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Yahaya-Mahathir

MAHATHIR, ANWAR PAY LAST RESPECTS TO YAHAYA, RAHANA

MARANG, March 4 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim paid their last respects to Tan Sri Yahaya Ahmad and his wife Puan Sri Rahana Othman who were killed last night in a helicopter crash in Kuala Lipis.

Dr Mahathir and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali arrived at Yahaya's family house at 3.30pm accompanied by Terengganu Menteri Besar Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad and wife Toh Puan Aishaitun Suhaimi.

Anwar and his wife Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Ismail arrived at 5.10pm.

After paying his last respects, the misty-eyed Prime Minister conveyed his condolences to Yahaya's daughters -- Yatina, 24, and Nadiya, 13.

Yahaya's two son's -- Ahmad Othman, 22, and Ahmad Faez, 21, were now on their way home from London.

A sombre atmosphere prevailed in Yahaya's house when Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah arrived.

The Sultan of Terengganu and Sultan of Pahang also paid their last respects to Yahaya and his wife.

Also present were Economic Adviser to the Government Tun Daim Zainuddin, Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed, Agriculture Minister Datuk Amar Dr Sulaiman Daud, Umno Youth chief Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Wanita leader Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman.

Corporate leaders Tan Sri Wan Azmi Wan Hamzah and Datuk Amin Shah Omar Shah were also present. -- BERNAMA

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