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THOUSANDS VISIT DR MAHATHIR AT OPEN HOUSE

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 19 (Bernama) -- Thousands of people thronged the official residence of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his annual Hari Raya open house at Sri Perdana, here, today.

Among the first to wish Dr Mahathir and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, "Selamat Hari Raya" were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and his wife, Datin Seri Endon Mahmood.

Leaders of political parties, including MCA president and Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik, MIC president and Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu and opposition leader and DAP secretary-general Lim Kit Siang were also there to greet the prime minister.

The crowd at the open house was so huge that several of the visitors apparently fainted or had to be helped by their friends or family members.

The open house, from 10am to 12.30pm is an annual affair by the prime minister and his wife where the public can visit them and enjoy the Hari Raya goodies.

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