

# Word of praise for police

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad congratulated the police for their relentless sacrifice in maintaining peace in the country.

In a speech to mark Police Day celebrations tomorrow, Dr Mahathir said: "In facing the challenges of the '90s, I am confident that police will continue their efforts to uphold their image.

"Their responsibilities should also be in line with this year's police theme -- *Discipline under the force's colours*."

He said the emphasis on discipline was due to the

aspirations of the force to provide better service to the public.

"In conjunction with the 184th police day celebrations, the police flag was changed to reflect the spirit and commitment of police in maintaining law and order.

"I hope all police officers and men will continue to discharge their duties and responsibilities to maintain peace and harmony in the country," said Dr Mahathir.

In another message, the Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Mohamed Haniff Omar urged his officers and men to uphold discipline

and ensure a more efficient, professional and capable force.

Tan Sri Haniff said that this year's theme was chosen to reflect the force's commitment towards upgrading discipline among the rank-and-file.

"We hope the public will continue to support us to fight crime, maintain stability and eradicate undesirable elements which threaten to undermine the nation's security.

"In fact, we are proud that the public have placed their confidence and support in us to help maintain peace, harmony and stability in

the society and country."

He thanked the armed forces, government departments and agencies and the mass media for their unselfish co-operation and support for the force.

He also pledged that the force would continue to uphold their loyalty to the King and the country.

"We also pledge to carry out our duties and responsibilities with dedication, justice and discipline and to uphold the law and maintain peace and order."

The celebrations have been brought forward (from March 11 to 16) due to the fasting month.