

Grand reception for PM, wife in Kepala Batas

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KEPALA BATAS: Crowds thronged the Masjid Al-Jamiul Badawi here as Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi brought Datin Seri Jeanne Abdullah to his constituency as his wife for the first time yesterday.

The couple arrived at the mosque about 1pm for Friday prayers and they also attended a

thanksgiving feast in their honour.

They were accompanied by Jeanne's daughters, Nadiah and Nadene.

Also present were the Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Abdul Rahman Abbas and Toh Puan Majmor Shariff, Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon and Puan Sri Chui Kah Peng.

It was Jeanne's introductory visit to Kepala Batas, which is Abdullah's parliamentary con-

stituency, since their wedding in Putrajaya last Saturday.

In his speech, Abdullah thanked the organisers and the people of Kepala Batas for their warm welcome.

The prime minister said he prayed that he and Jeanne would enjoy a blissful life together.

As hundreds jostled to catch a glimpse of her, Jeanne said she was touched by the sincerity of the people of Kepala Batas.

"Everyone here has been very

friendly and I hope to come here more often," she said.

Jeanne's daughters said they were trying to get used to all the attention.

"Even our mother is adjusting to this new life," Nadiah said.

After the feast, Abdullah proceeded to chair the Kepala Batas Umno division meeting.

Earlier in the morning, the family visited and offered prayers at Abdullah's parents' graves in the mosque compound.