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At the breakfast table, they are just like any other couple

THE breakfast is simple and ordinary. Served on a simple and ordinary table. There is fresh bread in a container, and croissants on a plate...

Siti Hasmah pours tea for Dr Mahathir while they engage in small talk. And frequent exchanges of smiles.

And laughter, as they delight themselves in a cosy chat, perhaps about the children and grandchildren. She fusses over him, offering more tea.

He seems calm and carefree and takes his time over the food.

And the smiles keep on coming...

They are just like many simple and ordinary couples sharing an intimate moment over breakfast in the privacy of their home.

Until they step out of the house ... and into their public roles... his being Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia, and hers Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, the First Lady.