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PM'S OLD CLASSMATE DIES

SUNGAI PETANI, July 6 (Bernama) -- Syed Jaafar Syed Muhammad, a classmate of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Sultan Abdul Hamid College in Alor Setar during the pre-World War II days, died here today. He was 78.

Syed Jaafar, a retired chief clerk with the Kedah civil service, was suffering from cancer, a family member said.

He leaves 10 children, including eldest son. Bernama general manager Syed Jamil, Kedah State Development Director Datuk Syed Jamal and RHB Bank manager Syed Jalil.

He will be buried at the Penghulu Him Muslim cemetery after the Zohor prayers today.

Among those who paid their last respects was Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain.

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