

Najib Pays Last Respect to Former Hulu Bernam Assemblymen

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HULU SELANGOR, May 5 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak on Monday paid his last respects to the late former Hulu Bernam assemblyman Datuk Mohammed Idris Abu Bakar in Kalumpang near here.

Speaking to reporters later, the prime minister described Mohamed Idris as a loyal, humble and affable Umno member.

Others who paid their last respects were Home Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Deputy Education Minister P. Kamalanathan, Malaysia's Special Envoy to the United States Datuk Seri Jamaluddin Jarjis, and Selangor Umno Liaison Committee chairman Datuk Seri Noh Omar.

The deceased's brother-in-law, Mohd Nizar Mohd Nazir, said Mohammed Idris died of health complications, including colon cancer at the KPJ Damansara Specialist Centre, Petaling Jaya at about 2 am. He was 68.

Mohammed Idris is survived by his wife, Norliah Mohd Nazir, 58, and five children, including three daughters.

The deceased was buried at the Kalumpang Muslim Cemetery after the Zohor prayers.

Mohamed Idris was Hulu Selangor Umno division chief from 1998 to 2013 and Selangor Umno Youth chief from 1990 to 1993.

Meanwhile, Zahid said the deceased was well-liked by friends and foes due as he was a friendly and approachable person.

For Kamalanathan, who is also Hulu Selangor MP, Mohamed Idris had been supportive of his political career since he (Kamalanathan) stood in the Hulu Selangor parliamentary by-election in 2010.

"I regard him as my mentor," said Kamalanathan, fighting back his tears.

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