

Najib, DPM at Dr M's open house

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TRADITION: Dignitaries and foreigners among the guests

KUALA LUMPUR: DATUK Seri Najib Razak and his deputy, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, attended the Hari Raya Aidilfitri open house of former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad here yesterday.

Najib was accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, and their children, Nooryana Najwa and Mohd Norashman Razak.

Other guests took the opportunity to take snapshots of the prime minister.

Najib later attended the Hari Raya open house of former prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi at Dewan Sri Endon in Putrajaya, and of Dewan Negara president Tan Sri Abu Zahar Ujang in Jalan Gallagher here.

At the residence of Dr Mahathir in the Mines Resort City, guests were treated to a performance by an orchestra from SJKC Kung Man, Serdang Lama. The 22-member orchestra played old-time favourites, earning themselves applause.

Dr Mahathir and his wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, greeted their guests and handed out duit raya to children.

Among those present were Information, Communications and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim, Malacca Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam, former Perlis menteri besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim and Tan Sri Lim Kok Wing, founder of LimKokWing University of Creative Technology.

Iranian student Nader Zarza said his fondness for Dr Mahathir prompted him to bring his entire family to the open house.

"I have read his books and I'm simply excited with this open house concept celebrated in Malaysia, especially among the leaders and the people. It shows that there is no formality and everyone is like family here."

The doctorate student of Universiti Malaya has been residing in the country for three years and said the tradition of open house was not observed in his country.

"The 1Malaysia concept can be seen clearly and I have witnessed it myself as I have attended the open house organised by my Indian and Chinese friends as well."

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