

Veteran lawyer Raja Aziz Addruse dies at 75
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KUALA LUMPUR (July 12, 2011): Raja Aziz Addruse, one of Malaysia's most respected lawyers, passed away at about 1pm today at his residence in BukitTunku, here. He was 75.

Raja Aziz who hailed from Chemor, Perak, had recently sought treatment in Singapore for cancer-related ailment and was reported to be recuperating well.

One of his close friends, Datuk Param Cumaraswamy, when contacted by Bernama said Raja Aziz's health condition, however, deteriorated in the last few days and he had visited him two days ago.

"He was weak but alert and in good spirit when both of us shared some light moments," said Param.

He said Raja Aziz's remains would be brought for prayers at the Bukit Damansara mosque before Zohor prayers tomorrow and would be buried at the Bukit Kiara Muslim cemetery.

Solicitor-general II Datuk Mohamed Yusof Zainal Abiden when contacted said Raja Aziz was a man of high integrity and "a gentleman" who always maintained respect for his opponents.

"There had been several occasions where he cited case laws that were not even favourable to his clients but with the intention of assisting the court to arrive at the right decision," Mohamad Yusof said.

He said Raja Aziz was highly respected in the legal fraternity, mainly due to his politeness and never passing any unnecessary "remark" at his opponents.

He had led the Malaysian Bar three times as its president, the first term from 1976-78, then from 1988-89 and 1992-93.

He was also elected as commissioner of the International Commission of Jurists based in Geneva in 2006. The other Malaysians before him were Param himself and former Lord President Tun Mohd Suffian Hashim.

Raja Aziz was lead counsel for Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's corruption trial in 1998. –
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