

Residents thrilled to meet PM

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CHERISHED MOMENT: Najib touches the hearts of Selangor people with his presence

BANGI: MEETING Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak will be a treasured memory for Wan Suhaimi Wan Ismail, 50.

Small-sized Wan Suhaimi, who suffers from a growth disorder, was speechless when he was brought to meet Najib, who was on his morning walkabout with residents here at the Section 1 market.

"The prime minister was thrilled when he saw me wearing a shirt with his image printed on it... and asked me why half his 'face' was not visible.

"I told him that I tucked my shirt into my pants to look neat and his face is always in my heart," the 50-year-old cleaner said.

"It has been so long since a prime minister visited us, talked and listened to our grouses. I have the utmost respect for Najib and hope he will help me and my disabled friends by creating some incentives for us."

Wan Suhaimi said since Pakatan Rakyat (PR) took over Selangor, the disabled like him had been having a difficult time.

"They (PR) have increased the monthly rent on the houses specially for us disabled and single mothers from RM124 to RM250. This has taken a toll on many of us whose income is very low.

"During Barisan Nasional's rule, this was unheard of. How can PR be heartless to the underprivileged? PR is not even keeping its election promises. I hope Najib will intervene in this matter and help us as we have families to feed."

For Yim Poh Hooi and her 81-year-old mother, Tham Foong, the chance to have breakfast with Najib was a dream come true.

"I brought my mother along with me to meet him (Najib) and never thought that she would be asked by Najib to join him for breakfast.

"In fact, I came as early as 7.30am just to catch a glimpse of the celebratory air and then went home and got ready with my mother to greet Najib and show him my strong support," she said.

Housewife, M. Rane, 53, was grateful that Najib took time off to listen to her problems and referred her to Human Resources Minister Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam.

"I am suffering from a nerve disorder that I sustained after a fall at the factory where I used to work. The management only awarded me RM12,000 in damages... not even benefits from the Social Security Organisation (Socso)."

She said on hearing about Najib's visit to the Bandar Baru Bangi market, she and her husband, E. Yellappan, 59, decided to seek help, knowing how much Najib cared for the people through his initiatives.

Yellappan could only heave a sigh of relief and could not stop thanking Najib for his endeavour.

"He is truly a people-minded leader and stays true to his motto to serve the people... his leadership must be emulated."

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