

THOUSANDS THROUGH PM'S OPEN HOUSE

It is the first open house hosted by Ismail Sabri as the prime minister

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THE Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers' Hari Raya Aidilfitri Open House yesterday saw people from all walks of life through the Seri Perdana complex here since early morning.

From the country's head of state, Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah, to cabinet members and the Malaysian public, they were all greeted with

a warm welcome and various types of traditional dishes at the event.

The kampung-style open house saw the public waiting in line as early as 7.30am, although the gate to the Seri Perdana complex only opened at 9.30am.

Yesterday's open house was held from 10am to 4pm.

This is the first Hari Raya open house hosted by Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob as the prime minister after he was appointed to the position in August last year.

This is also the first Hari Raya open house hosted by a prime minister since the Covid-19 pandemic hit the country, with the last being in 2019, when it was hosted by former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his then cabinet.

About 11.30am, Al-Sultan Abdullah arrived and was greeted by



Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah posing for a selfie with a guest at the Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers' Hari Raya Aidilfitri open house in Seri Perdana, Putrajaya, yesterday. PIC BY ASYRAF HAMZAH

Ismail Sabri and Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali.

Prior to that, Ismail Sabri, clad in maroon baju Melayu, together with his wife, Datin Seri Muhaini Zainal Abidin, welcomed visitors at Laman Sari at 10am.

According to early estimation, about 70,000 guests were expected at yesterday's event.

Cabinet ministers, such as International Trade and Industry

Minister Datuk Seri Azmin Ali, Minister in Prime Minister's Department (Economy) Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed, Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad and Minister in Prime Minister's Department (Sabah and Sarawak Affairs) Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Ongkili, were also present to greet visitors.

Before entering the official residence of the prime minister,

people were required to queue at canopies set up in the area, with a special lane provided for senior citizens, people with disabilities and pregnant women.

Buses were also provided at three points every 15 minutes to pick up guests heading for the open house.

The pick-up points were at Majid Putra, Masjid Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin and Putrajaya Sentral.