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Mahathir-Ahmad Zaidi

REGENT, DR MAHATHIR PAY LAST RESPECTS TO LATE AHMAD ZAIDI

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 5 (Bernama) -- The Regent of Selangor and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad were among dignitaries who paid their last respects to the late Yang Dipertua Negeri of Sarawak Tun Ahmad Zaidi Adruce Mohammed Noor at the residence of one of his children in Subang Jaya.

Ahmad Zaidi, 76, died at 6am today at the Subang Jaya Medical Centre of kidney failure.

Wife of the prime minister Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin, Agriculture Minister Datuk Effendi Norwawi and former agriculture minister Tan Sri Dr Sulaiman Daud also paid their last respects.

The remains of the late Ahmad Zaidi have been flown to Kuching for burial tomorrow.

Sarawak State Secretary Datuk Abdul Aziz Husain announced in Kuching that the funeral will be held the Samariang Muslim cemetery in Petra Jaya at 11 am tomorrow.

According to one of his children, Shahren, his father had been admitted to the medical centre several times.

"He was admitted there last Nov 20 and was in coma at 1.30 am today," said Shahren.

His late father preferred to live like a common man, added Shahren.

Ahmad Zaidi's driver in Kuala Lumpur, Rusli Malik said his employer was a cheerful man who loved to drive by himself.

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