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THAT'S WHAT OUR POLICE FORCE SHOULD BE, SAYS DR M

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. — The police force should lay greater emphasis on discipline and professionalism while carrying out their duties, the Prime Minister said today.

"This will enable the police to continue serving the public with greater responsibility as they have been doing.

"The present Malaysian society is progressive and fair-minded and such a society will require a responsible police force to ensure that the nation's laws are enforced efficiently," said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"To achieve this objective, the police should heed this year's Police Day motto

Professionalism is the basis of police services."

Dr Mahathir said this when he addressed police personnel after inspecting a parade held in conjunction with Police Day at the Police Training Centre in Jalan Gurney this morning.

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The Prime Minister also urged the police to build up and maintain closer rapport with the public as this was vital in combating crime.

"The public plays an important role in helping to fight crime and their cooperation is vital to members of the force to ensure

peace and tranquillity in the nation.

"This will also help in the nation's progress and development."

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir who earlier inspected a guard of honour mounted by 1,800 police personnel from the various units later presented commendation letters to the widows of four policemen who were killed in the Kampung Memali incident and seven other police personnel who were injured.

Also present were Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah, Deputy Home Affairs Minister Datuk Radzi Tan Sri Sheikh Ahmad, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Haniff Omar, foreign dignitaries and senior police officers.