

# Last Hari Raya party for PM at office

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PUTRAJAYA: Some 170 staff members of the Prime Minister's office attended a *Hari Raya* gathering with Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad here yesterday, the last time he will attend such a gathering as Prime Minister.

Laughter rang round the hall as the Prime Minister, who will step down next October, recapped his years in office.

"I cannot say this may be the last time for me to attend

this *Hari Raya* function as Prime Minister; there are too many reporters here; they will report it as 'PM may not resign'."

"So, I am saying this is the last time I will attend the gathering as Prime Minister.

"I will definitely step down," he said, adding that he hoped he would be invited to such gatherings after he retires.

His wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Ali, was also present.

Later at the 25th silver jubilee dinner of the Malaysian

Administrative, Modernisation and Manpower Planning Unit (Mampu) at the Marriot Hotel here last night, Dr Mahathir said civil servants should not have problems performing their duties in future as the Government had established an efficient administration under the unit.

He said public officials were now more matured and capable in handling major infrastructure projects and were more open to Information and Communication Technology in their daily duties.