

3,000 Residents Welcome Najib At Jawi Chinese New Village
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NIBONG TEBAL, April 22 (Bernama) -- Shouts of 1Malaysia by more than 3,000 Chinese and Indian residents greeted Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak when he arrived for a visit to the Jawi Chinese New Village today.

The Prime Minister's visit to the New Village was most meaningful to the approximately 3,000 residents who had lived in the settlement for three generations with the Chinese community making up 90 per cent of the population.

Najib, who arrived at 11am, stopped by for a cup of coffee at the See Huang coffee shop which had been operating for about 50 years and managed by Poh Chai Boon, 57, and Paw Wee Keat, 40, who are third generation residents of the village.

"I'm very happy that the Prime Minister was willing to drop by at my coffee shop. His presence was most meaningful and fortunate for us because we had never received the highest leader before. Many of my neighbours said they would buy four-digit lottery with the address of my shop which is number 2189," Poh told Bernama when approached, here today.

He said the Barisan Nasional (BN) under Najib's leadership had brought much improvements, besides the Jawi state constituency coordinator, Tan Cheng Liang, who frequently visited the area.

"The Second Penang Bridge will certainly bring development to the area," he said.

For Lee Chon Bak, 67, he felt the present government was more efficient and had listened to the problems of the people.

"I am very happy and touched that the Prime Minister was willing to come down to this tiny settlement. I support him, that's why I came very early to see him. He is a fair leader," he said.

An Indian villager, Inthrani, 40, who has been living in the area for 12 years, said her friends living in Simpang Ampat were prepared to take the bus here merely to have a close look at the Prime Minister.

During the visit, Najib handed over a house key to single mother Teoh Yang King, 51, whose house was razed in a fire in January.

Teoh, who was happy and touched that the government was willing to build a new house for her, which was completed within one month, also described Najib as a caring leader.

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