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Bride-Mahathir

BRIDE HAS PM'S INVITATION FOR A MONTH

CYBERJAYA, Sept 7 (Bernama) -- Natalya Rudina Shamsuar, 26, was all smiles when she saw Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali came to her wedding here today.

"I'm very happy. He's been my idol since my school days," said the Information Technology lecturer of the Multimedia University, after the ceremony.

She said the whole family was dumbfounded when Dr Mahathir confirmed two days ago that he would be coming.

"It shows that he cares although the invitation was from a total stranger," she said.

Natalya said she was glad her efforts paid off as she had been carrying the invitation card for the Prime Minister and his wife everywhere she went for a month.

She said she finally managed to hand the invitation to Dr Siti Hasmah last Aug 26.

"He's everything I'd imagined, a nice man and a great leader," she said.

Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah stayed over an hour to witness the ceremony where Natalya was given away in marriage by her father Shamsuar Mahmud, a contractor from Kuantan, Pahang to her prince charming, Yuhanis Abdul Latif, also 26.

To her, their presence was her most priceless and memorable wedding "gift".

The ceremony was also unique in the sense that the bridegroom was only required to recite the surah Al-Fatihah in place of "wang hantaran" or sum given to bride's family.

Natalya's parents reportedly wanted Yuhanis to guide their daughter as a pious person.

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