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DEWAN RAKYAT HONOURS LATE PAK LAH

**Both Anwar and speaker praise ex-PM as
a much respected and principled Leader**

KUALA LUMPUR

YESTERDAY'S special sitting of the Dewan Rakyat to discuss the United States' reciprocal tariffs

began with an observation of a minute of silence in remembrance of former prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who died on April 14.

At the opening of the sitting, Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tan Sri

Johari Abdul expressed his heartfelt condolences to Abdullah's family.

"On behalf of the Senate president, members of the Dewan Rakyat and Dewan Negara, and the Malaysian Parliament, I extend our deepest condolences to the family of the late Abdullah.

"May his soul be blessed by Allah SWT and placed among the righteous."



Sultan of Perak Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah sprinkling rose water on the grave of the fifth prime minister, the late Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, at the Heroes' Mausoleum in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. With him is his consort, Raja Permaisuri Perak Tuanku Zara Salim. BERNAMA PIC

Johari described Abdullah as a towering statesman, a principled leader with deep empathy for the people and a national figure whose contributions had left a lasting legacy.

"His death is a profound loss, felt across all levels of Malaysian society."

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, in his address, paid tribute to Abdullah, describing him as a statesman who initiated pivotal reforms — particularly in strengthening the role of Parliament — and whose contributions

would be remembered for generations.

"Tun Abdullah was a prime minister who served the nation with unwavering dedication.

"He was a humble and principled leader, whose commitment to early reform efforts, including parliamentary improvements, left a meaningful impact.

"The nation has accorded him its highest honour by laying him to rest at the Heroes' Mausoleum.

"On behalf of the government and the people of Malaysia, we

convey our deepest sympathies to his family and pray for his soul to be placed among the righteous," he said.

Abdullah, who succeeded Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad as prime minister on Oct 31, 2003, served until April 2, 2009.

He was succeeded by then-deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

Abdullah is survived by his wife, Tun Jeanne Abdullah, and two children — Tan Sri Kamaluddin and Nori.

He was laid to rest on April 15.