

Anwar, ministers pay their last respects to former PM

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim joined thousands of mourners who performed funeral prayers for the late Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi at Masjid Negara here yesterday.

Others present included Deputy Prime Ministers Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusuf, Agriculture and Food Security Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Sabu, Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir, Plantation Industries and Commodities Minister Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs) Datuk Dr Mohd Na'im Mokhtar.

Zahid said Abdullah would forever be remembered as a statesman who was calm, collected and someone who placed the interests of the people above all else.

"His contributions and deeds in laying the foundation for an administration based on integrity and the principles of Islam Hadhari will forever be etched in the country's history," he posted on Facebook.

Fadillah said Abdullah's passing was a profound loss not only to the nation, but also to Sarawak.

Abdullah, he said, left a lasting legacy in the state through key initiatives such as the Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy, which significantly propelled Sarawak's economic development.

"This is a deeply felt loss for all of us. Tun Abdullah was a leader who rendered invaluable service to the state and the country.

"On behalf of myself, Sarawak Premier Tan Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg and the people of Sarawak, I extend our heartfelt condolences to (Abdullah's wid-

ow) Tun Jeanne Abdullah and the entire family," he said after attending the state funeral at the Heroes' Mausoleum.

Tun Abdullah's son-in-law, Khairy Jamaluddin, extended his thanks to all those involved in ensuring the smooth running of the funeral proceedings.

"We are grateful to all the leaders, including Sultan of Terengganu Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin, members of the Negri Sembilan royal family, dignitaries from within and outside the country, the Masjid Negara management and everyone who came to pay their last respects.

"Many spoke of the warm memories they shared with Tun Abdullah, especially during his time as prime minister and a cabinet minister."

Khairy also expressed his appreciation to Anwar, Zahid and Fadillah.

He also thanked former prime



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim offering prayers for the late Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi at Masjid Negara yesterday.

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ministers Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Datuk Seri Najib Razak, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and

Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob for attending the funeral to honour the late statesman.