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On the fast track with PM

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I HAVE covered the Prime Minister on over 40 assignments overseas and the thing during such trips, it is just not merely making speeches and appearing for the. Sometimes these meetings involved opportunities for Malaysia but many times, D He also had to convince foreigners to buy from Malaysia which, in turn, benefi I remembered one whirlwind trip to Bostwana. After a long-haul trip, we were o One aide, who was taking care of the Press, decided to take a familiarisation But the Prime Minister decided to meet us. There was panic. We quickly dressed This happened to businessmen and officials in other trips as well. Most of the Many of us also admired his alertness. He was quick to spot or pick up somethi He also took pictures of trees and plants he saw overseas because he found tha Nothing was too small for him. At factories he visited, he would answer seriou That's the Prime Minister we knew and would miss.

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DR MAHATHIR'S functions are pretty easy to deal with but that does not mean yo If you want to ask him questions, just ask his aides. If he does not want to, Even when he is not in the "mood" to field questions from us, he would at leas In his position, he does not have to do so but when he sees our group, he will Over the years, those covering Dr Mahathir will cultivate a friendship with hi Last year, while covering his official visit to Poland, I bumped into a school On Dr Mahathir's last night in Warsaw, he attended a dinner hosted by Malaysia His first question was: "Where is security?" I told him Malaysians are not ter Eventually he managed to get his photo taken with the Prime Minister who stopp