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'No rift between us'

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DISPELLING RUMOURS: Instagram post not aimed at defending The Edge, says Nazir

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and his brother, Datuk Seri Nazir Razak, had a joyful Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration at a open house hosted by Najib's predecessor, Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, yesterday.

The brothers were all smiles as they shared a friendly chat at the event, dispelling rumours of a rift stemming from disagreements over the 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) controversy.

When met by reporters later, Nazir brushed aside questions on comments he made on his Instagram account regarding the suspension of *The Edge Financial Daily* and *The Edge Weekly*, following their coverage on 1MDB.

"I have private conversations with my brother, but I won't share it with you. I'm just here for Raya celebrations... (The family is)

okay," he said when asked whether he had spoken to Najib on the paper's suspension.

Nazir, who is CIMB Group chairman, said his comments were not aimed at defending The Edge's coverage.

"I was not defending anyone... This is about the principle of freedom of the media."

Nazir had, on his Instagram account, on Friday criticised the suspension of The Edge's publishing permits, saying the financial newspaper played a big role in keeping the business community informed.

Earlier, Najib was greeted by Abdullah and his wife, Tun Jeanne Abdullah, when he arrived at 1.45pm, joining some 5,000 guests at the celebration.

The prime minister was accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, their daughter, Nooryana Najwa, and son-in-law, Daniyar Kessikbayev.

Guests were treated to a feast of local delicacies, including curry



(From left) Prime Minister **Datuk Seri Najib Razak** sharing a light moment with his brother, **Datuk Seri Nazir Razak**, **Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi** and **Datuk Kamaluddin Abdullah** at the open house. Pic by Mohd Fadli Hamzah

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Present were Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and his wife, Puan Sri Noorainee Abdul Rahman, former minister Tan Sri Dr Rais Yatim and AirAsia Group chief executive Tan Sri Tony Fernandes.

Meanwhile, in a tweet, the prime minister urged Malaysians to take care of their health while rev-

elling in Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebrations.

"There are many invitations to attend open house and a lot of delicacies are served.

"I hope everyone will eat sparingly. Even though we are celebrating Raya, our health must also be taken care of properly," he shared on his personal Twitter account, @NajibRazak, yesterday.