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PM'S PERSONAL BODYGUARD DIES

KUALA LUMPUR, April 25 (Bernama) -- Kpl Yusof Ibrahim, the personal bodyguard of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, died following an asthmatic attack last night. He was 54.

He was buried at the Muslim cemetery of Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) in Serdang near here this morning.

His daughter, Rosliza, said that her father experienced difficulty in breathing at their home in Taman Seri Serdang and died while he was being rushed to the Putrajaya Hospital at about 9.30pm.

His remains were taken to the UPM mosque for prayers prior to the funeral.

He leaves behind wife Rusni Muhammad and nine children.

The late Kpl Yusof served with Dr Mahathir since he was appointed Deputy Prime Minister in 1976.

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