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UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO YAHAYA'S FAMILY

KUALA LUMPUR, March 4 (Bernama) -- The Umno Supreme Council which met tonight extended its condolences to the family of Hicom Holdings chairman Tan Sri Yahaya Ahmad who died with his wife in a helicopter crash in Kuala Lipis last night.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who is also Umno president said the supreme council wished to expressed its gratitude for Yahaya's contribution to the party.

He was speaking to reporters after chairing the council's meeting at Menara Datuk Onn, Putra World Trade Centre, here.

Umno deputy president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as well as the party's three vice-presidents Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, Tan Sri Muhammad Muhamad Taib and Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi were also present.

Chopper pilot Mej (Rtd) Azlizan Abdul Manas were also killed in the crash of the Agusta-109 helicopter owned by Gadek Aviation Sdn Bhd which is one of Yahaya's companies.

Yahaya and his wife were buried in a common grave at the Muslim cemetery in Marang, Terengganu, tonight. -- BERNAMA

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