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Child patient earns top leaders' admiration

KUALA LUMPUR: Eleven-year-old Nurhafifah Mohd Shuhaimi's courage in facing pain and suffering while battling cancer has caught the attention of the country's top two leaders and earned her their admiration.

Both Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and his deputy Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi wanted to meet the girl and her family after hearing of her situation.

Nurhafifah, from Bukit Mertajam, Penang, was diagnosed with stage four bone cancer two years ago.

The Prime Minister, who met Nurhafifah and her family at his office in Parliament yesterday, posted about their meeting on Facebook.

"Met Nurhafifah today, was very touched to hear the pain and challenges which she has to face because of bone cancer.

"Two surgeries, 18 chemotherapies and the latest, her left leg had to be shortened so that the cancer cells wouldn't spread," he wrote.

Najib also presented the girl with a laptop and a wheelchair.

"Hope this will be of some help. Let us pray that Nurhafifah and her family will be strong.

"May Allah return her to health, ease their burden and may they remain calm in facing this trial. Insyallah," he said.

Nurhafifah and her family were also guests of the Deputy Prime Minister, who treated them to a dinner at his official residence Sri



Tough little girl: Najib presenting Nurhafifah with a laptop as her family members look on during their meeting at the Prime Minister's office in Parliament.

Satria on Saturday night.

"Entertaining special guests of my family and I at Sri Satria tonight," he said on Instagram.

Dr Ahmad Zahid wrote that Nurhafifah was born on Sept 15,

2006, and is the youngest of five children.

Her father works as a factory operator, while her mother is a housewife.

He also posted four photographs

of him and his wife Datin Seri Hamidah Khamis along with their guests.

It is learnt that the Deputy Prime Minister presented Nurhafifah with a personal contribution.