

Federal-funded Mosque Expansion Expected To Start Next Month
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ALOR SETAR, July 28 (Bernama) -- The RM1.12 million federal-funded expansion project of the 20-year-old Al-Rahmah Mosque in Taman Wira Mergong here is expected to start next month.

The mosque today received Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak who was briefed on the expansion project by Senior Principal Assistant Director of the Implementation Coordination Unit of the Prime Minister's Department, Ab Ghapar Daud.

The mosque imam, Mohd Shabuddin Itam, thanked the federal government for the allocation, announced four months ago.

"We need to expand this mosque because of the increase in the number of congregations," he told reporters.

Meanwhile, after the briefing, Najib proceeded for a walkabout at Taman Wira Mergong Farmer's Market accompanied by Home Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon, Deputy International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Mukhriz Tun Mahathir and Deputy Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Datuk Johari Baharom.

In the 30-minute walkabout, Najib watched participants of the farmer's market prepare the "bubur lambuk", and dropped by for a light refreshment at the Taman Wira food court.

Trader Fazri Masari, 26, who prepared a "teh tarik" for the prime minister said he was proud to be serving the nation's number one leader.

"This is the first time a prime minister has visited this place since I first started my business here seven years ago," he said.

Najib later visited Sekolah Menengah Jenis Kebangsaan Cina Keat Hwa 1 here in conjunction with the school's 100th anniversary.

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