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Mahathir-Baby

PM NAMES BABY AFTER HIMSELF

ALOR SETAR, Feb 6 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who visited the Jitra Hospital today, named an infant born last night after himself.

Mahathir was the name given by the Prime Minister to the second child of Rashidah Hamid, 29, and Azizan from Kampung Kangar, Changlun.

Rashidah said she was happy that the Prime Minister was willing to name her son after himself.

"At first I planned to leave it to my husband to name the child, but when Dr Mahathir came for the visit I had thought of asking him to name the child," she said.

During the one-hour visit, Dr Mahathir and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali presented 37 hampers to mothers in the maternity ward.

Dr Mahathir later visited Pekan Rabu to meet and mingle with the traders there.

During the visit, he bought traditional cakes and a 20kg jackfruit (nangka madu) for RM80.

Tonight, the Prime Minister will attend a breaking of the fast with people in the Kubang Pasu Parliamentary constituency at the Kepala Batas Mosque. -- BERNAMA

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