

All set for Najib's open house
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THE people here are all geared up for the biggest Hari Raya open house in the constituency hosted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, tomorrow.

PEKAN: Canopies have been set up at Taman Tasik Sultan Abu Bakar for the event from 10am to 2pm. It is expected to attract 70,000 people.

About 100 hawkers and traders have been busy making preparations to ensure they serve enough food and drinks for everyone.

A cendol seller, who has been preparing the popular dessert for guests at Najib's open house for the past three years, said he expected a bigger turnout this year and had instructed his helpers to cut short their Hari Raya Aidilfitri holidays to help.

The man, identified only as Kassim, said every year a large number of guests would make a beeline for his cendol and this year he planned to open extra stalls.

A fisherman, Jasmi Salleh, said the open house was an opportunity for the people in the constituency to meet their friends and relatives living in other districts.

Najib is the member of parliament for Pekan.

His special officer in the constituency, Datuk Zainal Abidin Pa' Wan, said the open house would offer dishes such as rendang Pekan, satay, laksa Pahang and the popular dessert puding raja (royal pudding).

"The event will enable the people to meet and get close with the prime minister," Zainal Abidin said.

Visitors will be entertained with cultural shows and performances by local artistes and comedians.

Zainal Abidin said the Tengku Mahkota of Pahang Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah and his consort Tengku Puan Pahang Tunku Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah would also attend.

Also expected are Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob, state executive council members and state assemblymen.

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