

National Service panel chairman dies

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ALOR STAR, Mon. — National Service Training Council chairman Brig-General Prof Datuk Dr Ahmad Fawzi Mohd Basri (picture) died of heart complications at the Selayang Hospital in Selangor at 4.47pm today.

Fawzi, 56, who was also Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) vice-chancellor, was first warded at the Kedah Medical Centre on Jan 5 after a stroke.

He was transferred to the Selayang Hospital on Jan 26.

A statement from UUM said he died from "septicaemic shock".

The body will be taken to his home in Kampung Muhibbah, Jitra, for burial tomorrow morning.

Fawzi is survived by his wife Datin Aishah Ibrahim and their four children: Dzulhilmi, 29, Dzuwairi, 27, Noor Ezdiani, 22, and Noor Elyana, 18.

Born on May 10, 1949, in Kampung Blanja Kiri in Parit, Perak, Fawzi received his early education at Sekolah Menengah Iskandar Syah in

Parit before continuing his studies at Sekolah Aminuddin Baki, Kuala Lumpur and Sekolah Datuk Seri Amar DiRaja in Muar, Johor.

A Universiti Malaya graduate in political history, he later obtained a Master's from the same university in 1983.

Fawzi continued with his doctorate in political studies at University of Hull, United Kingdom in 1993.

His academic career started in Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia in

1972 where he tutored before moving to UUM as a lecturer.

He was dean of the UUM Basic Studies Faculty until 1986.

Among his positions at UUM were deputy vice-chancellor for student affairs until his appointment as its vice-chancellor on June 1, 2001.

Fawzi was appointed colonel of the 513 Kedah Territorial Army on February 1, 2000.

He was appointed as NS Training Council chairman in 2003.

