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Asmah-Buried

GHAFAR'S WIFE BURIED AT JLN AMPANG MUSLIM CEMETERY

KUALA LUMPUR, April 16 (Bernama) -- The remains of the late Toh Puan Asmah Alang, wife of former Deputy Prime Minister Tun Ghafar Baba, were laid to rest at the Jalan Ampang Muslim cemetery this morning.

Earlier, funeral rites were performed at her residence in Lorong Bukit Pantai 5, Bukit Pantai, here.

Asmah, 78, died at the Pantai Medical Centre at 12.15am after being warded at the hospital since March 26.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Agriculture and Agro-Based Industries Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Shafie Apdal were among the VIPs who paid their last respects.

The wife of former Prime Minister, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, her daughter, Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir, former Entrepreneur Development Deputy Minister Datuk Khalid Yunus and former Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib were also present at her residence to pay their last respects.

Noorjehan Ally, Asmah's daughter-in-law, said Toh Puan died of severe blood infection.

She said her mother-in-law was initially admitted to the hospital after suffering a heart attack.

"Toh Puan also had asthma," she said.

Asmah is survived by 10 children, 16 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

In MELAKA, Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam conveyed his condolences to Ghafar and his family on behalf of the state government and the people.

"Toh Puan's demise is a big loss considering the role she played as an active Umno member before," he told reporters.

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