

**Najib Extends Condolences To Saudi Arabia On Crown Prince's Demise**  
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KENINGAU, June 17 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak conveyed condolences to the government and people of Saudi Arabia on the demise of Crown Prince Nayef bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud Saturday.

Najib said Prince Nayef was among Saudi Arabia's leaders who paid a lot of attention to strengthening of good relations between Malaysia and the kingdom.

"I still remember my meeting with the late Prince Nayef when performing the Haj last season where he gave me a very warm welcome.

"I regard his demise as a huge loss in the context of close relations between Malaysia and Saudi Arabia," he added.

Foreign wires reported that Prince Nayef, 77, who was also deputy prime minister and interior minister, had died outside the kingdom.

A statement by the royal family said Prince Nayef died Saturday in a hospital abroad. Saudi-funded pan-Arab TV station Al-Arabiya later confirmed he died in Geneva.

He was named crown prince in October 2011 after the death of the previous crown prince, Sultan bin Abdul Aziz.

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