



PM completes Endon's task

Staff get Aidilfitri, Deepavali presents

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PUTRAJAYA, Tues. — Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi today completed what would have been his late wife Datin Seri Endon Mahmood's task of handing out Aidilfitri and Deepavali goodies to some 100 support staff of the Prime Minister's Office.

Endon, who died of breast cancer last week, had arranged for the treats to be packed while she was undergoing treatment for the disease in Los Angeles.

"I feel so deeply honoured to have the opportunity to present them to you," Abdullah said at the simple presentation ceremony at his office here.

"It was her hope to do so in

person but it was not meant to be."

Helping Abdullah out were his daughter Nori and Endon's close friend, Leela Mohamad Ali. The Prime Minister hoped God would bless Endon's gesture, adding it was something that should be continued although she was no longer around.

The gifts included food, clothing and *duit raya* for those with children aged 17 and below.

Abdullah said Endon had wanted to present the gifts in appreciation of those who had helped her husband perform his duties.

He said the fasting month

should be a time for Muslims and Malaysians to help those in need, so that they could celebrate Aidilfitri with the rest.

The Prime Minister said he was glad to see financially able Malaysians giving presents and money to the less privileged.

He urged Malaysians to take health matters seriously, and spoke on the importance of detecting illnesses early.

On Endon's battle with cancer, Abdullah said: "If it had been discovered earlier, it would have been easier for her to be treated. But it was detected late and had become difficult to cure." — Bernama

ENDON'S WISH FULFILLED: Abdullah with Nori at the Aidilfitri and Deepavali gift presentation ceremony at his office yesterday. — NST picture by Hadzme Mohd Jaafar

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SUBUH	— 5.39
SYURUK	— 6.57
ZUHUR	— 1.00
ASAR	— 4.18
MAGHRIB	— 6.58
ISYAK	— 8.09

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