

**Abdul Hamid's Demise A Loss Of Religious Leader, Says Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 23 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has described the demise of former minister in the prime minister's department Tan Sri Abdul Hamid Othman as the loss of a religious leader who had strived to uphold Islam.

"I am saddened by his death. He had fought in the interests of the race, religion, nation, government and Umno," the prime minister told reporters after paying his last respects to Abdul Hamid at his residence at Taman Tenaga Puchong here Friday night.

Najib said Abdul Hamid was a kind and caring person and went out of his way to help others.

Earlier, former prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who met reporters after paying his last respects, said he last met Abdul Hamid when attending the recent Umno General Assembly.

"He looked healthy then and he told me that he was still active in politics. His demise was a great loss to the country," said Abdullah.

Abdul Hamid will be buried at the Kampung Bohol Muslim Cemetery, Jalan Klang Lama after the Zohor and funeral prayers at the Taman Tenaga Puchong Mosque tomorrow.

The adviser of Maju Holdings Sdn Bhd died of a stroke at 4.45pm while at work in his office at Maju Junction here. He was 72.

Abdul Hamid, who was also Women and Family Welfare Centre (Kewaja) adviser, is survived by his wife, Puan Seri Jamilah Mohd Said, 68, a son, Wafi Nazrin, and five grandchildren.

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