

Najib Meets With IJN Humanitarian Mission Team Leaving For Manik Urai
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 8 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today squeezed in time meeting with 33 National Heart Institute (IJN) staff, here, who were leaving tonight on a medical assistance and humanitarian mission to help flood victims in Manik Urai, Kelantan.

The prime minister chatted with the team members and asked about the aid items they would be bringing along, and also took photographs with them who comprise medical specialists, nurses and non-medical personnel.

Also present during the brief ceremony were Second Education Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh and IJN chief executive officer Datuk Dr Mohd Azhari Yakub.

Dr Mohd Azhari said the IJN humanitarian mission team would be assisting the Malaysian Armed Forces medical team in treating the flood victims in Manik Urai.

"They will be leaving for Manik Urai tonight and will be there for three days to provide medical assistance, while our non-medical staff will help clean the flood victims' houses, besides distributing food aid," he said.

Dr Mohd Azhari said among the medicines brought along were those for communicable diseases, high blood pressure and diabetes, as well as electrocardiogram and ultrasound machines.

IJN mission head, consultant cardiologist Dr Shaiful Azmi Yahaya said 20 volunteers from Kelab Kembara Selangor would join the mission and extend humanitarian aid to the flood victims.

"We are prepared to stay at the mosques or sleep in our vehicles in carrying out our mission in Manik Urai as we have no proper place to stay in yet," he said.

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