

Najib and family take Raya break in Bali
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The 24-member group is staying at the same resort which hosted the Saudi royal family last March.

PETALING JAYA: A day after hosting the Cabinet's Hari Raya open house at Seri Perdana last Sunday, Prime Minister Najib Razak joined 23 others including family members for a holiday on the Indonesian resort island of Bali, Indonesian media reported.

The aircraft carrying the 24-member entourage landed at the Denpasar international airport about midday on Monday, The Jakarta Post (JP) reported.

The report said they would be staying at the St Regis Resort in Nusa Dua, an enclave of 5-star resorts.

Last March, the hotel hosted Saudi Arabia's King Salman Abdul Aziz, who came with a 1,500-strong entourage complete with a royal sofa and a television set.

The JP report said Najib was welcomed at the airport by Bali governor Made Mangku Pastika, military commander Major-General Komaruddin Simanjuntak and police chief Gen Petrus R Golose.

Najib and family are expected to fly to Perth, Australia, on Friday.

News channel Metro TV News reported that upon arrival, they were taken in 11 vehicles which included Mercedes-Benz, Toyota Camry, Toyota Kijang Innova and Toyota Hiace.

The channel also quoted the commandant of the hotel resort, Gede Widiyana, as saying that the prime minister would spend the night at the hotel's Presidential Suite.

Widiyana said about a dozen rooms were booked during their stay.

Last March, Indonesian media reported the Saudis' bulky baggage included among others a sofa and an 80-inch television set valued at nearly US\$1.3 million, according to kompas.com portal.

The Saudi royal family had then chartered 45 special trucks to transport the king's belongings.

It was reported that that a cargo of food for the royal family had arrived on the island two weeks earlier.

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