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DATE WITH SUPERSTAR

# PM MEETS RAJNIKANTH

Icon pays tribute to 'an excellent' PM

CHENNAI

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak took time off from his busy official visit to India to drop in at the home of Tamil screen icon, Rajnikanth yesterday.

"Just had a very warm n friendly meeting with Mr Rajnikanth the Tamil superstar at his home," Najib tweeted.

The prime minister also posted a selfie with the superstar in his

Twitter account, and posted another picture of him having a chat with Rajnikanth in his Facebook account.

Meanwhile, in a Twitter posting @NajibRazak, Rajnikanth said he was quite happy to have met the prime minister

"I am extremely happy to have met an excellent, friendly and warm person today ... The Honourable Prime Minister of Malaysia @NajibRazak ji", he tweeted.

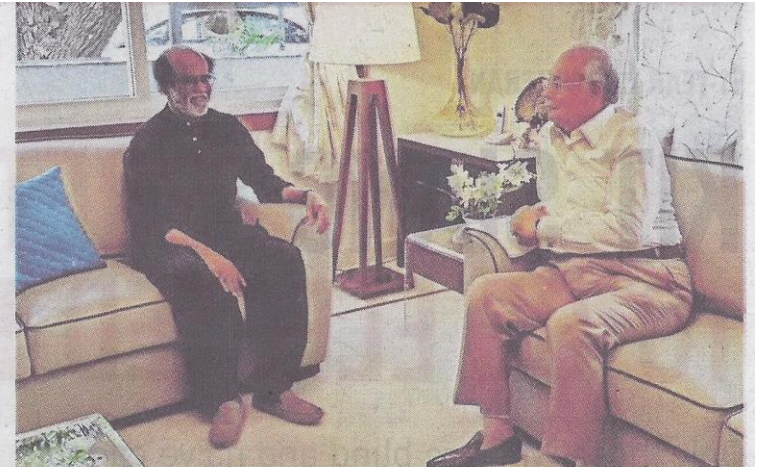
Born Shivaji Rao Gaekwad, the 66-year-old bus conductor-turned silver screen icon is one of the most popular actors in South India. The award winning actor is

also widely followed in Malaysia.

His last movie, *Kabali*, saw most of the filming in Malaysia. Besides being released in the Tamil language, it was also released in Telugu and Hindi, and was dubbed in Bahasa Malaysia. Directed by Pa Ranjith, it saw Rosyam Noor playing the role of henchman to the main villain character of Winston Chao.

Najib, on the meeting with Rajnikanth, said movie-making was part of Malaysia's potential area of cooperation with India.

"I had asked the movie star to consider shooting the sequel of his hit movie *Kabali* in Malaysia. There is a possibility that he will,



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak with Indian silver screen idol Rajnikanth in Chennai yesterday. FACEBOOK PIC

as the first movie received good response.

"Other than trade and commerce, investment, IT, education, we need to promote tourism in Malaysia to attract tourists from here," said Najib who completed his first leg of his official visit to India at the Tamil Nadu state

capital.

The prime minister arrived in New Delhi later yesterday for the second leg of his six day official visit to India. Some RM30 billion worth of deals are expected to be signed during his trip.

He will also have events in Jaipur as part of the visit.

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