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Maulidur-Award

POLICEMAN WHO RESCUED MAGISTRATE RECEIVES MAULIDUR RASUL AWARD

KUALA LUMPUR, July 6 (Bernama) -- A policeman who rescued a magistrate held as hostage by a group of prisoners was presented the Maulidur Rasul Award at the celebration to mark Prophet Muhammad's birthday here today.

Sergeant-Major Abdul Latif Harun suffered a gun shot in the incident at Kuantan prison a few years ago, but he succeeded in shooting dead the prisoners after rescuing a senior prisons official as well.

Abdul Latif was one of 10 persons presented with the award by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at Pusat Islam here.

He had been with the police since 1975 and had to-date arrested 20 criminals, shot dead 20 others and rescued six kidnap victims.

Another recipient of the award was nurse Norsiah Saod who was cited for her contribution during the operation to rescue victims of the landslide tragedy in Pos Dipang near Tapah, Perak, two years ago.

She was reported to have walked five kilometres to the Sungai Budak Orang Asli settlement to help rescue the victims.

The award was also presented to Haji Mohd Noh Mohamad, a senior immigration officer in Melaka, for leading a team that succeeded in crippling a syndicate involved in forging travel documents in 1995.

Muniandy Doraisamy received the award for his services in the Red Crescent Society here.

The other recipients are Captain Suhaidi Saad, Haji Saim Abdul Adziz, Haji Nayan Salleh, Haji Hussin Hamid, Aziz Ismail and Mohd Omar Haji Yaakob.

They were each given a plaque, a certificate and books on Islam.

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