

PM pays last respects
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GEORGE TOWN – Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak paid his last respects on Sunday to the late former chief minister of Penang Dr Lim Chong Eu (pic).

Najib arrived at Dewan Seri Pinang here, where Dr Lim's body was lying in state, at 10.15am, accompanied by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Dr Koh Tsu Koon and several cabinet ministers including Health Minister Liow Tiong Lai and Tourism Minister Dr Ng Yen Yen.chongeu

The prime minister paid tribute to Dr Lim, saying he had contributed a lot towards national unity.

He was a leader who cared a lot for the future of the country and this was exemplified when he led Gerakan to join Barisan Nasional in 1972, Najib said.

"He chose the BN as the best platform, for the future of Penang and the country," Najib told reporters.

He said Dr Lim had also brought Gerakan to join the BN because he was confident of the leadership of Tun Abdul Razak, the prime minister of Malaysia at that time.

"He will be remembered by the country and the people," he said in a Bernama report.

Dr Lim, who died on Wednesday, was Penang chief minister for 21 years from 1969 to 1990.

He was an MCA president for a year before leaving the party and led Gerakan for nine years from 1971.

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