

Datuk Sir Clough dies at 80

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DATUK Sir Clough Thuraisingham, a pioneer fighter for independence and founder of the Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, died at his Bukit Travers home in Kuala Lumpur early this morning. He was 80.

A family spokesman said Datuk Clough passed away peacefully at about 3 a.m.

Funeral arrangements will be finalised when his daughter returns from Britain today.

Born in Taiping, he was educated in Ceylon and Cambridge University. After graduating in 1923, he was called to the Bar in Middle Temple.

In 1949, he was made a Datuk by the Sultan of Johore and a year later he was made a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the Empire by Queen Elizabeth II.

He received his



knighthood from the British Queen in June 1955.

During that time, Datuk Sir Clough was the first Member for Education and also founded the teacher's training college known as Kirkby in Britain.

Always in the thick of politics, he was one of the pioneers of the Independence of Malaya party with the late Datuk Onn bin Jaafar.

In his later years Datuk Sir Clough served as senator, a chairman of the Selangor Turf Club and president of the Ceylonese Federation.

And the child

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hall, where the lying-in-state was to be.

The pall-bearers were senior officers of army, navy, air force and police.

The casket was placed on a seven-tiered catafalque draped in royal yellow and topped with a velvet red canopy.

The insignia-bearers then proceeded one by one to place the late Ruler's honours and decorations on the catafalque.

Flowers were placed in the area around the catafalque as preparations got underway for the official lying-in-state to begin.

Religious officials began reading verses from the Koran on a dais on one side of the catafalque.

At the head of the catafalque, smoke from the burning incense floated upwards as the four vigil guards took up their positions at the four corners with rifles turned downward.

The subjects, including a group of women in white scarves and men with song koks lined with white band, began filing in to pay their respects at 8.30.

They paused in front of the catafalque with bowed heads.

Some who came on motorcycles came with safety

helmets in hand.

Some parents were accompanied by their children for whom the late King always had a special place in his heart.

The flow was an unending stream, and at stages they stood four to five deep.

Thousands had filed past by the time the period allotted for the public to pay its respects came to an end.

Then came the turn of the VIPs. Ministers and Government department chiefs were joined by diplomats.

Heads of missions and diplomatic staff here turned up in full force to represent their countries.

Just before noon the casket was taken in a procession from Parliament House through Jalan Parlimen, Jalan Raja and Jalan Hishammuddin to the National Mosque.

Prayers were being offered at the mosque in place of the regular Friday prayers.

The casket was then taken back to the Istana where arriving foreign leaders will be paying their respects.

Tomorrow the remains of the late King will be flown to Kota Baru for burial at the Langgar royal mausoleum.

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