

After Dr M 'prod', Najib to visit Sabah quake victims

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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak will finally fly to Sabah to check on last Friday's earthquake victims and inspect damages tomorrow after ending his working visit to Saudi Arabia.

In a statement on his Facebook page today, Najib said he had just finished delivering a memorandum to the Saudi government regarding the Malaysian hajj pilgrimage quota.

"Insha-Allah (God willing) I will go to Sabah tomorrow morning to see the earthquake hit areas. Allocations will be channeled to repair the damaged infrastructures and buildings.

"Financial aids and counselling will be provided to those who need them," he said.

Najib has been criticised by his opponents and the social media public for failing to visit the earthquake-hit areas in Sabah. The death toll so far is 18.

Former premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad has also taken a jibe at Najib saying he may have been too busy to visit Sabah following the quake.

"He must be very busy (to visit Sabah). The prime minister has many things to attend to," said Mahathir.

DAP parliamentarian Lim Kit Siang criticised Najib for not immediately visiting Sabah after the disaster on Friday even more so after the government's procurement of a controversial new VIP jet.

Launched restaurant

Najib is currently on a three day visit to Saudi Arabia along with Foreign Minister Anifah Aman, Home Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Defence Minister Hishammuddin Hussein and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Jamil Khir Baharum.

Yesterday, Bernama reported Najib launched the Federal Land Development Authority's (Felda) second D'Saji Restaurant in Saudi Arabia, located at Tahlia Street in Jeddah.

Najib and his wife, Rosmah Mansor, left on a special flight from the Royal Pavilion, King Abdulaziz International Airport in Jeddah at 8am (1pm in Malaysia) today.

They were seen off at the airport by Saudi Arabian Minister of State, Essam al-Saeed; Minister of Municipals and Rural Areas Abdullatif al-Shaikh and Mayor of Jeddah Municipality Hanu Aburas, as well as senior officials of Wisma Putra.

Najib was on an official visit at the invitation of King Salman Abdulaziz al-Saud, and it was the first official meeting of the two leaders after King Salman acceded to the Saudi throne earlier this year.

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