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DR MAHATHIR VISITS PEKAN RABU

ALOR SETAR, Dec 31 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today spent about 45 minutes at Pekan Rabu here where he bought songkok, nasi ulam and cakes.

Pekan Rabu, a leading bazaar in Kedah which sells a variety of goods, holds nostalgia for Dr Mahathir as he was a petty trader there during his young days.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir was received on arrival at the Sultan Abdul Halim Airport in Kepala Batas by Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid, Exco members and senior government officers.

Later, at Dr Mahathir's house in Titi Gajah, his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali presented Hari Raya goodies and money from the Charitable Association of Wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers (Bakti) to poor children in the Kubang Pasu parliamentary constituency.

The contributions were received by Kubang Pasu District Officer Syed Farooq Ibrahim.

Tonight the Prime Minister and his wife would break the fast at the Tok Jalai army camp in Kepala Batas.

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