



Doc at the wheel: Dr Mahathir driving Joko in a Proton Persona to Seri Perdana for a luncheon. — Bernama

Mahathir drives Jokowi to lunch in Proton Persona

PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad drove Indonesian President Joko Widodo in a Proton Persona to a luncheon he hosted at Seri Perdana.

The two leaders earlier had a four-eyed meeting at the Perdana Putra building.

Joko, popularly known as Jokowi, arrived on Thursday for a two-day visit to Malaysia.

He was accompanied by his wife Iriana Joko Widodo and an entourage.

Dr Mahathir drove the red Persona, which was followed by the other vehicles carrying members of the Indonesian entourage.

This is the second time Jokowi was in a Proton car driven by Dr Mahathir.

In February 2015, Dr Mahathir - who was then the chairman of Proton - had taken Jokowi on a test drive in a Proton car at the Sepang International Circuit.

At the lunch, they were served *cucur udang*, *tauhu goreng*, *kerabu pucuk paku* and *kerabu wrap nangka* for starters; grilled lamb, *sambal sotong petai*, *gulai lemak udang* and *ayam percik* with *nasi telur Terengganu* and *nasi kuning* as the main course, and *bubur som som* and *bubur pulut hitam* for dessert. Teh tarik was also served.

A source said Dr Mahathir picked Malaysian

celebrity Chef Wan to prepare the lunch.

Chef Wan, whose real name is Datuk Redzuawan Ismail, when approached at Seri Perdana, said Dr Mahathir and 22 members of his family came for lunch at his restaurant, De.Wan 1958, in Kuala Lumpur last Sunday, to celebrate Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah's 63rd wedding anniversary.

The following day, he said, he received a telephone call requesting him to prepare lunch for 60 people in conjunction with the official visit of the Indonesian president.

Chef Wan said most of the dishes for yesterday's luncheon was prepared at the restaurant and a few at Seri Perdana.

After lunch, Dr Mahathir drove Jokowi to the Putra Mosque where they performed the Friday prayer.

After the prayer, led by the imam of the mosque, Muktasyaf Ibrahim, the two leaders exchanged greetings with the worshippers who waited in line to shake hands. — Bernama