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PM, wife in Alor Star for private visit

ALOR STAR, Sun. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and wife Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali arrived here today for a private visit.

After touching down at the Sultan Abdul Halim Airport in Kepala Batas at 1pm, they went to their niece Datin Yasmin Mashahor's house in Taman Sultan Badlishah, Jalan Pegawai here.

They had lunch with Dr Mahathir's two elder sisters, Rafeah and Habsah, before leaving for Kuala Lumpur at 3pm.

The visit was a low-key affair. No traffic police and outriders escorted the three-vehicle entourage, with Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah travelling in a darkcoloured BMW 7-series.

They were met at the airport by a State delegation led by Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain, but Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah went to Yasmin's house accompanied only by their bodyguards.