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UN Population Fund chief arriving on April 30

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - Dr Nafis Sadik, executive director of the United Nations Population Fund, will be in Malaysia from April 30 to May 1.

Resident co-ordinator of the United Nations system in Malaysia Ameerah Haq said Dr Sadik's schedule includes meetings with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Dr Sadik, who hails from Pakistan, is also scheduled to meet National Unity and Social Development Minister Datin Paduka Zaleha Ismail and president of the Steering Committee for the Advancement of Rural Women Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, who is also the Prime Minister's wife.

Dr Sadik, is the first woman to head any of the United Nations' major programmes.

Ameerah said, "Dr Sadik has consistently called attention to the importance of addressing the needs of women and involving women directly in making and carrying out development policies."

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