

Private moments

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These exclusive pictures of Dr Mahathir taken during his recent visit to Timor Leste and Papua New Guinea, and his breaking of fast with his family on the first day of Ramadan offer candid glimpses of a rarely seen side of the Prime Minister. By TARA SOSROWARDOYO.



After breakfast, the Prime Minister worked on the MUG Tanya Review in his suite in Capuan Plaza hotel in Port Moresby. He presented the report to Parliament yesterday. Later, he took in the view of the city (right, middle).



Dr Mahathir seasoning his *char kway teow* which he had for breakfast in his suite at his hotel in Port Moresby. He normally has breakfast at 7am, followed by Dr Siti Hasmah.



Dr Mahathir asking his bodyguard, Ismail Manaf, about his programme schedule in Dili.



Dr Mahathir enjoying a banana at the kitchen counter of his suite after attending an official dinner hosted by PNG Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare. Even while having his snack, he was reading some documents that he was to deal with in the morning.



The Prime Minister enjoying a *nasi lemak* breakfast in his Hotel Timor room before starting a hectic schedule in Dili.



Dr M waving goodbye to his PNG hosts as Dr Siti Hasmah ascends the steps to the Global Express.



Dr Mahathir mugging for the camera prior to commencing *maghrib* prayers (left) in the *surau* at Seri Perdana, Putrajaya.



Dr Mahathir getting straight to work the moment the plane took off from Jackson Airport, Port Moresby. Dr Siti Hasmah, meanwhile, immersed herself in her interactive recorded French language lesson. Later, as the Global Express prepared for landing at Sultan Abdul Aziz Airport, Selangor, she freshened up her make-up.



Dr Mahathir walking to prayers with his grandnephew (far left) and his grandsons (left to right), Omar, Mohamad and Othman (sons of Mirzan Mahathir).



Surrounded by family, Dr Mahathir hugs granddaughter Masira Yasmin Mohkzani after breaking fast on the first day of Ramadan.