

**Awang Had's Demise A Great Loss To Country - Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 1 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has described Tan Sri Dr Awang Had Salleh's demise a big loss to the country's academic and literary world.

The prime minister offered his condolences to family members of Awang Had, including Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan, in his Tweet post from London where he is on a four-day working visit.

"The country has lost an eminent academic and literary figure. My condolences to @mpkotabelud and family," said Najib.

Abdul Rahman is married to Awang Had's daughter, Datin Norazlina who was former NTV7 newsreader.

In PUTRAJAYA, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin described Tan Sri Dr Awang Had Salleh as a towering figure in education who had made great contribution to the nation, particularly in language and culture.

"He had served as Education Ministry special adviser. The country appreciates his contribution. I would like to offer my condolences to family members of the deceased.

"May his soul be placed among the faithful," Muhyiddin told reporters after performing the funeral prayer for Awang Had at the Putra Mosque in Putrajaya, Monday.

Home Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Putrajaya Corporation president Tan Sri Aseh Che Mat were among those who joined the prayer.

A renowned academic and literary figure, Awang Had died from lung complications at the age of 79 at the Putrajaya Hospital at about 3am, Monday.

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