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PETALING JAYA — The disabled 15-year-old boy, who was found emaciated and living in squalor in Taman Semarak, Nilai, on June 21, is expected to be discharged on Friday at the earliest.

Negri Sembilan Health Department director Datuk Dr Zailan Adnan said the teenager was recovering well and his weight had improved since he was admitted to the hospital.

“We examined him and conducted all medical disciplines on him. When he is normalised, he may be allowed to leave the hospital by Friday or maybe next week,” he told reporters when the prime minister’s wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor visited the boy in Tuanku Jaafar Hospital.

Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Rohani Abdul Karim, who accompanied Rosmah, said

the boy would be placed at the Taman Sinar Harapan Tunku Ampuan Najihah home after he leaves the hospital.

She said his younger brother, aged seven, would also be placed in the children’s home.

“We are still trying to trace his father’s relatives,” she said.

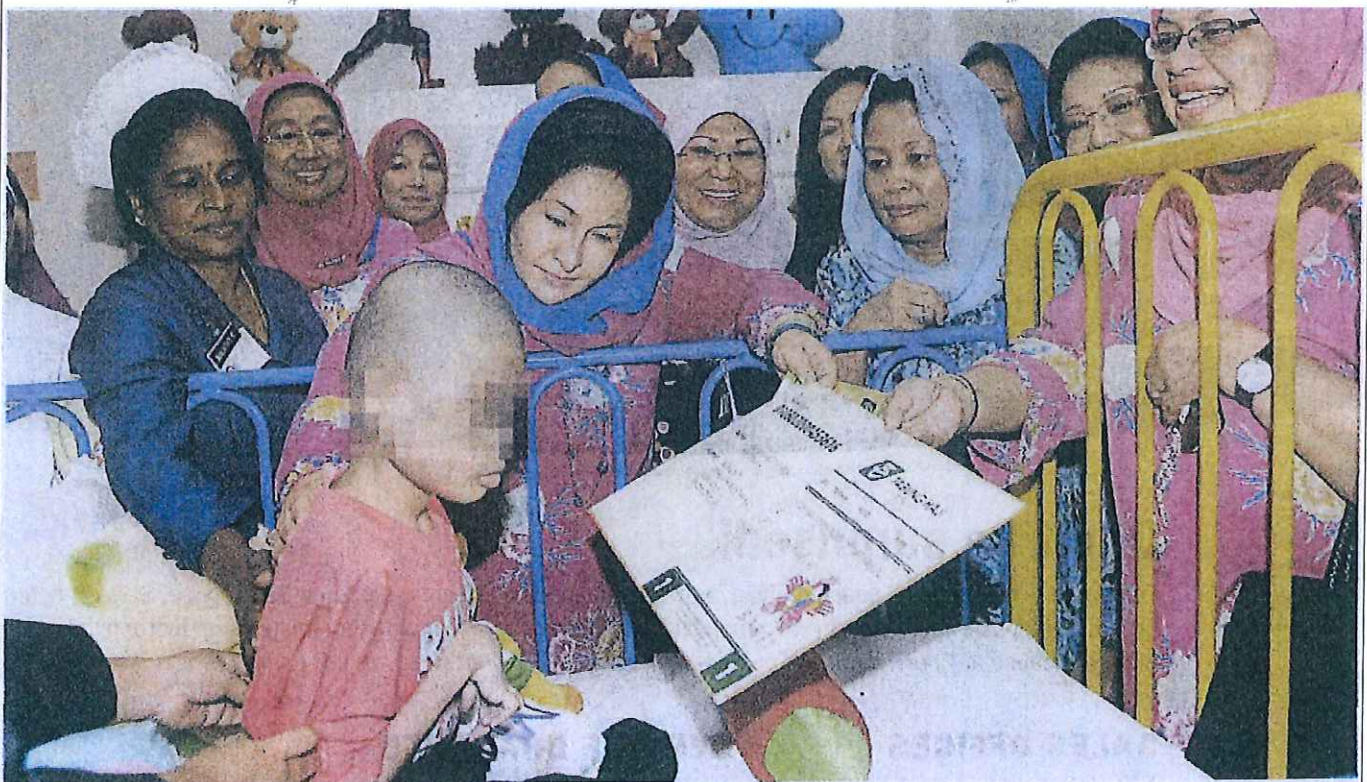
The boy’s 40-year-old mother had last Friday pleaded not guilty in a Seremban

Sessions Court to a charge of neglecting her son.

She also claimed trial to another charge of causing emotional pain and injury to her son.

She was charged under Sections 31(1) (a) and 33(c) of the Child Act 2001.

The boy was found by chance by immigration officers who were conducting a raid on illegal immigrants.



Rosmah shows the teenager his newly opened Tabung Haji savings account during her visit to the hospital. — Picture by Bernama