

Hishammuddin looks back

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• On his father's legacy

"It's in the blood, and the most important thing that we have been brought up with is the family name.

"When you talk about the family name, it embodies everything he believed in and the key values that he always did not compromise on. Honesty, free from corruption, unity and putting the interest of others above his own. Those, to me, are values which cannot be shown just by artifacts in a memorial but in the way he conducted himself.

"From the memorial, you will see the very modest way in which he led his life. I hope the younger generation takes time not only to look at the artifacts but to understand what was behind the man."

• On what the commemoration means to him as a son, and a current member of the Government

"For any leader, his leadership will be judged not during the time he is serving, but by history. So in my father's case, the fact that he passed away so long ago, and retired even earlier, this memorial is a reflection of his leadership and the people's recognition of his sacrifices when he was alive.

"As a son, that means a lot to me because when you are in power, people will all be agreeing with your policies, proposals and leadership.

"That agreement and support will only be tested when

you are no longer around.

"So the fact that they are giving this memorial, and my father is no longer here, means a lot to us because it is a reflection of the respect given by the Government and people without any other interest but for him and his legacy."

EARLY 1940s — At the military academy in Dehra Dun, India



1976 — Helping himself to lunch after chairing an Umno supreme council meeting