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DR MAHATHIR PAYS TRIBUTE TO DR P.P. NARAYANAN

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 19 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today extended condolence to the family of Dr P.P. Narayanan, a prominent trade unionist who died early today.

He said Dr Narayanan who had devoted himself to the country's trade union movement was a well-known figure in Malaysia and abroad.

Speaking to reporters after the Chinese New Year open house held by Gerakan, here, he said Dr Narayanan is the founder of the country's trade union movement.

Dr Narayanan, 73, passed away at the Assunta Hospital, Petaling Jaya, at 1.33am after a short illness.

Human Resources Minister Datuk Lim Ah Lek described Dr Narayanan's demise as a big loss to the country and the trade union.

He said Dr Narayanan had contributed significantly to the plantation sector and had been the adviser to the local trade union leaders after his retirement.

Meanwhile, Dr Narayanan's remains was cremated at the Sungai Way Hindu Crematorium at about 2.30pm today. -- BERNAMA

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