

PM makes wedding for three Orang Asli couples unforgettable

GUA MUSANG: The wedding reception of three Orang Asli couples from the Temiar community yesterday was made a memorable experience with the presence of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Along Uda, 30, and his wife Norzulaikha Nubi@Zulkifli, 24, were among 20 newly married couples at the Jom Kahwin event under the Kelantan Sentuhan Kasih Desa Madani programme at Dataran Kesedar Paloh 2.

Along said he got married in September last year at their village in Pos Hendropp.

"We just organised a small feast last year. Yesterday, we were fully dressed as bride and groom with make-up, sitting on the bridal dais," he said.

Another couple, Wahid Ismail, 17, and Rosnani Ahmad, 19, from Kuala Betis, said the event, sponsored by the Community Development Department, helped them save a lot.

"My wife and I also received free family management advice," Wahid said.

Meanwhile, Herry Samad, 19, who works as a rubber tapper, and Leyoi Along, 22, thanked the department for looking after the welfare of low-income groups who could not afford wedding celebrations.

Under the programme, the department has provided up to RM42,000 to help newlyweds with an income of less than RM4,850 organise their wedding reception. - Bernama