

# Former **Selangor MB** **Ahmad Razali dies** at 73

PETALING JAYA: Former Selangor menteri besar Tan Sri Ahmad Razali Mohd Ali passed away at the National Heart Institute yesterday.

He was admitted to the institute on Tuesday night for a check-up and died at about 9.30am yesterday, his son Ahmad Razlan said.

Ahmad Razali, 73, is the brother-in-law of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He leaves behind wife Puan Sri Wan Mah Rejab, four sons and four daughters.

Dr Mahathir and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah were among the dignitaries who paid their last respects.

Others included the Regent of Selangor, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Khir Toyo and former mentris besar Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib and Datuk Abu Hassan Omar.

Umno disciplinary board chairman Tengku Tan Sri Ahmad Rithauddeen, Suhakam chairman Tan Sri Musa Hitam, Malacca Chief Minister Datuk Wira Mohd Ali Rustam, former deputy prime minister Tun Ghafar Baba and several Cabinet ministers were also present.

Ahmad Razali was buried at the Ampang Muslim cemetery after *Asar* prayers.

Ahmad Razali was born on Dec 10, 1928, in Klang, Selangor.

After having completed his education at an English language medium school until Standard Eight, he joined Umno as an ordinary member in 1946.

From 1952 to 1962, Ahmad Razali was to hold, in succession, the *penghulu* post in Ulu Klang, Ampang and Setapak. He was the youngest penghulu at 24.

He first ran for elections in 1969 and won the Kampung Baru state seat. In 1974, he contested and won the Dengkil state seat and was Deputy Mentri Besar from 1976 to 1982.

He became Mentri Besar in 1982. He held the post for four years.