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Movement to enhance nationalistic spirit

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday launched the "Cinta Negara" or "Love the Nation" movement to instill stronger nationalistic spirit among Malaysians.

The campaign, launched at Angkasapuri in Kuala Lumpur, is aimed at strengthening solidarity among Malaysians and calls on the people to support the Government's efforts towards economic recovery and nation-building.

Also present were Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat and Deputy Information Minister Datuk Suleiman Mohamed.

"Cinta Negara" is targetted at today's youths so that they appreciate the sacrifices made by the earlier generations in bringing about development and prosperity to the country.

Dr Mahathir later launched the Information Ministry's website at [www.penerangan.gov.my](http://www.penerangan.gov.my) and signed the "Cetusan Rasa" book at the ministry, which records objections to foreign interference in the country's affairs.

Since its launch in the middle of last year, more than 80,000 Malaysians from all over the country have signed copies of "Cetusan Rasa" at state and district branch information offices.

Copies of the books can also be seen at shopping centres and government departments.

Bername reports: Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat said in the souvenir programme for the launching of the movement that intense on-going globalisation has become a new weapon for world powers to usurp the political, economic and social sovereignty of nations, including Malaysia.

At the function, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed also launched the Cinta Negara logo depicting the letter M embossed over a heart symbolising love for the country.

The main colours of the Malaysian flag "Jalur Gemilang" on the logo signify national resilience, peace, prosperity and economic stability.

The letter "M" symbolises Malaysians' pride for their motherland.

The letter M in bold blue with white borders depict the people's loyalty and the predominant use of yellow as the backdrop translates into the sovereignty of the country's administrative system.

Later in the evening, Dr Mahathir attended the breaking of fast organised by the Home Ministry at the Bukit Aman mosque, in Kuala Lumpur.

Dr Mahathir who is also the Home Minister was accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

Present were his two deputies in the Home Ministry, Datuk Mohd Tajol Rosli Ghazali and Datuk Ong Ka Ting.

Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayob, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Noor, Immigration Department director-general Datuk Aseh Che Mat and Public Services Department director-general Datuk Samsudin Osman were also present.

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