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PM extends condolences

LAST RESPECTS:
Funeral for former
Singapore president
S.R. Nathan to be
held on Friday

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak yesterday extended his condolences to the family of former Singapore president S.R. Nathan, who died on Monday night.

"My deepest condolences to the family of former Singapore president S. R. Nathan and the people of Singapore," he said on Twitter yesterday.

Nathan, 92, died at Singapore General Hospital at 9.48pm yesterday, according to the Singapore Prime Minister's Office.

Nathan, who was appointed as Singapore's high commissioner to Malaysia in 1988, was the longest-

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serving president in Singapore, and was in office for two terms from 1999 to 2011.

He officially stepped down as the sixth president on Aug 31, 2011 and was succeeded by current President Tony Tan Keng Yam.

A state funeral service for Nathan will be held from 4pm on Friday at the University Cultural Centre.

In a statement, the Prime Minister's Office said it would be attended by Nathan's family, friends and former colleagues, the president, cabinet ministers, members of parliament, civil servants and citizens.

The service will be followed by a private cremation at Mandai Crematorium.

The body will lie in state at Parliament House from 10am tomorrow to noon on Friday.

Members of the public can pay their last respects at Parliament House tomorrow.

On Friday, members of the diplomatic corps and other officials can pay their last respects from 9am till noon. **Bernama**