

North Korean Embassy Opens Condolence Book For Leader's Death
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 23 (Bernama) -- The North Korean embassy has opened a condolence book for the country's leader, Kim Jong-il, who died on Dec 17.

In a statement Friday, the embassy said that visitors could offer their condolences until Dec 27, from 10am to 6pm, except on Dec 24.

During the mourning period the embassy will also hoist the flag at half-mast from Dec 19 until Dec 29.

Kim, general-secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK), which is the ruling political party, chairman of North Korea's National Defence Commission and supreme commander of Korean People's Army died of a sudden illness at the age of 69.

His sudden demise is a great loss to the WPK, the country and the people of North Korea at home and abroad, the embassy said.

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