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PM pays last respects to late Kedah Sultan

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ALOR SETAR: Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak flew in from London and went straight to the grave of Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah ibni Almarhum Sultan Badlishah to pay his last respects.

Accompanying him to the Langgar Royal Mausoleum was his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

"He was not just a Ruler or the Yang di-Pertuan Agong but more like a father to me. Our personal relationship was very close.

"He was a very highly dedicated person," he told reporters.

An emotional Najib said the late Sultan also had a very special bond with his father, Tun Abdul Razak Hussein.

Najib and Rosmah arrived at the royal mausoleum at about 6.30pm and spent about half an hour there.

Sultan Abdul Halim died on Monday at the age of 89.

Najib and Rosmah were received by Tunku Bendahara Kedah Tunku Tan Sri Abdul Hamid Thani ibni Almarhum Sultan Badlishah, Tunku Temenggong Kedah Tunku Tan Sri Puteri Intan Syafinaz Almarhum Sultan Abdul Halim, and Tunku Laksamana Kedah Tunku Datuk Seri Saifuddin Badlishah ibni Tunku Sallehuddin.

Among those present were Raja Dihilir Perak Raja Iskandar Dzulkarnain Sultan Idris, Raja Puan Muda Perak Tunku Soraya Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah, Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah and Education Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid.

The ceremony began with a tahlil recital by Kedah Mufti Datuk Syeikh Fadzil Awang.

The prime minister and his wife then sprinkled flower petals on the grave.



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