

Najib Arrives in Sarawak for Gawai Dayak Celebration

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MIRI, June 1 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak arrived here today for a two-day visit to Sarawak in conjunction with the Gawai Dayak celebration in the state.

Najib was welcomed on arrival at the Miri Airport, by the state's dignitaries led by Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem, as well as members of the local community.

Tonight, the prime minister will pay a courtesy call on Sarawak Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Abdul Taib Mahmud at a leading hotel, here.

Tomorrow, Najib is expected to attend a Gawai celebration with the Kenyah community in Long Silat, a remote area in the Baram district which is reachable in about seven hours by road from here.

In the evening, Najib will be feted at a Gawai celebration to be held at Rumah Jarek Anak Klambu, an Iban longhouse, located about 20 km from here.

At night, Najib will attend the Malaysia Gawai Dayak Open House 2014 at Dataran Kipas, here.

He is scheduled to leave for Kuala Lumpur after the event.

Gawai Dayak is traditionally celebrated by the indigenous communities in the state as a mark of gratitude for a bountiful padi harvest, and the Sarawak government had declared June 1 and 2 each year as a public holiday for the celebration.

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