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Dr M extends condolence to King Abdullah

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today extended his condolence to King Abdullah of Jordan on the death of his father King Hussein.

"The late King had been an enormous influence in building peace and rationality in West Asia and the world."

In a statement issued here, the Prime Minister said King Hussein would be long remembered for the courage and fortitude that he had always shown in the most difficult of times in his long and remarkable reign.

"On behalf of the Government of Malaysia and my own behalf, I wish to express our deep sadness in learning about the demise.

"May his legacy and substantial contribution to peace and prosperity of the Hashemite Kingdom and the region continue to inspire us," he said.

Dr Mahathir, who is now in London en route to Jamaica to attend the Group of 15 summit, said he was confident that under King Abdullah's rule, Jordan would usher in yet another era of peace, progress and harmony.

He also expressed hope that the close and fraternal ties of friendship and mutual co-operation between Malaysia and Jordan would be further consolidated in the years to come.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, in a message to his Jordanian counterpart Abdullah Al Khatib, said King Hussein's contribution to the development and prosperity of Jordan and in advancing peace and stability in West Asia would always occupy a revered place in history.

He said the late King had made significant contributions to strengthening of relations between the two countries, adding that King Hussein's death would be mourned by all Malaysians.

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