

## **Trio resolve to meet Najib despite setback**

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ALMOST THERE: Father and daughters carry on despite being lost on the way to Raya open house

IPOH: FOR Merdeka this year, a father and his two daughters had vowed to meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and present him with the Jalur Gemilang.

R. Ragu, 37, Nithiya Rubhini, 13, and Nithiya Darshini, 10, had planned to attend Najib's Hari Raya Aidilfitri open house at Seri Perdana last Sunday for the purpose.

But the three, who are on a 900km journey to perform the "We love Malaysia and the Prime Minister" walk, had their hopes dashed when they took a wrong turn and ended up heading towards Alor Gajah.

"We were not familiar with the route. After passing Pasir Panjang in Negri Sembilan, we had to ask for directions from a passer-by.

"Instead of reaching our intended destination, we were sent away on a 20km detour towards Alor Gajah," Ragu said.

But Ragu and his daughters are not giving up. They are optimistic that they will be able to meet Najib soon and they have resolved to continue their journey to reach Alor Star on Merdeka Day. They began their journey on Aug 16 from the A. Famosa Fort in Malacca.

Since then, they had passed through Port Dickson, Seremban, Bangi, Putrajaya, Kuala Lumpur, Rawang, Seremban, Kuala Kubu Baru and Sungkai.

Clad in identical jerseys with "We love Malaysia and PM" printed on the front, the trio had braved the heat and rain to complete at least 50km a day. They arrived here on Saturday, the ninth day of their journey.

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