

Going the distance to celebrate Hari Raya with Najib
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PEKAN: With three young children in tow, widow Nurlia Ibrahim walked three kilometres from her home in Nenasi to Taman Tasik Sultan Abu Bakar to celebrate Hari Raya with Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

However, as the crowd was too big, she could not get near the Prime Minister.

"I did not expect such a huge crowd. Luckily, some villagers helped me to queue up to get *duit raya* for my children," said the 27-year-old single mother who came with her children, aged six years, four years and two months old.

"I woke them up early to attend the open house. Since we have no transport, we walked to the site," added Nurlia.

She has been living with her parents since her husband's death and does odd-jobs to make ends meet and raise the children.

Attending the Prime Minister's open house for the first time, she said: "I will come again next year and, hopefully, get to meet the Prime Minister in person."

Visitor Mohd Firdaus Mohd Buhari, 21, of Kampung Tanjung Medang brought along his eight-month-old son as his wife had to attend to her stall.

"We find the Prime Minister to be humble and caring. I believe most Pekan people will support him," he said.

K. Ramayah, 40, said he had been attending the Prime Minister's open house here for the last 10 years although he lived in Kuantan.

"I like the atmosphere and enjoy seeing people of all races mingling together," he said.

Visitors were presented with goodie bags of *kuih* from Najib and his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

Also present were the Tengku Mahkota of Pahang Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah and Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob.

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