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Former MB Ahmad Razali dies

Brenda Lim; Dewi Manjit

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Former Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ahmad Razali Mohd Ali died at 9.30am today at the Institut Jantung Negara after complaining of chest pains.

Ahmad Razali, who was also former Tabung Haji chairman and brother of Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah, the wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, was 72.

Dr Mahathir, Dr Siti Hasmah and other family members accompanied the body as it was brought to his home in Ampang today.

Honouring Ahmad Razali's wishes, he was buried next to his grandparents at the Muslim cemetery in Jalan Ampang this afternoon.

He is survived by two wives Puan Sri Zabidah Abdul Kadir, 66, and Puan Sri Wan Mah Rejab, 55, eight children and 17 grandchildren. His children are Zulkifli, Mohd Fauzi, Norhadza, Rahah, Wan Zainon, Dr. Noraida, Mohd Razlan and Mohd Razman.

Other visitors included Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaacob, Umno disciplinary board chairman Tan Sri Tengku Ahmad Rithauddeen Tengku Ismail and Selangor Exco members. Ahmad Razali's other siblings, former Sukom '98 executive chairman Jen (R) Tan Sri Hashim Mohd Ali and Datuk Paduka Siti Saleha Mohd Ali were also seen paying their last respects.

"He was a loving father and a generous man who remained active in Umno. His death was sudden.

"Only this morning he was telling the driver to inform Umno members he would not be able to attend a meeting today," Norhadza, 42, said. "My 20-year-old daughter Noraini had promised to take him out for lunch."

Ahmad Razali started as a village headman and later became Selangor Menteri Besar from April 1982 to August 1986 when Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib took over.