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Five honoured with Asean citation

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Five signatories of the Bangkok Declaration 1967 which formalised Asean as a regional entity were conferred the first Asean Heads of Government Citation tonight in conjunction with the group's 30th anniversary.

They were Tun Thanat Khoman of Thailand, S. Rajaratnam of Singapore, Tun Adam Malik of Indonesia, Narciso Ramos of the Philippines and Tun Abdul Razak of Malaysia.

The only survivors are Thanat and Rajaratnam. Only the former was present at the conferment ceremony hosted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Rajaratnam was represented by Singapore's Foreign Minister Prof S. Jayakumar, and the late Adam by his widow Toh Puan Nelly Adam Malik. Senator Leticia Ramos Shahani received the citation on behalf of her late father Narciso Ramos and the late Tun Razak was represented by his widow Toh Puan Rahah Mohd Noah.

The Asean citation is the highest recognition conferred by the regional grouping and will from now on be given to a limited number of outstanding individuals every decade.

Each recipient was presented with a gold medallion and a scroll bearing the citation signed by all the nine Asean Heads of Government.

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