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Mahathir-Condolence

DR MAHATHIR EXTENDS HIS CONDOLENCE TO FADZIL'S FAMILY

KUALA LUMPUR, June 24 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his family today extended their condolences to Datin Khatijah Mohamed Hashim, the wife of PAS president Datuk Fadzil Mohamed Noor who died yesterday.

Dr Mahathir and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali were informed of the death of the Opposition Leader on board their aircraft heading for their holiday destination abroad.

According to a statement issued by the Press Division of the Prime Minister's Office, the news of Fadzil's death was received after the special aircraft with Dr Mahathir on board had taken off from the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) station in Subang.

Fadzil, 65, the Pendang Member of Parliament and Anak Bukit State Assemblyman died at the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) hospital in Cheras here two weeks after undergoing a coronary bypass operation.

The statement said that Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah expressed deep regret that they were not able to visit Fadzil at the hospital when he took a turn for the worse and for not being able to attend his funeral.

They hoped that his family would remain patient and strong in their bereavement and that his soul would receive Allah's blessings.

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