

Najib Opens Banding Memory Gallery

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GERIK, May 9 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today opened the East-West Highway Banding Memory Gallery located opposite the Belum Rainforest Resort here in memory of soldiers serving at the frontier.

Accompanied by Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir, Emkay Group chairman Tan Sri Dr Mustapha Kamal Abu Bakar and Armed Forces chief Tan Sri Zulkifeli Md Zain, the prime minister and his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor spent about 20 minutes touring the gallery.

The gallery houses a fortress observation post of the military to thwart attempts by communist insurgents to derail the East-West Highway project connecting Gerik in Perak and Jeli in Kelantan in 1980s.

The fortress was restored by the Army Museum with the help of Emkay Group.

Open to the public, the gallery encapsulates the sacrifice of soldiers in defending the country at the height of communist insurgency.

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