

**Nik Aziz Buried Next To His Father's Grave**  
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KOTA BAHARU, Feb 13 (Bernama) -- The remains of former Kelantan menteri besar, Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat was laid to rest at 11.30 am at the Pulau Melaka Muslim cemetery, here this morning.

Nik Aziz was buried beside the grave of his late father, Nik Mat Raja Banjar who passed away about 40 years ago.

Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Ahmad Yakob, PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang and several top PAS leaders joined thousands of people in escorting the hearse to the cemetery.

The funeral prayers led by Abdul Hadi was performed earlier at 10 am at Masjid Pulau Melaka.

Prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak was present at the mosque to join in the funeral prayers and pay his last respects.

Selangor menteri besar Mohamed Azmin Ali, Kedah menteri besar Datuk Seri Mukhriz Tun Dr Mahathir, Kelantan deputy menteri besar Datuk Nik Mohd Amar Nik Abdullah, PAS vice-president Salahuddin Ayub, Gua Musang member of parliament Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah were among dignitaries present to pay their last respects.

Also present were DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang and Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng.

Children of the late Nik Abdul Aziz carried the coffin to the cemetery.

The PAS spiritual leader passed away last night at his residence in Pulau Melaka at 9.40 pm.

The late Nik Aziz, who was Chempaka State Assemblyman was brought home from the Hospital Universiti Sains Malaysia in Kubang Kerian, around 8.40 pm.

Nik Aziz's health had deteriorated since December last year and he had been receiving treatment at Hospital Universiti Sains Malaysia in Kubang Kerian for prostate cancer since Jan 19.

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