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TransAfrica expedition billed a `heroic effort`

SHAH ALAM, Mon. - The Silverstone TransAfrica 4x4 Expedition, dubbed a Malaysian mission of peace, goodwill and harmony to Africa, is being seen as a "heroic effort" by many a seasoned expedition team.

Expedition organising chairman George Wong said this was because of the extensive preparations and training that had gone into this first large-scale overland journey from the Cape of Good Hope to the Mediterranean Sea.

According to Wong the challenge was part of a desire to seek something new.

The event, sponsored by Silverstone Bhd, will take 55 participants along a 17,000km route through 12 countries over 33 days.

It is under the patronage of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

South African President Nelson Mandela will flag off the rally at Cape Town on Dec 1. It ends in Cairo.

Dr Mahathir will hand over the Malaysian flag to the expedition on Nov 27.

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