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Jaffar laid to rest at Jln Ampang Cemetery

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - The late Datuk Jaffar Mohamed Ali, younger brother of the Prime Minister's wife Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah, was laid to rest at the Jalan Ampang Muslim Cemetery here this afternoon.

Jaffar, 68, died of a heart attack in Chicago last Thursday while on holiday with his wife, Datin Juriah Ali, and their only daughter Salina.

His body which was only flown out of the US yesterday due to the closure of airports following the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, arrived at the Subang RMAF base via Singapore at 9.30 this morning.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Health Minister Datuk Chua Jui Meng, Jaffar's sister Datuk Paduka Saleha and brother Jen (R) Tan Sri Hashim were among those present at the airbase to receive the body.

Dr Siti Hasmah and Juriah had accompanied the remains home.

The casket carrying Jaffar's body was later taken to his residence in Jalan Ampang Hilir where scores of friends and relatives had gathered to pay their last respects.

The Regent of Selangor, Tengku Idris Shah, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Cabinet ministers, senior Government officials and corporate figures were present.

Jaffar was the executive chairman of the Institute of Advertising Communication Training and former president of the Malaysian Advertisers' Association.

In 1999, the Malaysian Association of Advertising Film Makers presented its Achievement Award to Jaffar in recognition of his contributions to the industry.

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