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DPP killed by falling tree at his orchard

A 44-YEAR-OLD deputy public prosecutor died in a freak accident when the rubber tree he was cutting down at his orchard in Kampung Teroi Bukit, Guar Cempedak, Yan, fell on him on Saturday.

Mahathir Shafie, 44, from Kangar, died at the scene.

He was cutting down the tree with a chain saw at 2.30pm when the incident took place. His wife, Shahariah Ismail, and a female relative were with him at the time.

Yan district police chief Deputy Superintendent Che Yussof Che Ngah said police and firemen took 15 minutes to free the victim.

Mahathir, who had six children, served as the deputy investigating officer at the Anti-Corruption Agency in Taiping, Kota Baru and Kuala Lumpur before becoming a DPP in Perlis.