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KING'S REMAINS BROUGHT FOR PRE-FUNERAL PRAYERS AT NATIONAL MOSQUE

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 22 (Bernama) -- The remains of the late King Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah were brought from Istana Selangor to the National Mosque here for pre-funeral prayers which commenced at 8.20 am today.

Led by the Federal Territory Mufti Datuk Hashim Yahya, the prayer session was also joined in by the Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin, the Regent of Selangor Tengku Idris Shah, members of the Selangor royalty, the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, cabinet members and the public.

Sultan Salahuddin, 75, died of heart failure at 11.57 am yesterday at the Gleneagles Intan Medical Centre in Jalan Ampang.

From there his majesty's remains were then brought to Istana Selangor in Pesiaran Sultan Salahuddin named after him.

His majesty underwent further treatment at the medical centre since last Sunday upon returning home from Singapore where he was treated for two months at the Mount Elizabeth Hospital.

With the prayers over, the coffin bearing the King's remains was then brought to Istana Negara and placed on a seven-tiered dais for the lying-in-state to enable the masses pay their last respects.

The late Sultan Salahuddin, who was Malaysia's 11th Yang di-Pertuan Agong or constitutional monarch picked under a unique rotational system among the nine Malay Rulers, was also the Sultan of Selangor for the past 41 years.

He will be buried at the Royal Mausoleum in Klang, Selangor's royal town later today.

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