

Najib Conveys Condolence To Britain On Thatcher's Demise
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today conveyed his deepest condolences and sympathies on behalf of the government, the people of Malaysia and himself to Britain, for the loss of Baroness Margaret Thatcher.

He conveyed the message to British Prime Minister David Cameron, following the sudden demise of Thatcher, a former British Prime Minister, yesterday.

According to Najib, Britain had lost a great leader while the world had lost a statesperson.

"She will be deeply missed in many parts of the world, especially within the Commonwealth. Through you, please also extend my heartfelt feelings of profound sympathy to the late Baroness Thatcher's family as they grieve their personal loss," he said in the message.

Najib said the late Thatcher, the first lady British Prime Minister and the longest serving, was a formidable leader of her time.

"Her strength of character and leadership qualities befit the challenging times that Britain faced during her years in office while the international respect and influence she earned put the United Kingdom in good stead," he said.

Najib said she was a close friend to Malaysia during her tenure and the bilateral relations were brought to a new level and put on a stronger footing.

"May her soul rest in peace and I pray that God Almighty will comfort her bereaved family, as well as the government and people of the United Kingdom during this period of mourning."

Margaret Thatcher, the "Iron Lady" as she was known throughout the world succumbed to stroke at the age of 87.

She held the Prime Minister's post from 1979 to 1990.

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