at the house of a villager, Jasin Tahir, 73, in Tanah Merah.

The slaughter will take place at the same place tomorrow morning.

Also present were Dr Siti Hasmah, Sanusi Junid and his wife, and Sungai Tiang Assemblywoman Fatimah Ismail.

Yesterday, Dr Mahathir handed over two head of cattle for korban at Masjid Ihya' Ulumuddin in Changlun and Kubang Pasu police quarters in Jitra.

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