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# PM meets his 'biggest' fan, 6-year-old Addi Asyraaf

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## DREAM COME TRUE:

It has been ailing boy's wish to meet Najib since he was 4 years old

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**A**FTER two years of wishing and waiting, 6-year-old Addi Asyraaf Mohamad Missbahuddin has finally met his idol — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

Najib took time off from his busy schedule yesterday to pay a visit to Addi, who has Alagille syndrome, at the boy's home in Kampung Bintawa Tengah, Petrajaya, near here.

Alagille syndrome is a genetic disorder that mimics other forms of prolonged liver disease and could affect the liver, heart and other parts of the body.

Addi had been diagnosed with the syndrome since he was 3 and has had jaundice since he was a month and 10 days old.

He has to visit six specialist doctors here, and Addi and his mother, Zurina Jamil, has to fly to Kuala Lumpur twice a year to see a liver specialist in Selayang Hospital.

His disorder, however, did not dampen his spirit. Addi, who was dressed in his best red plaid shirt and jeans, woke up as early as 6.30am to wait for Najib's arrival.

"Ever since we got confirmation on Wednesday that the prime minister will visit, Addi kept asking me what day it was. Today (Sunday), all Addi did was ask me what time it was and whether Najib was going to arrive soon," said Zurina.

Zurina, 37, is a housewife and her husband, Mohamad Missbahuddin, also 37, is a lorry driver and the sole breadwinner of the family. Besides Addi, they have an elder son, aged 7.

Zurina said Addi first learnt about Najib after he saw the prime minister on television when he was 4 years old.

"Addi would ask me, 'Siapa orang tua tok?' (Who is that old man?) and I

told him that he was our prime minister, the man who governs the country. Since then, he has repeatedly asked when he can meet the prime minister. I didn't think that it was possible until today."

Najib arrived at their home at 3.40pm, accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

They were greeted like celebrities by the kampung folk, who cheered and took pictures as soon as the prime minister's car pulled up on the driveway.

Najib and Rosmah spent about 30 minutes with Addi and his family, and presented the boy with toys.

Addi took the opportunity to sit on Najib's lap and even gave the prime minister a kiss on his cheek.

Zurina extended her gratitude to Najib for spending time with their family, adding that his visit meant a lot to Addi.

"*Alhamdulillah* (praise be to God), Addi's dream has been fulfilled. He even said he loves the prime minister. I am very happy."

Last night, Najib also visited Kampung Boyan near here for a walk-about. He was accompanied by Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hisham-

muddin Hussein and Malacca Chief Minister Datuk Seri Idris Haron.

Najib made a pit stop at Mira Cake House to sample the state's famous *kek lapis* (layer cake).

Present was BN candidate for Pantai Damai seat Dr Abdul Rahman Junaidi of Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu.

Najib then proceeded to a nearby food court for dinner and a meet-and-greet session with the local community.

At the food court, he sampled Sarawak's signature noodle dish — *mee kolok*.

Kampung Boyan is a traditional Malay village located along the northern bank of the Sungai Sarawak, next to Fort Margherita.

Najib, who is on a two-day state visit, is scheduled to accompany Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem to the nomination centre in Lundu district this morning.

**Page 1 pic:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak receiving a kiss from Addi Asyraaf Mohamad Missbahuddin, who has Alagille syndrome, in Kampung Bintawa Tengah, Petrajaya, yesterday.