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Bride-to-be succumbs to injuries

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KUALA LUMPUR: R. Mariamma was due to get married in May but instead she has died following an accident caused by a van driver attempting to evade the police.

Mariamma, 34, died at the Selayang Hospital at about 4.15pm on Thursday, a few hours after she was taken there.

She died some four hours after her father M. Ramanayah, 55, who was on a motorcycle with her, was killed on the spot from severe head injuries.

According to her cousin R. Khanan, Mariamma had been looking forward to settling down and marriage preparations were being made. "We are devastated," he said at the hospital yesterday.

He added that the family had hoped that Mariamma would pull through but now have to face a double funeral.

"We are all shocked that we lost both of them. We hope the suspect will be given a fitting punishment for the anguish he has caused our family," he said.

Khanan said the funeral was expected to be held today.

On Thursday, police conducted a random check on a man sleeping in a van along the road from Selayang to Rawang.

The man, who later tested positive for drugs, woke up and sped off, resulting in a 30-minute car chase which ended in him crashing into several cars and motorcycles, including the one ridden by Ramanayah.



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Local pride

Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad chatting with Royal Prof Ungku Abdul Aziz Ungku Abdul Hamid (left) during a visit to the Peninsular Malaysia Textile Gallery at the Islamic Arts Museum in Kuala Lumpur. Looking on is Albukhary Foundation founder Tan Sri Syed Mokhtar Al-Bukhary. — Bernama