

Bakti packs 23,500 boxes of Raya goodies

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KUALA LUMPUR: It is early on in the month of Ramadan, but Bakti (Association of Wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers) has already swung into action.

Led by acting president Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, they gathered early yesterday at Bangunan Siti Hasmah in Taman Tun Dr Ismail to pack

boxes of Hari Raya goodies for the armed forces and police personnel.

And they showed splendid teamwork. Within three hours, they managed to fill up a total of 23,500 boxes with *rendang tok*, *kari ayam*, *ubi kentang*, *kuah sate* and *nasi impi*, bettering last year's record of 20,500 boxes worth RM160,000.

But of course, the ladies got a helping hand from gentlemen representing the uniformed units.

"We have been doing this every year during Ramadan. This year, the police requested 3,000 more boxes and the cost came up to over RM200,000," said Rosmah, who is wife of Deputy Prime Minister Datuk

Seri Najib Tun Razak.

She said the food boxes would be presented to the police and army tomorrow.

The boxes would be distributed to personnel stationed along the Thai border and various other "strategic spots, including those on duty in the Philippines, Aceh and on UN peacekeeping operations.