

Thousands attend Prime Minister's open house

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PUTRAJAYA – Thousands of people thronged the Aidilfitri open house hosted by Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak and cabinet members, here Friday.

Among the earliest guests to wish him Selamat Hari Raya were former Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad and wife Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali as well as former Deputy Prime Minister Musa Hitam.

Foreign diplomats and their family members, deputy ministers, Barisan Nasional component leaders and opposition party leaders were also among the guests at the open house.

The Prime Minister, wearing a baju Melayu, and wife Rosmah Mansor, wearing a modern baju hurung, greeted the guests.

The open house, which was to start at 11.30am, started much earlier as there was already a huge crowd of people, including foreign tourists, arriving at Seri Perdana, the prime minister's official residence.

In the midst of receiving guests, the Prime Minister also gave live interviews to TV3 and Radio Televisyen Malaysia (RTM), wishing Muslims a Happy Aidilfitri.

Earlier in Kuala Lumpur, Najib and wife Rosmah attended a breakfast with Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Nur Zahirah at Istana Negara.

In mosques nationwide, millions of Muslims performed the solat sunat Aidilfitri on the morning of Syawal, Bernama reported.

The "balik kampung" tradition continues, with those living in cities returning to their hometowns and villages to celebrate the auspicious occasion with families, relatives and friends, leaving the national capital almost deserted.

Open house events, a common feature during major celebrations in the country, were also held..— Bernama

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