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FORMER BACHOK MP BUNİYAMIN DIES

KOTA BAHARU, Feb 13 (Bernama) -- Former Bachok Member of Parliament Buniyamin Yaacob died at the Kota Baharu Hospital today. He was 56.

Buniyamin, who was Kelantan PAS information officer, was under treatment for kidney disorder.

PAS Kelantan liaison secretary Wan Ismail Wan Jusoh said that Buniyamin had been hospitalised several times since last year.

He said that Buniyamin had been warded for two weeks until he died at about 6am. He will be buried at the Muslim cemetery in Kampung Keting, Gunong, Bachok, this afternoon.

Buniyamin won the Bachok parliamentary seat in the 1990 general election and retained the seat in 1995.

On Sept 19, last year, he was charged with defaming Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in his talk at the Kelantan Tarbiah Islamiah Centre here between 10pm and 11.30pm on March 15, last year.

He pleaded not guilty but his trial was postponed several times as he was not medically fit to be present in court for the proceedings.

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