

Najib Attends Astro Fiesta Mesra Belia 1Malaysia Carnival

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 24 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak tonight attended a 'Sembang Mesra Belia Bersama PM' programme and spent about an hour mingling with youths at the Astro Fiesta Mesra Belia 1Malaysia Carnival in Ampang, near here, Sunday.

When Najib arrived at the carnival at about 9.50pm, he was welcomed by a thunderous applause from the thousands of youths who had waited for him since 7pm.

Najib, together with Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek and Pandan Member of Parliament Datuk Seri Ong Tee Keat joined a sea of people to watch a concert by local performers like Black, Datuk Hattan, Jay Jay and Awie.

The Prime Minister later joined a group of performers on stage to sing a number of songs, including 1M4U and 'Terima Kasih Sayang' made popular by Awie.

Najib in his short speech thanked the people for their patriotism through the songs rendered at the carnival.

Describing the event as extraordinary for the response from the people, the Prime Minister said more of such programmes would be organised in the future.

"I am overwhelmed to witness the high level of patriotism and loyalty shown by the people towards the country and its leader. Thank you for the banners that featured 'I Love PM' reflecting their true affection," he said.

The three-day carnival that started on Friday and attended by about 20,000 people was organised by the Ministry of Youth and Sports and Astro.

Najib later left the carnival to pay his last respects to former director-general of Health Tan Sri Dr Abdul Majid Ismail, 92, who passed away at his residence, due to old age.

The Prime Minister spent about 10 minutes with the late Dr Abdul Majid's family members at Jalan Langgak Duta, Taman Duta.

Dr Abdul Majid passed away at his residence today at about 4pm while his remains will be buried at the Makam DiRaja Shah Alam at 11am, tomorrow.

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