

**Najib Begins Visit To Kedah**  
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BALING, March 3 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today launched his one-day visit to Kedah by visiting Umno veteran Datuk Zakaria Rauf at his home in Kuala Ketil near here.

The prime minister, who arrived at about 3.30 pm, spent about 20 minutes with Zakaria.

Accompanying Najib were Kedah Umno Liaison Committee chairman Datuk Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah and coordinator of the Baling parliamentary constituency Datuk Abdul Azeez Rahim.

The prime minister then joined the people of Baling and nearby areas at a 1Malaysia gathering at the Kuala Ketil public field, after which he is scheduled to go to Sungai Petani.

In Sungai Petani, Najib will meet Barisan Nasional (BN) state assemblymen at a retreat organised by the BN Back Benchers Club at Kelab Cinta Sayang, and attend a feast for the people at the Taman Ria Jaya public field.

Some 120 selected BN state assemblymen from around the country are participating in the Kedah-level retreat over three days from yesterday.

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