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PERLIS MCA CHIEF AND INDERA ASSEMBLYMAN DATUK KHOR DIES IN KL

KANGAR, Dec 20 (Bernama) -- Perlis MCA chief and state assemblyman for Indera Kayangan Datuk Khor Liang Tee died of colon cancer at the Gleneagles Intan medical centre in Kuala Lumpur last night.

He was 59.

Khor died at 11.47 pm after undergoing treatment there for almost three months, according to state MCA deputy chairman Loh Yoon Foo.

From Kuala Lumpur his remains were taken to his residence at Taman Muhibbah in Jejawi here and the hearse arrived there at 7.30 am today.

He leaves a wife Datin Tan Chien Lieng and four children.

His remains would be buried at the Padang Sera cemetery in Kedah on Monday.

Meanwhile, at a news conference here today the Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim described the late Khor as a liberal, able and dedicated leader of high integrity.

He said he had informed the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik of Khor's demise.

Khor started his political career in 1974 and became Perlis MCA chairman in 1996.

He gained prominence upon being elected the assemblyman for Indera Kayangan in the 1990 general election and until last week, was the state executive councillor in charge of housing and local government since May 1995.

Despite battling colon cancer for more than two years, Khor dutifully discharged his responsibilities as executive councillor until his condition worsened in the middle of the year.

Shahidan said the Election Commission had also been informed of Khor's demise and of the vacant Indera Kayangan state seat.

In preparation for the impending by-election for the seat, Shahidan said the state Barisan Nasional had already activated its machinery to defend the constituency.

Malay voters make up 48 per cent of the 8,000 electorate in Indera Kayangan which is located in central Perlis.

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