

BN convention postponed to respect Chong Eu
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KUALA LUMPUR - Barisan Nasional (BN) has postponed its two-day convention scheduled for Nov 27-28 to Dec 4-5 as a mark of respect to the late Tun Dr Lim Chong Eu who died on Wednesday.

BN secretary-general Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor said Thursday in a statement that the nation had "lost a great leader who had contributed greatly to the country's development as well as being one of the founders of Barisan Nasional."

He said the convention was postponed so that Barisan leaders could paying their respects to Chong Eu.

Umno information chief Ahmad Maslan said the Umno Supreme Council meeting, scheduled for Friday, had also been postponed to Nov 30 for the same reason.

Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng said in a statement that the mourning will continue until Dr Lim's funeral.

The Penang government has also ordered on Thursday that the state flag be be flown at half mast as a sign of mourning over the death of Dr Lim.

There will be a state funeral for Chong Eu where his body will lie at Dewan Sri Pinang from Friday until Sunday for members of the public to pay their last respects.

His son, Chien Aun, said: "We have spent two to three days with him and it is only fair that we allow the state to take over tomorrow to give the public a chance to pay their respects."

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