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Basir gets nomination for F1 success

SEPANG International Circuit chairman Tan Sri Basir Ismail, the man behind the success of the Petronas Malaysian Grand Prix, is among the nominations received for the 1999 Timesport-Sports Toto MAN OF THE YEAR award.

According to Azhar Ghazali, the "close working relationship between Basir and Formula One boss Bernie Ecclestone" helped Malaysia successfully stage their first in October.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was also among those nominated.

Among the reasons for nominating Dr Mahathir are "his farsightedness in Sports" and "commitment to providing sports infrastructure."

Credit should also go to Dr Mahathir for helping to bring to Malaysia such events as the 1998 Commonwealth Games, F1 Malaysian Grand Prix, and World Cup Golf.

Hockey's Datuk Seri P. Alagendra, who has made many significant contributions to the game in Malaysia since he played for the country at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, has also received his share of nominations.

So too the Squash Racket's Association of Malaysia and the late Datuk Alex Lee who served as their president for nine years.

Among others who have been nominated are sailor Datuk Azhar Mansor, hockey skipper Nor Saiful Zaini, Malaysian Tenpin Bowling Congress president Datuk P.S. Nathan, bowler Shalin Zulkifli and the people behind the successful hosting of the Petronas Malaysian Grand Prix.

Send your nomination to NST Sports Desk, Balai Berita, 31, Jalan Riong, 59100 Kuala Lumpur or Fax: 03-2849144. Our e-mail address is nstsport@nstp.com.my.

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