

PAS wants Putrajaya to help veteran soldiers

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 6 — PAS has urged Putrajaya to provide assistance to veteran soldiers and the next-of-kin of those who have died in the line of duty.

PAS information chief Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man said the federal government had called slain Bernama TV cameraman Noramfaizul Mohd Nor a national hero and promised to give financial aid to the latter's family, including educational support.

Noramfaizul was shot dead in Somalia last Friday during a humanitarian mission organised by the Putera 1 Malaysia Club headed by Datuk Azeez Abdul Rahim, who is also an Umno supreme council member.

"In this spirit, the government should also consider helping veteran soldiers and the next-of-kin and widows of those who have died defending our country," said Tuan Ibrahim in a statement today.

"Many soldiers who were injured or killed have still not received their due awards compared to what was received by the late Bernama TV journalist," he added.

Tuan Ibrahim said the government should ensure the growth of the superannuation fund Lembaga Tabung Amanah Tentera (LTAT) to benefit veterans.

"PAS welcomes all forms of contributions to remember the good deeds of our warriors who died defending the country, but they should be well co-ordinated in order to ensure that no party is left out," he added.

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