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Former Kelantan MB, Nik Aziz, 84, dies

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KOTA BARU: Former Kelantan menteri besar and PAS spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat (*pix*) passed away at his house in Pulau Melaka, Kota Baru, last night.

His son, Nik Mohamad Abduh, said when his father Nik Abdul Aziz, 84, passed away at 9.40pm, his family members were by his side, reported Bernama.

Nik Aziz, who is also Chempaka state assemblyman, had returned home from Universiti Sains Malaysia Hospital in Kubang Kerian at 8.40pm where he had been receiving treatment for prostate cancer since Jan 19.

His health had deteriorated in December when major floods hit Kelantan.

Nik Mohamad said his remains will be taken to the Pulau Melaka Mosque for



prayers at 10.30am today.

Affectionately known as "Tok Guru", Nik Abdul Aziz, was popular among PAS members due to his clean image and upright leadership.

Nik Abdul Aziz was born on Jan 10, 1931, in Pulau Melaka, Kota Baru, and was the second eldest of five siblings.

Nik Aziz married Tuan Sabariah Tuan Ishak and had 10 children, one of whom is Nik Mohamad, the Pasir Mas.

He was also able to converse in Arabic, English, Tamil and Urdu.

Nik Aziz, who suffered from various ailments, decided to step down as MB after the 13th general election last year, although he retained his Chempaka state seat.