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Ghafar-Award
SPECIAL AWARD FOR GHAFAR

MELAKA, May 15 (Bernama) -- Melaka Umno is to present a special award to former Deputy Prime Minister Tun Ghafar Baba in appreciation of his services to the party.

Ghafar is among eight Melaka Umno veteran figures to be presented with medals and sashes at the state-level celebration of Umno's 50th anniversary at Padang Bandar Hilir here on Saturday.

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Zin Abdul Ghani said today the awards would be presented by Deputy Prime Minister and Umno Deputy President Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim who would also launch the celebration.

Speaking to reporters here, Zin said Ghafar, who is also the former Umno deputy president and the seven other award recipients were among those involved in the setting up of Umno in Melaka in 1946.

The other recipients are Haji Nordin Saad, Datuk Mohd Ali Salleh, Mohd Jadi Lahom, Datuk Borhan Mohd Yaman, Datuk Johari Yusuf, Haji Abdul Samah Abdl Aziz and Zainab Samdin.

The celebration will begin with a procession and hoisting of Umno flag and the singing of the party's anthem by some 5,000 people.

Zin said there would be a recital of the Umno Melaka special poetry and the one penned by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad entitled "The Unfinished Struggle".

A one-day exhibition would also be held at the same venue, he said.

The state Umno will hold a dinner function and pantomime on the history of Umno at Seri Bendahara on Sunday. -- BERNAMA

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