

**PM's Presence Important To OIC Summit, Says Malaysia's Ambassador To Saudi Arabia**  
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JEDDAH, Aug 12 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's presence at the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) fourth extraordinary session of the Islamic Summit Conference in Mecca this Tuesday and Wednesday is deemed important for member countries to discuss the current situation in Muslim countries, said Malaysia's ambassador to Saudi Arabia Datuk Syed Omar Al Saggaf.

He said Malaysia was respected by the OIC as it played an important role in generating ideas and voicing opinions on Islam's position in today's world.

"Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak fulfilled the invitation from King Abdullah Abdul Aziz Al-Saud to attend the summit despite his busy schedule this Ramadan," he told reporters here Sunday.

The purpose of the summit is to discuss the current situation in Muslim countries and the world as well as fight elements which may cause disputes and chaos.

He said the summit, hosted by King Abdul Aziz at the As-Safa Palace situated next to the Masjidil Haram (Grand Mosque in Mecca), would be held after the tarawih prayers.

Syed Omar said the Prime Minister is scheduled to deliver statements on certain issues which would be deliberated later.

The summit will be preceded by two meetings, the first at the level of foreign ministers to prepare for the Summit, followed by the level of senior officials to prepare for the Ministerial Meeting.

Najib will be accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Foreign Ministry Secretary-General Tan Sri Mohd Radzi Abdul Rahman and officers from the Prime Minister's Office and the Foreign Ministry.

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