

**PM: Malaysians must be with Chong Wei**  
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PEKAN: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has called on all Malaysians to support Datuk Lee Chong Wei in his efforts to lift the first Olympics gold medal for the country.

As a show of support, his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor will be flying to London on Saturday night.

Najib said his wife had made the decision immediately after Lee smashed his way into the Olympic badminton men's singles final.

"My wife who is the Badminton Association of Malaysia's patron is going to London with the Deputy Prime Minister's wife Puan Sri Norainee Abdul Rahman. They want to be there to give their full moral support to Chong Wei," said Najib at a zakat distribution ceremony here Saturday.

He said Lee had an opportunity to create history as Malaysia's first Olympic gold medallist.

"I managed to congratulate Chong Wei after he won the semi-final match. I told him all Malaysians are giving him their fullest support.

"I also ask him to be strong and do it for Malaysia. I believe he is prepared mentally to face Lin Dan and he has the chance to win the gold medal," said Najib.

Meanwhile, Rosmah said she had promised Lee to be there if he won the semi-final match.

"He is like my own son. When he got through to the final, I told my husband that I am going to London to fulfil my promise," she said.

Rosmah added that Lee had called her before his match against China's Chen Long and she had encouraged him to give it his all.

"He was really cool and confident. He is a man of little words but he still needs encouragement from all of us," she said.

Rosmah also said she had notified the Malaysian High Commission in London to prepare flags and banners.

"I urge all Malaysians in London to go fill up the arena and reduce China's supporters. I hope all Malaysians regardless of race, religion, culture and political leanings can rally behind Chong Wei," she said.

On Lee's chance against Lin Dan, Rosmah said they were actually on the same level except the Chinese ace shuttler was good at psychological games.

"There is no reason for Chong Wei to feel inferior to Lin Dan. The important thing is he has to be mentally strong, focused and committed," she said.

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