

PM pays last respects to Kurup

KOTA KINABALU: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday paid his last respects to the late Tan Sri Joseph Kurup at Wisma Fook Lu Siew here.

The prime minister, accompanied by Chief Minister Datuk Seri Hajiji Noor, arrived at the memorial centre at 2.22pm and was greeted by Datuk Arthur Joseph Kurup, the son of the former deputy chief minister, before meeting family members, including the widow, Puan Sri Melinda Mak Soak Fong.

Anwar then met the attendees at the funeral service before leaving for Kuala Lumpur.

Kurup, 79, who was the founder of Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sabah (PBRS), died at the National Heart Institute in Kuala Lumpur on Wednesday.

His remains were flown by commercial aircraft and arrived here at 11.20pm on Friday.



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim paying his last respects to the late Tan Sri Joseph Kurup in Kota Kinabalu yesterday. With him is Datuk Arthur Joseph Kurup (centre) and Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Hajiji Noor. BERNAMA PIC

Kurup, who was the former Pensiangan member of parliament, had held several important positions, including minister in the Prime Minister's Department (National Unity and Integration).

Kurup, who retired from politics last year, held the position of PBRS president since the party's establishment in 1994, before his son Arthur, who was party deputy president, succeed-

ed Kurup as president in January last year.

On Wednesday, Anwar, in a post on Facebook, expressed his condolences to Kurup's family. **Bernama**