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PERLIS DPP CRUSHED TO DEATH BY RUBBER TREE

YAN, July 20 (Bernama) -- A Deputy Public Prosecutor serving in Kangar, Perlis died after a tree he was felling toppled and crushed him at his orchard in Kampung Teloi Bukit, Guar Chempedak, near here yesterday.

Yan OCPD DSP Che Yussof Che Ngah said Mahathir Shafie, 44, who sustained fatal injuries to his head, died at the scene.

In the 2pm incident, Mahathir, with his wife Shahirah Ismail and another relative, was clearing trees at his orchard, Che Yussof said.

He said the Fire and Rescue Department had to be called to help cut away the tree which fell on the victim.

He said the father of six frequently visited the orchard during the holidays.

His body was buried at his village in Kampung Lepai, Hutan Kampung today.

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