

Back from New York and Milan, hero's welcome for Najib
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Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak returned home today from a working visit to Milan and New York, with more than 1,000 people greeting him at the Bunga Raya Complex, KL International Airport (KLIA).

The special aircraft carrying the prime minister and his wife, Rosmah Mansor touched down at 9.55am.

Supporters had arrived at the complex as early as 7am to welcome the country's number one leader.

They carried banners and posters bearing the words "Selamat Pulang Wira Negara dan Keamanan Sejagat" (Welcome Home National and Universal Peace Hero), "Najib Razak Pejuang Keadilan Terhadap Palestin dan Umat Islam" (Najib Razak Fights for Justice for Palestine and Muslims), "Allah Selamatkan Najib Allah Selamatkan Palestin" (Allah Protects Najib, Allah Protects Palestine) and "PM Najib Help Palestine, Save Syrian Refugees, We Are With You".

Others greeting the prime minister on his return were Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, cabinet ministers who included Defence Minister Hishammuddin Hussein, Communications and Multimedia Minister Salleh Said Keruak, Health Minister S Subramaniam, Transport Minister Liow Tiong Lai and senior government officials.

Najib had gone on a three-day working visit to Milan from Oct 2 to boost bilateral ties between Malaysia and Italy.

While in Milan, Najib attended a Malaysia Day reception at the Expo Milano 2015, which was arranged for by the expo organisers on Saturday and later visited the Italian Pavilion at the expo while in the evening, he launched the Malaysian Food Festival at the Malaysian Pavilion at the expo.

Before visiting Milan, Najib was in New York, the United States of America to attend the 70th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) with the theme 'UN at 70: The Road Towards Peace, Security and Human Rights' on Oct 1.

Outside the assembly, Najib who was leading a delegation which also comprised several cabinet ministers, had bilateral meetings with several heads of government and national leaders attending the general assembly.

At the 70th session of the UN assembly, Najib was among the leaders who spoke at the UN Summit to adopt the Post-2015 Development Agenda on Sustainable Development and also the Meeting of World Leaders on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment.

Najib also delivered a speech at the Summit Meeting of leaders on Mantaining Peace and also on Preventing ISIL and Extremists' Violence which was chaired by United States President Barack Obama.

In his speech, the prime minister, among others, announced that Malaysia would open the door to 3,000 Syrian refugees within the next three years to ease the refugee crisis.

The other matter focused by the prime minister while in New York was promoting Malaysia as an attractive investment destination during his meetings with American business and industry leaders.

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