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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 26 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR  
MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAYS SEPAKTAKRAW HAS A BIG POTENTIAL OF BEING  
PROMOTED IN COUNTRIES WHERE THE GAME IS STILL NOT KNOWN.

HE SAYS THAT SINCE UTUSAN MALAYSIA AND MAS SPONSORED AN  
INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP LAST YEAR, THE GAME HAS BECOME MORE  
POPULAR.

THIS YEAR, RTM HAS JOINED IN TO SPONSOR THE ANNUAL MEET.

IN A MESSAGE IN THE SOUVENIR PROGRAMME OF THE 1986 MAS-UTUSAN  
MALAYSIA-RTM SEPAKTAKRAW CHAMPIONSHIPS NEXT MONTH, THE PRIME  
MINISTER SAYS HE IS CONFIDENT THAT THE SPONSORS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
WILL FURTHER EXPOSE THE GAME AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL.

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GHAFAR BABA, IN HIS MESSAGE, HOPES THE  
CHAMPIONSHIP WILL UNEARTH TALENTS AND ALSO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS  
AMONG PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. -- MORE

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MEANWHILE, THAILAND, SINGAPORE, INDONESIA, THE PHILIPPINES,  
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM, INDIA, SRI LANKA AND MALAYSIA WILL PARTICIPATE IN  
THE INTERNATIONAL INVITATIONAL REGU TOURNAMENT.

THE OTHER TWO TOURNAMENTS ARE THE NATIONAL OPEN REGU AND  
UNDER-21 REGU.

THE FOUR-DAY CHAMPIONSHIP BEGINNING SEPT 4 WILL BE HELD AT  
STADIUM NEGARA. -- BERNAMA

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