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Dr Mahathir's elder brother Mahadi dies

SUNGAI PETANI, Tues. - Mahadi, the elder brother of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, died at his home in Jalan Syed Osman Iddid in Sungai Layar here today. He was 86.

Dr Mahathir, his wife Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, his two elder sisters Rafeah and Habsah and brother Mashahor were among those who paid their last respects to the late Mahadi.

Mahadi is survived by his wife Che Kalsom Hamzah, 60, and five children.

Che Kalsom said her husband did not complain of any serious illness except for a slight cold last Thursday.

"He recovered after taking some medicine ... he was alright, but collapsed after coming out of the bathroom about 9.30am today," she said.

His niece, Roseniah Mashahor, said the couple lived on their own in the house.

Mahadi was buried at the Muslim cemetery of the Penghulu Him mosque near here.

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