

Najib's visit makes grandma's day
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SIK: Kamalia Ahmad is a very excited grandmother.

The 50-year-old widow yesterday played host to Datuk Seri Najib Razak when the prime minister and his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, visited her modest kampung-style home in Kampung Teloi Tua in Sik, 90km from here.

Najib and Rosmah arrived at Kamaliah's house at 5pm and spent about 10 minutes with the family.

Kamaliah, a mother of five and grandmother to 10 children, was the first recipient in Kedah to be picked by Yayasan Felda for the "Kampung Sejahtera Inspirasi Harmoni" or Kas1h Felda programme.

She will have her house, which she has been living in for 28 years, repaired under the programme.

"This is very surreal for me and my family.

"I never thought that the prime minister and his wife will come and visit me. I am surprised that I was picked for the Kas1h Felda programme.

"Thank you Datuk Seri (Najib Razak). Thank you, Felda," she said.

Yayasan Felda will spend RM60 million to repair 12,000 houses in villages near all 317 Felda schemes nationwide under the Kas1h Felda programme.

The prime minister later officiated at the groundbreaking for a road construction project linking Felda Teloi Timur to Kampung Merbau Kudung, also in Sik.

The 8.9km road, costing about RM50 million, will be ready in 18 months.

Najib and his wife also joined some 10,000 people, including 610 Felda settlers and their families, when he launched the national-level "Rahmat Ramadan" programme at Sekolah Kebangsaan Bandar Baru Beris Jaya.

The couple attended the breaking of fast ceremony with the people at the school.

They performed the maghrib prayer at a mosque here before leaving for Kuala Lumpur.

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