

**Najib Leaves For Two-Day Official Visit To Kazakhstan**  
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SEPANG -- Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak left today for a two-day official visit to Kazakhstan where he will also attend the 7th World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF).

Najib, who was accompanied by his wife Rosmah Mansor, flew off from the KL International Airport here at 11.45 am.

The visit, Najib's first as the prime minister, is at the invitation of Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev.

Najib is expected to deliver an address at the WIEF in Astana on Wednesday.

The prime minister is also accompanied by several Cabinet ministers, including Foreign Minister Anifah Aman and International Trade and Industry Minister Mustapa Mohamed.

A Foreign Ministry statement said Najib's visit reflected Malaysia's initiative to continue developing bilateral relations in various fields for mutual benefit.

It said Najib was scheduled to pay a courtesy call on Nazarbayev and hold talks with his counterpart Karim Massimov.

Najib's visit and participation at the 7th WIEF would strengthen bilateral relations and pave the way for greater cooperation between Malaysia and Kazakhstan, it said.

The visit would also help in exploring opportunities and enhancing economic cooperation with the other countries participating in the forum, being held in Kazakhstan for the first time, it added.

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