

**Thousands Throng Raya Open House of PM Najib, Cabinet Ministers at Seri Perdana
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PUTRAJAYA, July 6 (Bernama) -- Thousands of people of all communities thronged the Aidilfitri open house of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Cabinet ministers at Seri Perdana, the prime minister's official residence here.

The guests began gathering at the compound of Seri Perdana as early as 9am to join the Aidilfitri celebration with the nation's leaders at the open house, scheduled from 10am to 4pm.

Also playing host, besides Najib and his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Dr Salleh Said Keruak, International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed, Tourism and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Nazri Abdul Aziz and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Joseph Entulu Belaun.

As soon as the gates were opened, the Seri Perdana grounds were transformed into a sea of people who took the opportunity to greet and take photographs with Najib, who appeared resplendent in a maroon Baju Melayu.

The heat of the sun did not melt the enthusiasm of the people from all walks of life who had waited patiently and eagerly to exchange Aidilfitri greetings with the prime minister, deputy prime minister and the other ministers.

Diplomats and leaders from both sides of the political divide, tourists as well as NGO representatives also came to the open house.

The well-wishers were served a variety of food, mostly local delicacies such as satay, rendang, lemang, ketupat and nasi himpit, and those leaving after the meal also received a goodies pack while children were given 'duit raya' cash packets.

A free shuttle bus service was provided to pick up and drop off people at three locations, namely Putrajaya Sentral, Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin Mosque and Putra Mosque, at 15-minute intervals.

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