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AGONG SENDS CONDOLENCES TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO

KUALA LUMPUR, April 28 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar today sent his condolences to President Suharto over the death of his wife, Ibu Tien, early this morning following a heart attack.

According to a Wisma Putra statement, here, Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah expressed their sadness and also extended their condolences to the people of Indonesia in the message.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali also sent a similar message to President Suharto, his family and the people of Indonesia.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, in extending the condolences of the government and people of Malaysia, said Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah would be attending the funeral.

Ibu Tien, will be buried at the family graveyard in Kaliten village, Surakarta (Solo), her birthplace, tomorrow.

Ibu Tien, 72, whose real name is Siti Hartinah Suharto, is survived by her husband, six children who are all married, except for the youngest son, Hutomo (Tommy) Mandalaputra, and several grandchildren.

Meanwhile, the Indonesian consulate in JOHOR BAHRU said in a statement that it will open a condolence book for the public from 10am on Tuesday. -- Bernama

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