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HUSSEIN SWORN IN AS THIRD PREMIER

Razak's body flown home

TEARS FOR THE TUN

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. — Datuk Hussein Onn was today sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Malaysia at a brief ceremony before the Yang Dipertuan Agung at the Istana Negara here.

Datuk Hussein, 54, becomes the third Prime Minister of Malaysia. He became Deputy Prime Minister on Aug. 13, 1973. Datuk Hussein, who was in white baju with black "sampin" was seen wiping his eyes on and off during the ceremony.

The Federal Territory Mufti, Datuk Sheikh Muhsin Haji Salleh read the "Doa Selamat."

SPECIALIST

Except for a medical specialist, Datuk Dr. R.P. Pillai, who came with Datuk Hussein, the ceremony was attended only by Cabinet Ministers and a number of Istana officials.

The Yang Dipertuan Agung, who was in white baju and yellow "sampin", looked sad.

After the ceremony, the Yang Dipertuan Agung accompanied by Datuk Hussein and Cabinet Ministers pro-

ceeded to the audience room for light refreshments.

Almost all the Ministers and deputy Ministers who attended the ceremony wore black.

Datuk Hussein left the Istana for his office in Jalan Datuk Onn at about 10.05 am.

Several Ministers and deputy Ministers shed tears.

The swearing ceremony lasted only 10 minutes.

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. — More than 40,000 people, many weeping openly, were at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport here today to receive the body of Tun Abdul Razak who died in London yesterday.

The special MAS Boeing 707 jet bringing the body touched down at 5.28pm.

Accompanying the body home were 15 people including his widow, Toh Puan Rahah and three sons — Ahmad Johari, Mohd. Nazim and Mohd. Nizam — Tengku Ahmad Riffahuddeen, Tan Sri Abdul Kadir Shamsudin and Datuk Abdullah Ali.

As soon as the airliner taxied to a stop in front of the terminal the Sultan and Tengku Ampuan of Pahang, Prime Minister Datuk Hussein Onn and Datin Suhaila and other Cabinet Ministers boarded the aircraft to receive Toh Puan Rahah who was assisted by Datin Zainon, wife of the Minister of Trade and Industry.

MOVING SCENE

As Toh Puan Rahah disembarked, she managed a brave smile for the VIPs who were waiting at the foot of the ramp.

It was a moving scene as scores of people were seen weeping openly on seeing Toh Puan Rahah.

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PALL-BEARERS carrying the flag-draped coffin bearing the body of Tun Abdul Razak from the plane at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Subang yesterday evening. — STARpic.

BACKING FOR NEW PREMIER - P2

Sad moment shared by millions

RAZAK TO BE BURIED

IN HEROES' MAUSOLEUM



NEWLY sworn in Prime Minister, Datuk Hussein Onn (right) chatting with former Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman at the Subang Airport yesterday afternoon. At centre is Datin Shuhaila wife of Datuk Hussein Onn. — STARpic.



A gathering of VIPs and dignitaries at Subang Airport yesterday. — STARpic.

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The sad moment was also shared by millions of Malaysians who watched the live telecast by RTM.

Together with Toh Puan Rahah, the VIPs moved to the rear of the aircraft where the casket draped with the Malaysian flag was lowered on a fork lift.

Six police officers who received the casket then handed it to 23 pall bearers comprising army officers in ceremonial dress, led by Capt. Rejab Mohd Akhir.

They then marched slowly towards a waiting police hearse to which the casket was transferred. The hearse led by three police outriders, circled the tarmac once to enable the public to have a closer view.

It then pulled slowly out of the airport compound with Toh Puan Rahah and her children immediately behind for the journey to Sri Taman.

The Timbalan Yang Dipertuan Agung, Datuk Hussein Onn and other Cabinet Ministers and VIPs followed in a motorcade.

All along the way, thousands waited for a look at the cortege. They stood around, five-deep in some places.

TRAFFIC

Vehicles on the Klang-Kuala Lumpur lanes of the Federal Highway were directed to pull aside, while traffic on the other half crawled as drivers slowed down to look.

For those at home, TV Malaysia captured the scene live from strategic points.

The crowd near Kampung Kerinci was especially large. At least 10,000 people had gathered there some of them perched on the incompletely overhead bridge.

As the cortege passed, many women wept as did some men.

The cortege had to stop momentarily before proceeding into Jalan Bungsar because of the crowd that

had spilled on to the road.

More than a thousand people watched the cortege passing through Jalan Sulaiman to Sri Taman.

The people had gathered as early as 5pm in and around the railway station building along Jalan Sulaiman and on the Jalan Kuching viaduct.

The cortege arrived at Sri Taman at 7.10pm. Hundreds of people of various communities thronged the residence.

Earlier Cabinet Ministers led by Prime Minister Datuk Hussein Onn had arrived there.

The body was placed on a special dais draped in white satin in the reception hall.

The people tonight began paying their last respects to Tun Razak at Sri Taman.

Thousands were milling round the house waiting for the chance to say farewell to Tun Razak.

The bereaved family relatives and Cabinet Ministers paid their last respects before the public was allowed into the reception hall where the casket was placed.

Also among the first to pay their last respects were the Sultan of Pahang and Tunku Abdul Rahman.

Prime Minister Datuk Hussein Onn, who is also Tun Razak's brother-in-law, and Toh Puan Rahah, led the family, the Tun's 15 brothers and the Tun's 15 sisters and other relatives in the paying their last respects.

On arrival, the casket was brought into a room adjacent to the living room.

Cabinet Ministers and their families were then allowed to look at the body of Tun Abdul Razak for the last time.

People came in an unending stream to Sri Taman to see the body of the late leader.

Police had to close the main gate to prevent the large crowds from entering the area.

A slight drizzle started at about 7.45pm, but this did not discourage the large crowds.

Outside Sri Taman, FPP personnel were lined along

the route while police volunteer reserve members controlled the crowds.

Hundreds of wreaths have been received including one from the Yang Dipertuan Agung.

A condolence book has also been placed in the foyer of Sri Taman. The casket was brought to the living room at 8.29pm.

The Federal Territory Hadhi, Sheikh Haji Mohamed Yunus bin Mohamed Yatim, then led a group in special prayers for the late leader.

FUNERAL

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Encik Ghafar Baba, who has been appointed chairman of the co-ordinating committee for the funeral arrangements, said that the body of Tun Abdul Razak would be laid to rest in the National Heroes' Cemetery, at the National Mosque tomorrow after prayers.

He said that the body would remain overnight at Sri Taman where members of the public would be allowed to pay their last respects.

At 5.45am tomorrow, the body will be taken to Parliament House where it will be lying in state.

Members of the public will be allowed to pay their last respects from 6am to 10am.

Between 10am and 11am, foreign dignitaries, members of diplomatic missions and others will pay their respects.

The cortege will leave Parliament House at 11am in a procession to the National Mosque via Jalan Parliament and Jalan Raja.

The coffin will be borne on a gun-carriage drawn by members of the Armed Forces with Datuk Hussein, members of late Tun Razak's family, and other dignitaries following on foot.

Encik Ghafar said normal Friday prayers at the National Mosque would be followed by special prayers before the burial.

He said the whole funeral ceremony would be conducted strictly according to Muslim rites and as such there would be no band and no firing of gun salute.