

## **Dr Uthman El-Muhammady's Death A Big Loss For The Country – Najib**

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 26 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has described the death of Muslim scholar, Dr Uthman El-Muhammady yesterday as a big loss to the country and the Muslims.

The Prime Minister said Uthman's contributions to the Muslim intellectual world was immense as he had written many articles on Islamic civilisation which were distributed worldwide.

"During his lifetime, Uthman was consistent, firm and frequently raised current issues on deviationist ideology including pluralism," said Najib in his statement Tuesday night.

"I wish to convey my condolences (to the family) on the passing of Dr Uthman El-Muhammady...My family and I pray that Allah SWT bless his soul and place him together with the syuhada, solihin, friends and anbiya," he said.

Uthman, 70, who was also the 'Tokoh Maal Hijrah' 2005 and an expert on Islamic thoughts, died last night at his residence in Persiaran Duta, here.

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