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DR MAHATHIR'S ELDER BROTHER DIES AT 79

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ALOR SETAR, Sept 30 (Bernama) -- Mashahor Mohamad, elder brother of the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, died today at his house at No 17-E Jalan Kapal Terbang, Sungai Petani, Kedah. He was 79.

The late Mashahor's eldest son, Zulkifli, 50, said his father died at about 9.45am.

He leaves a wife Fatimah Sham Ahmad, 71 and seven children aged between 40 and 50. He last served as Kedah Assistant Director of Labour.

He will be buried at the Masjid Penghulu Him Muslim Cemetery, Sungai Petani, after asar prayers this evening.

Dr Mahathir is the youngest among five siblings. He has two sisters, Rafeah, 89, and Habsah, 87. His other brother Mahadi, died two years ago.

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