

**Najib arrives in Beaufort to a rousing welcome**  
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BEAUFORT: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak arrived here to a rousing welcome from thousands who gathered at the District Council football field since the early hours. A kompang group, lion dance troupe and a traditional musical ensemble representing the various ethnic groups performed at the entrance to the field as Najib arrived with Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman.

Roads entering the town are packed with vehicles while all the 10,000 seats at the field are taken with more pushing their way from nearby shophouses. More can be seen standing around the field as well as outside near the district mosque and train station.

Earlier the crowd was kept entertained by a host of popular artistes such as Adira, Ebi Kornalis, Esther John, Adam and Linda among others.

Najib and Musa had earlier met with Sabah Barisan Nasional component party leaders for breakfast at the Magellan Sutera in Kota Kinabalu.

Those present were Parti Bersatu Sabah president Tan Sri Joseph Pairin Kitingan, Upko president Tan Sri Bernard Dompok, Liberal Democratic Party president Datuk Liew Vui Keong, PBRS president Tan Sri Joseph Kurup, Sabah Gerakan chief Datuk Gordon Leong, Sabah MCA chief Datuk Edward Khoo and Sabah MIC chief Datuk V Jothi.

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