

**King, Queen Host Raya Open House At Istana Negara  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 8 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah, and the Raja Permaisuri Agong, Tuanku Hajah Haminah, hosted an Aidilfitri open house at the Istana Negara here today.

The open house for dignitaries began at 10 am and was attended by Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and his wife Puan Sri Noorainee Abdul Rahman, deputy ministers, members of the diplomatic corps as well as members of the royalty and friends of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali and the Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar were also among the guests at the open house.

Tuanku Abdul Halim exchanged greetings with the guests who were treated to an assortment of food such as laksa, satay, ketupat, rendang, lemang and cakes.

Chilean Ambassador to Malaysia Christian Rehren said he enjoyed the celebratory atmosphere at the palace.

"I always wait for raya to come and the best food I enjoyed today was the satay," he told Bernama.

Argentine Ambassador to Malaysia Maria Isabel Rendon said she had a good time at the palace and liked how everybody was celebrating Aidilfitri regardless of race and religion.

"My favourite raya dish is beef rendang, I like it for its spiciness," she said.

The open house for the public began at 11.30 am.

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