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GOVERNMENT WILL ALWAYS VALUE TAN SRI YAHAYA'S CONTRIBUTIONS

KUALA LUMPUR, March 6 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the government will always hold in high esteem the contributions made to the nation by the late Tan Sri Yahaya Ahmad.

The Prime Minister said the government had lost a very able corporate leader in the field of automobile industry in particular and an industrialist of par excellence who served the country tirelessly with full commitment and responsibility in several other fields.

In his condolence message to the late Tan Sri Yahaya's eldest daughter Puan Yatina, Dr Mahathir said: " I and all Cabinet Ministers wish to extend our condolences to Puan Yatina and all members of the family on the demise of your father Tan Sri Yahaya and your mother Puan Sri Rohana."

The message was personally delivered to Puan Yatina by the Prime Minister's Principal Private Secretary Datuk Abdul Aziz Ismail.

The Chairman of the DRB-Hicom Group and his wife were killed in a helicopter crash on Monday night when they were on their way to see his ailing mother in Kuala Terengganu. Also killed was the pilot Mejar (Rtd) Azlizan Abdul Manas.

The Prime Minister said the government very much appreciated and valued Tan Sri Yahaya's efforts and contributions to improve Hicom's performance and all his other activities for the country.

Apart from Puan Yatina, 24, the late Tan Sri Yahaya leaves three other children Ahmad Othman, 22, and Ahmad Faez, 21, and 13-year-old Nadia.

They lost another loved one today in the death of their grandmother Hajah Mandak Omar, 77, Tan Sri Yahaya's mother. She passed away at the Kuala Terengganu Hospital today after suffering a stroke six days ago. --

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