

DPM Pays Last Respects To Former Sarawak Police Commissioner Yuen Yuet Leng
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 2 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi paid his last respects to former Sarawak Commissioner of Police, Tan Sri Yuen Yuet Leng at the Xiao En Centre in Cheras today.

Ahmad Zahid, who is also home minister, was welcomed by Yuen's widow, Puan Sri Chan Choy May and family members, and former tourism minister, Tan Sri Dr Ng Yen Yen, upon arrival at the centre at 2pm.

Later, he observed a minute's silence and conveyed his condolences to the bereaved family.

Also present was DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang.

Yuen, who was former Perak police chief died at his daughter's residence at The Mines, Seri Kembangan about 6am yesterday, due to heart failure. He was 88.

He was best known for his role as one of the key negotiators in the Hatyai Peace Talks where, together with former inspector-general of police Tan Sri Rahim Noor, went to China to meet Communist Party of Malaya (CPM) leaders Chin Peng, Abdullah C. D. and Rashid Maidin.

He was even shot in the chest in Grik in 1951, during a battle with CPM members, when Chin Peng was secretary-general.

Yuen is survived by Chan, 68, as well as daughters, Susan Yuen Sumin, 56, and Marina Chan Chean Gaik, 54, and two grandchildren, both in their 20s.

The wake is being held at the Xiao En Centre, Cheras until Saturday to enable family members and friends to pay their last respects.

Speaking to reporters after paying his last respects, Ahmad Zahid said Yuen's demise was a great loss to the country as he was a hero instilled with true Malaysian spirit.

The deputy prime minister said the spirit reflected in his high level of commitment in his duties as a police officer, especially when fighting against communist terrorists.

He said Yuen had carried out his duties diligently, regardless of race and his priority was to serve the people and country.

"He was a true Malaysian, with a true Malaysian spirit and set aside racial differences. Such spirit was revealed when fighting against the communists," added Ahmad Zahid.

He noted he had known Yuen, long before he held the home minister's post and that the

late police officer had also met him regularly to discuss police-related matters.

"His spirit will always be with the PDRM (Royal Malaysian Police)," he said.

Meanwhile, Lim described Yuen as a hardworking and good police officer.

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