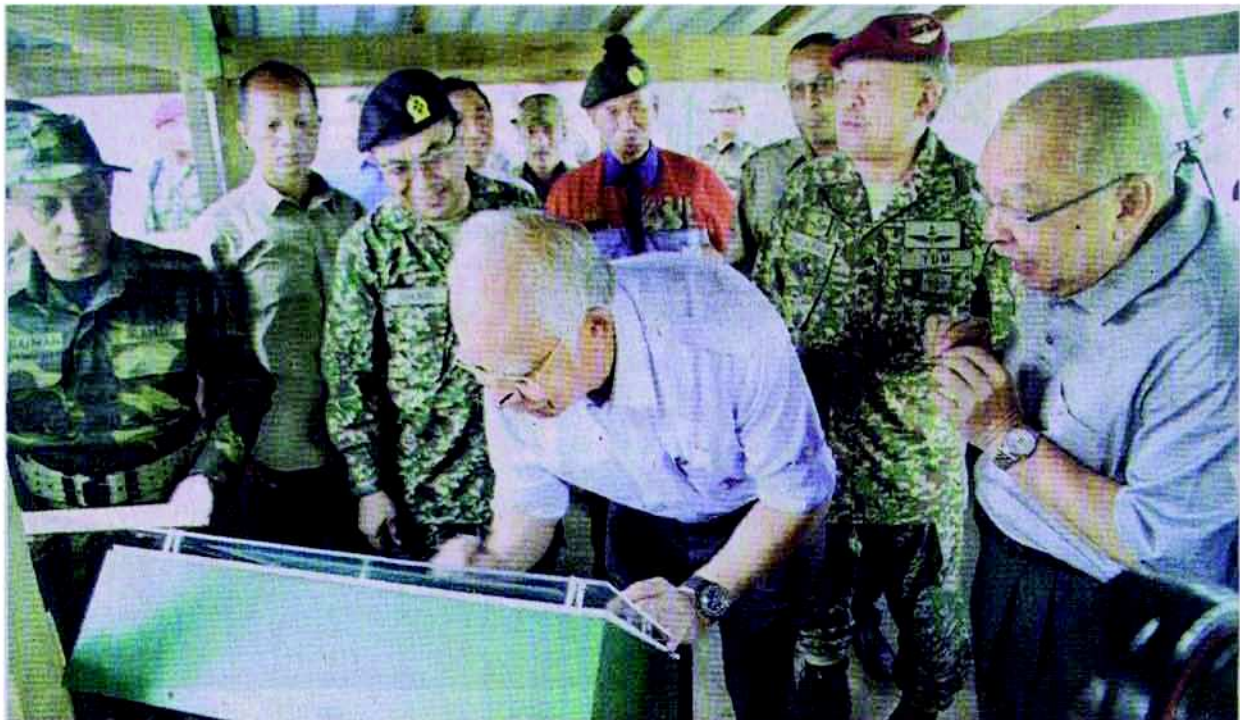


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Najib signs a plaque to launch the East-West Highway Banding Memory Gallery. — Bernama photo

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GERIK: Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak yesterday opened the East-West Highway Banding Memory Gallery located opposite the Belum Rainforest Resort here in memory of soldiers serving at the frontier.

Accompanied by Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir, Emkay Group chairman

Tan Sri Dr Mustapha Kamal Abu Bakar and Armed Forces chief Tan Sri Zulkifeli Md Zain, the prime minister and his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor spent about 20 minutes touring the gallery.

The gallery houses a fortress observation post of the military to thwart attempts by communist insurgents to derail the East-West

Highway project connecting Gerik in Perak and Jeli in Kelantan in 1980s. The fortress was restored by the Army Museum with the help of Emkay Group.

Open to the public, the gallery encapsulates the sacrifice of soldiers in defending the country at the height of communist insurgency. — Bernama

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GERIK: The visit to the Belum-Temenggor Rain Forest by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, provides the couple with an opportunity to experience the culture of the Orang Asli community there.

After opening Phase two of the Belum Rainforest Resort, Najib and wife, accompanied by several other VIPs, were taken to Kampung Budaya Orang Asli Tanjung Satu nearby.

They were welcomed by the Orang Asli from several villages in the area and then taken to see the handicraft products, like mat and basket made from 'mengkuang' or screw-pine, produced by the community there for income.

Najib and Rosmah also visited a child centre where 10 Orang Asli children were taught to learn using the iPlay Toy Library approach, an initiative by the Emkay Foundation. — Bernama

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GERIK: The Emkay Group is expected to launch the third phase of the Belum Rainforest Resort, known as Belum Rainforest Villas, comprising 45 exclusive villas in September this year.

Its chief executive officer Ahmad Khalif Mustapha Kamal said the villas, with built-ups ranging from 4,000 to 5,000 sq ft on 0.1 to two hectares land size, would be built using eco-friendly materials and techniques.

"The villas will be built between trees and we would like to sell and managed it for companies and high-profile individuals to have a place in Pulau Banding as part of Belum forest legacy," he told a news conference after the launch of the Belum Rainforest Resort

second phase by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak here yesterday.

Ahmad Khalif said the gross development value (GDV) for the third phase amounted to RM120 million and the villas were priced from RM9 million to RM12 million each.

"The concept is sell and build, we will not commence until we have the buyers," he said adding that the group is promoting the project to companies and high-profile individuals.

Meanwhile, Pulau Banding development marketing and sales Director Norhayati Hamzah said the construction would have very minimal impact on the environment and the forest itself as the

design was inspired from nature.

"For a start, we will build about 18 villas at the southern part of Banding Island and it is estimated to complete in one-and-a-half years," she said.

She said the development approach for the villas consisted of three key elements -- man, earth and materials.

"We use skilled local craftsmanship, our design mimics nature with open space, integration of walls into the landscape such as cliff and terra morphing rooftops.

We also sourced for indigenous materials as much as possible such as bamboo," she said. — Bernama

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Najib signs the plaque to afficiate the launch of the Belum Rainforest Resort second phase yesterday. Also present is his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor (third left), Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambri Abdul Kadir (left) and Ahmad Khalif (fourth left). — Bernama photo