

Prime Minister's Deepavali Visit Injects Spirit For Letchumi To Do More For Society
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 10 (Bernama) -- The surprise visit by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak to N. Letchumi's house on Deepavali morning not only got her family members excited, but a boost to her spirit, making her to want to continue to help the society.

Letchumi, 67, said she considered herself very fortunate to have the prime minister at her house on such an auspicious occasion.

She said the prime minister arrived at her house at Taman OUG, Jalan Klang Lama here at 9.45 am was there for about 30 minutes.

"I feel like what I have done in helping the less unfortunate people, especially single mothers, is not wasted.

"Having the prime minister in the house makes me more spirited to help the people in need because he (Najib) told me to continue to help the people, regardless of their background, because we are like a family," she said when contacted by Bernama.

Letchumi, who is Wanita MIC treasurer, said as a single mother herself, she knew and understood the hardship of managing a house and children alone.

Her husband, a Tenaga Nasional Berhad officer, died 31 years ago and she was left to raise their children on her own. She operates a food shop in Salak South.

The Seputeh MIC Wanita leader said as a community leader, she had and would continue to do her utmost for her community.

"I don't mind using my own money to buy food and school uniform for the poor and I want to encourage more people to do the same to help ease other people's burden," she added.

She said that with the help of some friends, they had been able to provide skill training, like baking, sewing and beauty treatment, for more than 120 women, mostly single-mothers.

Now, some of them are running their own shops and business chains, she added.

On the prime minister's visit, she said it showed how concerned he was for the people.

Najib later uploaded a picture of him with Letchumi and her family on his Facebook and Twitter.

He also urged the people to emulate Letchumi who had optimised the government aid to improve the livelihood of her family and was now giving back to the society.

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