

**Najib Holds Tahlil Prayers For Jamaluddin, Azlin, Po'ad
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PUTRAJAYA, April 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak held "tahlil" prayers and a Yassin recital for the late Tan Sri Jamaluddin Jarjis, who was Rompin MP, his late principal private secretary Datuk Azlin Alias and his late private secretary Datuk Mohd Po'ad Jelani at his official residence Seri Perdana here tonight.

The prime minister also expressed sadness and sympathy to their families and hoped that all their services and contributions earned rewards from Allah.

"They would want us to have a strong spirit, resolve and determination and not to despair but rather look forward to how the struggle carried on by them is not stopped halfway.

"Of course, they will feel disappointed if we let our spirits break and hopefully with this, we will do our best for the victory of their struggle," he said after the prayers attended by 200 guests.

Also present were the Prime Minister's wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa and Public Service Department director-general Tan Sri Mohamad Zabidi Zainal.

At the event, Najib also presented derivative pension and gratuity remuneration to the widow and the mother of the late Jamaluddin, Puan Sri Dr Kalsom Ismail and Aminah Abdullah, Azlin's widow, Datin Azlina Mahmud and Po'ad's widow, Datin Hamizah Khalid.

Mohd Po'ad died of lymphoma cancer, at Raffles Hospital, Singapore, on March 31.

Jamaluddin and Azlin were killed with four other people when a AS365N2 Dauphin helicopter crashed in Kampung Sungai Pening, Semenyih on Saturday.

Recalling memories with these three individuals, Najib said it was very difficult to describe.

Najib said his friendship with Jamaluddin began in Edinburgh, United Kingdom, in 1973 until they both became involved in politics.

"It is difficult for me to forget such a close relationship (with Jamaluddin)," he said.

According to him, the late Azlin showed credibility, loyalty and integrity which cannot be questioned.

"He (Azlin) is the first officer that I see every day and the last one I see when I go home," he said.

Najib said the late Mohd Po'ad was very efficient and handled all his personal affairs well.

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