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Bar Council produces newsletter tribute to Suffian

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - The Bar Council has paid tribute to former Lord President Tun Mohamed Suffian Hashim with a newsletter dedicated to his memory.

In a special edition of its newsletter Infoline, it described him as "Malaysia's Greatest Judicial Figure" and said his death on Sept 26 was the loss of a great man of great courage and of great aptitude.

"No amount of words in whatever form can do justice to the very man who stood, spoke and did all he could in the name of justice," it said.

The newsletter, which came out last month, carried several other tributes including one from The Daily Telegraph. It also carried pictures of Suffian in the old days and during his final illness.

Among the photographs were of his visitors in hospital including Sultan of Perak Sultan Azlan Shah, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Rais Yatim.

Suffian died of throat cancer at the age of 83 in the home of his close friends Datuk Dr Yaacob Merican and Datuk Dr Tunku Sofiah Jewa. He was buried in the Royal Mausoleum in Kuala Kangsar.

Suffian, whose wife Toh Puan Bunny died in 1997, had no children.

The special edition also carried condolences which poured in from Malaysians and foreigners.

The Daily Telegraph obituary described him as Malaysia's most distinguished judge and one of the few to speak without fear of repression.

It said that although Suffian specialised in constitutional law, his concern for the dignity of the ordinary citizen ensured he never let legal technicalities prevail over justice.

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