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JOURNALIST TURNED POLITICIAN TO RECEIVE TOP JOURNALISM AWARD

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 23 (Bernama) -- A former journalist who is currently a politician will receive the 'Tokoh Wartawan Negara' award on Monday, the Malaysian Press Institute (MPI) said today.

His name will be announced when the award is presented to him by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at a reception for delegates to the Commonwealth Press Union Conference.

Before entering politics and rising to become a chief minister, he had served as a reporter, editor, type-setter, newspaper vendor and media publisher, said MPI in a statement here.

This is the fourth time in 10 years that the award is presented. The previous recipients are Tan Sri A. Samad Ismail (1988), Tan Sri Lee Siew Yee (1991) and the late Datuk Ishak Mohammad (1995).

MPI said 23 journalists would be receiving the 1997 Malaysian Journalism Awards at a separate ceremony on Tuesday.

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