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PM saddened by Nasimuddin's sudden death

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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi is saddened and shocked by the sudden death of Naza group of companies chairman Tan Sri S.M. Nasimuddin S.M. Amin.

He said Nasimuddin's death was unexpected and was a big loss to the bumpitira community. He described Nasimuddin as an example of a businessman who made it on his capability and determination.

"I was told of his death when I was on my way back from Kuwait. I was really sad to hear about it.

"I did not expect it. When we heard about it we found out that his cancer was at the advanced stage," he told reporters after attending a Workers Day celebration at Stadium Putera yesterday.

"I knew him very well. He was a

good man. Always full of ideas and very creative in his thinking," he said and related how at times when Nasimuddin presented him with proposals, Abdullah sometimes had doubts as to the feasibility but the latter always succeeded.

He conveyed his condolences to Nasimuddin's widow Puan Sri Zaleha Ismail and her family.

"When he was alive he had always devoted himself to welfare and charitable causes, and made many donations."

Nasimuddin died in Los Angeles on Friday of lung cancer.

His remains will be placed at the multipurpose hall of the Federal Territory Mosque today for both Muslims and non-Muslims to pay their last respects.

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dent Datuk S.M. Shalahuiddin S.M. Amin said those wishing to pay their last respects could do so from 2pm to 2.30pm.

He said Muslims would then perform the *solat jenazah* at the mosque at 2.30pm, before the cortege proceeds to the burial site at Batu 9, Kampung Melaka in Hulu Langat, Cheras.

The burial is scheduled for 3.45pm. For more details, call 03-2617 7777 from 9am to noon today. After 12pm, call Hafiz (012-202 8101) or Zul (019-2715610).