
Village style wedding for Dr M's son

KUALA PILAH, Sun. — Kampung Ulu Beting, a small village about 10km from here, came alive today when it hosted the wedding ceremony of Mukhriz Mahathir, 29, son of the Prime Minister, to local girl Norzieta Zakaria, 22.

The bridegroom's delegation, led by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, arrived in the village at about 11.15am and were welcomed by some 500 villagers who had gathered there since morning.

The bride's father, Zakaria Jundai, 62, then led Dr Mahathir and his entourage to the house where the *akad nikah* (solemnisation) ceremony was performed by Kuala Pilah district religious officer, Musa Ibrahim.

Lunch was then served as guests were entertained by an 11-member *chak lempong* group, which played traditional music. The *bersanding* ceremony followed.

Among those who blessed the newly-weds were Negri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamad Isa Samad and his wife Puan Sri Hazizah Tumin, and National Unity and Social Development Minister Datuk Napsiah Omar.