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# Najib's ex-private secretary dies

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*Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak paying his last respects to his former private secretary, Datuk Mohd Po'ad Jelani, at the Subang Air Force base mosque yesterday. Pic by Khairull Azry Bidin*

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak yesterday announced the death of his former private secretary Datuk Mohd Po'ad Jelani.

He paid tribute to Po'ad as a conscientious individual in the discharge of his duties.

"The late Po'ad had been with me for a long time. Al-Fatihah," Najib said in his Twitter account.

Meanwhile, Malaysian Deputy

High Commissioner to Singapore Kamsiah Kamaruddin told Bernama that Po'ad, 50, died of cancer at Raffles Hospital here at 9am yesterday.

Najib arrived at the Subang Air

Force base mosque at 7.30pm and joined the congregation in performing Maghrib funeral prayers.

Po'ad's remains, which arrived at the base from Singapore at 6pm,

were taken to his hometown in Kampung Janda Baik, Bentong, Pahang, for the funeral. Present was Baling member of parliament Datuk Seri Abdul Azeez Abdul Rahim. **Bernama**