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LATE KING'S LYING-IN AT ISTANA NEGARA, BURIAL IN KLANG

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 21 (Bernama) -- The masses can pay their last respects to the late Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah at Istana Negara here tomorrow morning before the funeral takes place in Klang, the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

The lying-in-state for the King's remains will be held at Istana Negara till noon, the prime minister told a news conference at Angkasapuri here today after announcing the death of Sultan Salahuddin over Radio Television Malaysia.

The King's remains are now at Istana Selangor here for preparations for final rites to be solemnised at the National Mosque tomorrow prior to the lying-in-state.

This was to enable members of the late King's family members pay their last respects.

Earlier at 2.05 pm, the remains were brought to Istana Selangor from the Gleneagles Intan Medical Centre in Jalan Ampang where Sultan Salahuddin died of heart failure at age 75 shortly before noon.

Sultan Salahuddin was also the Sultan of Selangor for the past 41 years.

Dr Mahathir said that after the lying-in-state the cortege will leave Istana Negara for the Sultan Abdul Samad building in front of the Merdeka Square in Jalan Raja.

This is to enable the Armed Forces pay their last respects to their Supreme Commander before the cortege leaves for Istana Alam Shah in Klang.

At Istana Alam Shah, the prime minister said he will formally hand over the coffin bearing the King's remains to Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Khir Toyo.

This will be followed by the proclamation of the new Sultan of Selangor, he said.

The public can still pay their last respects at Istana Alam Shah before the burial takes place at the Royal Mausoleum in Klang.

Earlier, when announcing the King's death Dr Mahathir declared tomorrow a public holiday to enable the public pay their last respects and join final rite prayers at the National Mosque ahead of the lying-in-state.

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