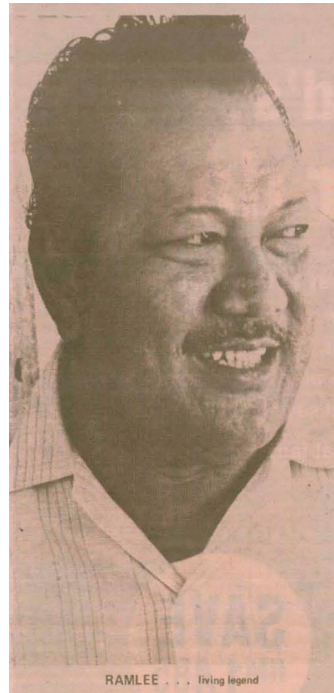


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# P. Ramlee dies of heart attack

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KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Actor P. Ramlee — a living legend — died of heart attack early this morning.

At 4.30am Ramlee, 44, complained of a chest pain. About half an hour later he collapsed in his house in Jalan Dedap, Setapak.

He was taken to the General Hospital in ambulance and died at 5.30am. He was buried at 4.00pm today at the Muslim Cemetery in Jalan Ampang.

Last night Ramlee was still looking over a script when his wife Saloma went to sleep.

Saloma said: "He complained that he had a chest pain. He got out of bed and collapsed."

Ramlee was born on March 22, 1929, in Penang.

200 FILMS

He received his early education at the Penang Free School and had starred in nearly 200 films.

Ramlee had his first break when he was given a small role in "Chinta."

Then he had his first leading role in "Bakti."

His close friend, Jins Shamsuddin who is now managing director of Malaysia Film Industries which Ramlee helped to set up, was at the mortuary this morning to have a last glimpse of him.

Just last week, Jins was with Ramlee at the Film Festival in Singapore.

"Ramlee was my father, teacher and coach," said Jins.

"I knew Ramlee for many years — so many that I have



lost count of them — and his death is indeed a great loss to me," added Jins.

"I remember when he gave me my first screen test and he was so confident of me that I was immediately given the leading role in "Pancha Delima," Jins said.

Ramlee was a happy-go-lucky man who could never sit still and was all the time tapping his feet to rhythm.

He was not only an actor but also a composer, script writer, writer, comedian, singer and musician.

His favourite musical instrument was the violin but he played other instruments, too.

"I find it hard to believe he is dead. Even to the last day he was still joking.

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