

Public mourns Roh on May 29

Crowd jeers President Lee Myung-bak as he pays his respects to Roh

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Former President Kim Young-sam, left and Kim Dae-jung, second from the left, attend the public funeral service for the late former President Roh Moo-hyun on May 29.

A public funeral service for the late former President Roh Moo-hyun was held at Kyungbok Palace located in Seoul on May 29, seven days after his suicide.

In the memorial address, former Prime Minister Han Myung-suk said, "Faced with the news regarding your suicide, we lost hope in that instant, and were left with a scream of sorrow."

Han added, "Former President Roh gave up his life in order to change the culture of a ruling power which has indulged the privileged."

Following Han's address, President Lee Myung-bak went to pay his respects to the late president, and was met with jeers from some of those attending the service. President Lee was seen momentarily hesitating while the moderator asked for silence, however, the jeering did not stop until the current president sat back down. Several people gathered around Seoul's City Hall Plaza holding yellow balloons, which had symbolized support during Roh's campaign for president.

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