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**Sweet treats:** Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah choosing Raya cookies while chatting with traders at the Pekan Rabu Complex.

## Dr M goes on yearly Raya shopping

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**ALOR SETAR:** It is a yearly tradition for Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali to spend time shopping at the Pekan Rabu Complex here during Ramadan each year.

Besides buying various types of cookies and delicacies for Hari Raya, the couple mingle with traders and their customers while visiting the stalls there.

This year was no exception. They spent half an hour shopping at the complex yesterday to buy Hari Raya cookies and meet with traders.

Several customers greeted the couple and took photos with them.

Dr Mahathir said he would always return to shop at the complex at least once during Ramadan.

"It has been a routine trip for me and my wife to shop here for Hari Raya, so this year is no exception," he said.

He said they bought a variety of Hari Raya cookies, including traditional delicacies such as *kuih karas*, *kuih bakar* and *kuih loyang*.

"We usually buy the delicacies from the same shop that we had patronised over the years," Dr Mahathir said.

Shop owner Suria Hassan, 42, said the shop originally belonged to her grandmother, Aishah Mat, who died eight years ago.

She said Dr Mahathir and his wife would come to buy Hari Raya cookies at the shop every year.

"I was still young when they first came to shop here and each year they never fail to come," she said.