

**Najib Calls On Ailing Old Friend And Stroke Patient**  
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JITRA, Aug 30 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak called on an old friend and stroke patient, former Kuala Kedah MP Datuk Zakaria Said, 68, during his one-day working visit to Kedah Thursday.

Najib, who was accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, spent some time with his Zakaria at his home in Bandar Darul Aman, here.

Also present were Kedah Umno Liaison Committee chairman Datuk Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah and Deputy Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Datuk Mohd Johari Baharom, who is also the Kubang Pasu MP.

Zakaria's eldest son, Sazali, 42, said the family was honoured by the prime minister's visit.

He said that though his father could not speak, his expression clearly demonstrated his happiness over the visit from an old friend and the country's prime minister.

"Najib advised us to be patient and expressed the hope that our father will recover soon," he told reporters later.

Zakaria, who was an Umno Youth exco member when Najib was Umno Youth deputy chief in the 1980s, suffered a stroke in 2010 after the first one in 2006.

Zakaria entered politics in the 1980s and won the Anak Bukit state seat in 1982. He held the seat for three consecutive electoral terms. In 1995, he won the Kuala Kedah parliamentary seat, defeating former PAS president Datuk Fadzil Noor.

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