

Najib To Make One-day Gawai Dayak Visit To Sarawak
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KUCHING, May 21 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak is scheduled to make a one-day "Gawai Dayak" visit to the Iban heartland of the Betong, Pakan and Julau districts in Sarawak on June 3, Deputy Chief Minister Tan Sri Alfred Jabu said.

He said Najib, who would be accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, was expected to join Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud and other state dignitaries to mingle with the locals to celebrate the annual harvest festival of the Dayak community at the Dewan Tan Sri Stephen Kalong Ningkan in Betong.

"It will be an opportunity for the prime minister to experience the Gawai Dayak atmosphere in the interior apart from the Gawai Dayak delicacies and the various Dayak cultures and traditions which will also be showcased," he said after chairing a meeting of the main committee in preparation for the forthcoming visit, at Wisma Bapa Malaysia, Petra Jaya, here.

He said Najib and his entourage would also visit the 34-door Rumah George Chungut, Nanga Nansang, in Pakan near Sarikei before proceeding to Julau.

Sarawak Social Development Minister Tan Sri William Mawan Ikom would welcome Najib in Pakan while Deputy Information, Communications and Culture Minister Datuk Joseph Salang would welcome him in Julau where he is scheduled to visit Rumah Jana anak Saweng at Matop, he said.

He said the prime minister would return to Kuala Lumpur later in the evening.

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