

Passing Of Sultan Of Kedah: State Governments Express Condolences

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 11 (Bernama) -- The Kedah state government today offered condolences and expressed their sorrow following the passing of the Sultan of Kedah Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah said the late Sultan was a people's ruler who was friendly and often took a keen interest in the welfare of the people.

"The late Sultan was approachable and often offered his views (on development)...made inquiries for example on the development in Langkawi," he told reporters after a special press conference announcing the demise of Sultan Abdul Halim at Wisma Darul Aman here, today.

According to him, Tuanku had often advised him as the menteri besar, to always plan on Kedah state development.

Sultan Abdul Halim, 89, passed away at Istana Anak Bukit here at 2.30 pm today. His remains would be buried at the Langgar Royal Mausoleum at 4 pm tomorrow.

In JOHOR BAHRU, the state government and the people of Johor also expressed their condolences on the demise of Sultan Abdul Halim.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin said the Tuanku's death was a huge loss not only to Kedah but also to all Malaysians as he was a people-friendly ruler.

"With deep sadness and sorrow and on behalf of the government and people of Johor, I wish to express our heartfelt condolences to the Sultanah of Kedah Darul Aman Sultanah Haminah Hamidun, the princesses and members of Kedah royalty on the demise of Tuanku Sultan Al-Mu'tassimu Billahi Muhibbuddin Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah Al-Haj ibni Almarhum Sultan Badlishah," he said in a statement today.

Mohamed Khaled said the late Sultan Abdul Halim had contributed much during his reign as the Sultan of Kedah and the Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia

He said to date Tuanku was the only Malay ruler who was installed as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong twice and who played pivotal roles in the nation's history.

In SEREMBAN, the state government and the people of Negeri Sembilan also expressed their condolences over the demise of Sultan Abdul Halim.

"May the Almighty bless his soul and place him among the faithful and righteous," said Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan to reporters today.

In KOTA KINABALU, the state government and the people of Sabah expressed their condolences to the Kedah royal family on the passing of Sultan Abdul Halim.

Chief Minister Tan Sri Musa Aman described the late Sultan as a friendly and caring ruler who always had the people's interests at heart.

"We share the grief and sorrow of the state government and people of Kedah having lost their Sultan.

"May Allah SWT bless his soul and grant him a place in Jannah," said Musa in a statement today.

In KOTA BHARU, the state government expressed condolences to the Kedah royal family on the passing of Sultan Abdul Halim.

Menteri Besar Datuk Ahmad Yakob said the late Sultan had acted as the umbrella of the people providing protection and safeguarding the Islamic religion.

"I pray Allah SWT will bless his soul and grant him paradise," he said in a statement here.

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