

Will there be no respite?

With very warm regards,

RAMA

R.I.P. MOHAMAD SHAARI BIN MAT NATAR: 60-61: 4-8-2017

This morning there was an email from Joseph/Maria Chin informing me of Mohamad Shaari's demise. This was followed up with a call from Joe at 12.15 pm all the way from New Zealand to find out whether I had seen his email.

Joe and Shaari were very close. Every time, Joe and Maria visited Malaysia on an annual basis, they made it a point to visit Shaari either in KL or at Bentong, Pahang.

Shaari was from the last batch: 60-61. He was my Junior in Kirkby.

After college, he and Sawthirajah from his batch were posted to the Clifford Secondary School, Kuala Lipis, Pahang. Balwant Sing, Jeyaratnam and I were posted to this school the previous year. So were Subramaniam (58-59) and Abdul Malek (53-55).

He was born on 31 August 1937. On 31 August he would have been 80 years old.

Last year, on his birthday I tried calling him there was no response. I sent him a sms wishing him but there was no acknowledgement.

Shaari has been ailing the last two years. That was the reason he could not attend the 2016 Kirkby Reunion in KL. According to my records, he had attended the 2010 and 2014 Penang Kirkby Reunions.

With his demise we have lost 18 Kirkbyites since January 2017. 2017 makes me jittery. Each passing has a profound impact on me as I am the one who has to make the announcement!

Those wishing to convey their condolences can call his wife, Noraini, at +6 016 719 8875 which is also the Whatsapp Number, according to Joe.

Yours in sorrow,

RAMA