

Najib Does Walkabout In Tanjung Dawai
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SUNGAI PETANI, Oct 31 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Sri Mohd Najib Tun Razak arrived in Tanjung Dawai, a fishing settlement, at about 9.55am today for a working visit to Kedah.

More than 2,000 residents, school students and fishermen led by Merbok Umno Division chief and Merbok constituency coordinator Datuk Tajul Urus Md Zin and Barisan Nasional (BN) party component members were on hand to greet Najib on his arrival.

Also there to welcome the Prime Minister were Deputy Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Datuk Wira Mohd Johari Baharom and International Trade and Industry Deputy Minister Datuk Mukhriz Tun Dr Mahathir.

Upon arrival Najib had a walkabout around Tanjung Dawai and mingled with the locals and traders there.

He also visited the family of Kong Ah Mooi, 88, a trader who died last Monday, before having breakfast with locals at the Tanjung Dawai Mara Arcade.

The Prime Minister was served delicacies such as 'peknga' (made from flour and coconut), gedung chak (made from glutinous rice flour and coconut), 'pulut inti' and 'gula hangus'.

The dishes were prepared by chef Mohd Shaifuddin Rosli from Giat Mara Merbok.

Najib then headed to Pantai Merdeka to attend the launching of the Kedah Farmers, Breeders and Fishermen Assembly programme by riding a Marine Police boat from Tanjung Dawai, escorted by 40 fishing boats.

In the evening he is scheduled to attend the launch the New Langkawi Marketing and Branding ceremony with Pulau Tuba residents, launch of the 1Malaysia People's Clinic and visit a Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) Sub Station in Langkawi before leaving for Kuala Lumpur.

Meanwhile, Najib, in a brief speech after breakfast, announced the implementation of a fishermen's housing project in Tanjung Dawai to resolve housing issues faced by fishermen in the area.

He said the programme was already planned by the federal government, but could not be detailed due to the coming general election.

"We will build houses for fishermen but it's almost time for election, so let us win the election first then we can easily implement the project," he said.

It is said the housing problem in Tanjung Dawai existed for so long and about 90 per cent of the fishermen's housing site was owned by other parties.

In his speech Najib also expressed his happiness at being able to meet the people of Tanjung Dawai in a relaxed atmosphere without protocol.

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