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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 7 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has described the demise of Tunku Abdul Rahman Alhaj as a great loss for Umno, the people and the country.

+The late Tunku has made immeasurable contributions to the country,+ the Prime Minister said in a statement this morning.

He said the former Prime Minister was not only a prominent factor which brought independence for the country but he also succeeded in forming Malaysia.

+The country has lost a premier, statesman and leader. As for me, my love and respect for the late Tunku has never wavered and I greatly mourn his passing,+ he added.

He prayed that Allah would bless the Tunku's soul.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir also conveyed a condolence message, on behalf of the government, to the Tunku's widow, Tun Sharifah Rodziah, and family members. -- more

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Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said that during this lifetime, the Tunku had given his efforts to other fields such as sports and welfare.

After retirement from the Prime Minister's post, the late Tunku was appointed the inaugural Secretary-general to the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) in Jeddah and concentrated on developing and uniting Muslims.

+Despite his retirement, the late Tunku continued to contribute to national progress, particularly in social work and developing the Malaysian Muslim Welfare Organisation (Perkim),+ he said. -- Bernama

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