

# Ex-UPM V-C dies from liver failure

**SERDANG:** Former Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Radin Umar Radin Sohadi died in Serdang Hospital here yesterday. He was 53.

He leaves behind a wife and five children.

Son Mundzir, 27, said Radin Umar, who had undergone liver surgery, died from liver failure at 4.15am.

He said his father had also undergone treatment for cancer at the Kuala Lumpur and Selayang hospitals since 2010 and was discharged from Serdang Hospital several weeks ago.

Radin Umar, who was appointed as the first director-general of the Malaysian Institute of Road Safety Research (Miros) in 2007, resigned as UPM vice-chancellor in December because of poor health.

He had received the Prince Michael International Road Safety Award in 2005 for his contributions and innovations.

Radin Umar will be buried at the Muslim cemetery, near the UPM Mosque at 11am, today.

Universiti Sains Malaysia's School of Engineering dean, Prof Dr Ahmad Farhan Mohd Sadullah, said the road safety community mourned the passing of a great advocate and champion of road safety.

"Known globally for his efforts in road safety, Radin Umar introduced the first exclusive motorcycle lane in the country and the world, an action that has managed to reduce crashes and casualties for motorcyclists drastically."

Radin Umar was credited with establishing the Crash Safety Engineering Unit in Miros.