

Dr M's brother dies at 86

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SUNGAI PETANI: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's elder brother, Mahadi, died yesterday.

Mahadi, 86, died after he collapsed at about 9.30am in his house at No 11, Jalan Syed Osman Idid here.

He leaves behind a wife, Che Kalsom Hamzah, 60, and five children — Samad, Fari-dah, Siti Aishah, Siti Hawa and Azli.

Che Kalsom said her late husband, a businessman, collapsed after going to the bathroom. He had been suffering from flu.

Mahadi was the third in a family of five, with two elder sisters, Rafiah and Habshah and two younger brothers, Mashahor and Dr Mahathir.

Dr Mahathir and wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Ali arrived at about 1pm here to pay their last respects.

The deceased was buried at a Muslim cemetery at Mesjid Penghulu Him in Sungai Layar here.

Among those who paid their last respects were Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain, Perlis Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kasim, state speaker Datuk Badaruddin Amiruldin, state secretary Datuk Ismail Shafie, Utusan Malaysia's former executive chairman Tan Sri Khalid Abdullah and other state dignitaries.