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Mahathir-Brother/BM

DR MAHATHIR IN SUNGAI PETANI FOR BROTHER'S FUNERAL

SUNGAI PETANI, Kedah, Sept 30 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, today paid his last respects to his late brother, Mashahor, at his house in Jalan Kapal Terbang here.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and their children -- Marina, Mokhzani, Mirzan and Mukhriz.

On arrival at the house, Dr Mahathir led the family in reading the Al Fatihah.

Mashahor died at his house at no 17-E Jalan Kapal Terbang here at about 9.45am. He was 79.

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.

His remains were brought to Masjid Muzaffar here at 4.30pm for prayers and then laid to rest at the Masjid Penghulu Him Muslim Cemetery.

Among other dignitaries who paid their last respects to the late Mashahor were Penang Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Abdul Rahman Abbas, Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain and state executive councillors.

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

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