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A DREAM COME TRUE

## PM visits ailing Umno veteran

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**PEKAN:** Umno veteran Zainudin Sulong had met the country's second prime minister, Tun Abdul Razak Hussein, on several occasions, but never had the chance to meet his son, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

Now bedridden, the 83-year-old stroke patient's long wait came to an end when Najib, the country's sixth premier, stopped by at the former's house in Kampung Telok here yesterday morning.

Zainudin said he had always wanted to meet Najib, but realised that the prime minister was a busy man who worked under a tight schedule.

"I have met Tun Abdul Razak many times when he was Pahang menteri besar and second prime minister, but never had the chance to meet Najib.

"My wife informed me about Najib's visit a few days ago.

"I have been waiting for this day to come.

"Today (yesterday), my dream has finally come true," Zainudin said.

Despite the downpour, Najib spent some 10 minutes with Zain-

udin, and asked about his health condition and shared jokes before handing a personal contribution to the former Kampung Telok Umno branch secretary.

Zainudin's wife, Noriah Mohamed, 62, said whenever her husband saw Najib on television, he would get excited, reminiscing about his days as an active party member.

Meanwhile, it was also an emotional moment for former Pahang Umno secretary Datuk Faisal Abdullah upon meeting Najib at his home in Medan Tok Sira here yesterday evening.

The 69-year-old, who was the state Umno secretary between 1978 and 1984 during Najib's tenure as Pahang menteri besar, embraced the prime minister whom he had not met for more than 10 years.

"We spoke about the days when I used to serve Umno.

"He still remembers those good old days.

"His visit is meaningful to me," said the father of five, who has diabetes.

Faisal was also Beserah assemblyman for one term in 2004.