

PM Cuts Short Perth Visit, Describes Noramfaizul As A True Malaysian Hero
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PERTH -- Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak has described Noramfaizul Mohd Nor, the BernamaTV cameraman who was killed by a stray bullet in Somalia on Friday, as a true Malaysian hero "who embodies our role to help wherever help is needed".

Expressing sadness over what had happened, Najib said: "We've lost a very noble and a truly dedicated Malaysian.

"He was willing to take the risk to provide extensive coverage of our missions to help others in many parts of the world."

Speaking to Bernama on Saturday, Najib said he was cutting short his visit to Perth and would be flying back to Kuala Lumpur at night to enable him to be at the military airbase in Subang for the arrival of Noramfaizul's remains on a flight from Mogadishu today.

Noramfaizul, 39, died after he was hit by the bullet when covering the humanitarian aid mission of the Putera 1Malaysia Club for Somali famine victims.

Noramfaizul had gone on several Malaysian humanitarian missions abroad aimed at aiding people in dire straits.

"He was a dedicated and selfless individual who was willing to operate in very challenging and hostile environments such as Gaza and Pakistan," said Najib.

He said the Bernama cameraman was willing to go to Somalia even after he realised that it would be a hazardous mission.

"Of course he wanted to be on the scene to record a humanitarian mission. You may say that his death was the result of collateral damage.

"Nonetheless, we've lost a very good person, a true Malaysian, a hero who embodied our role to help wherever help is needed," he added.

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