

Lahad Datu: Family of fallen hero aims to fulfil his wishes
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SUBANG JAYA: It has been about a month since special branch officer Asst Comm Ibrahim Lebar was killed in Semporna and his family remembers him as a hero and is determined to fulfil his wishes.

His widow, Rosiah Dahlan, 52, said the family was starting to come to terms with the sudden loss of her husband.

"I have gone back to work (with a bank) and my three kids have resumed their studies.

"We miss him dearly, but he would have wanted us to move on with our lives and be happy," she said after receiving Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak at the family home in USJ9 here yesterday.

Najib arrived at the house at around 4pm and spent more than 30 minutes with the family.

Rosiah's eldest daughter is studying in Egypt while her son studies at the Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) in Segamat, Johor. Another daughter is taking her SPM examination here later this year.

Rosiah said she was pleasantly surprised by Najib's visit as she did not expect him to visit them in the midst of his tight schedule due to the general election.

Youngest daughter Amira Shahida, 17, said she would strive to score at least seven As as her dad had wanted.

"I will work hard to fulfil his wishes," she said.

Brother Amirul Shafiq, 22, said although he was still in mourning, he has resumed his studies at UiTM.

"We are all trying our best to move on while still remembering our loving father," he said.

During his visit, the Prime Minister handed over a cheque for RM20,000 from the Kelana Ehsan Foundation to Rosiah.

Earlier in Putrajaya, Najib hosted a luncheon for some 100 retired top cops and held a dialogue session with them at his official residence.

During his meeting, Najib stressed that the Government recognises the important role of the force in nation building and this recognition was also included in the Barisan Nasional manifesto.

“It is a heavy responsibility on the police to reduce crime, and recognition of that role is well received (by the retirees),” said former Inspector-General of Police (IGP) Tun Hanif Omar.

Former deputy IGP Tan Sri Jamil Johari said: “He (Najib) knows people like us, the retirees, have a role in shaping things today”.

Former federal criminal investigation department director Tan Sri Zaman Khan Rahim Khan agreed, saying: “We have experiences that may be relevant and we are confident that what we had gone through in the past is relevant to the plans for today and the future”.

Retired deputy IGP Tan Sri Samshuri Arshad said the dialogue with the Prime Minister was useful in enlightening them on current developments in the East Sabah Safety Zone.

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