

Najib Arrives In London For Four-day Working Visit
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LONDON, July 1 (Bernama) -- Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak arrived here Monday morning for a four-day working visit to the United Kingdom, aimed at strengthening the good relations between the two countries.

Najib, accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, arrived at Farnborough Airport, about 43 km from here at about 7am, local time, from Tanzania after attending the Global Smart Partnership Dialogue in Dar es Salam.

They were greeted by Malaysian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom Datuk Seri Zakaria Sulong and his wife Datin Hazizah Ahmad.

Najib is scheduled to jointly officiate at the ground-breaking of the eight billion pound Battersea Power Station project with his British counterpart David Cameron, this Thursday.

The project is being developed by Battersea Project Holding Company Ltd, a joint-venture company owned by a Malaysian consortium comprising SP Setia, Sime Darby and the Employees Provident Fund, and is the biggest Malaysian project in the UK.

Before the function, Najib is expected to hold a bilateral meeting with Cameron, where the two premiers will exchange views on bilateral matters as well as regional and international issues of common interest.

While in London, Najib will also attend a media briefing on the 9th World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF) to be held in London from Oct 29-31, the first WIEF to be held in a non-Muslim country.

The prime minister is expected to deliver a speech during the media briefing hosted by the WIEF Secretariat and the Office of London Mayor, with the objective of promoting the London WIEF.

He is due to launch the IM4U Outreach Centre, the government's ongoing effort at engagement with Malaysians living overseas, as well as reaching out to the younger generation, on Tuesday .

On Wednesday, Najib will be meeting the second batch of Felda-sponsored students numbering 130, who are on three months of training at the Limkokwing University, here.

The prime minister will be also attending a tea reception with Friends of Barisan Nasional United Kingdom (FBNUK) hosted by Lord Sheikh at the House of Lords on Wednesday evening.

Najib is expected to leave for home on Thursday night.

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