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Mahathir-Hafizam

DR MAHATHIR DRAPES WARRIOR'S SASH ON HAFIZAM

JITRA, May 1 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today draped the "Selendang Pahlawan" or Warrior's Sash on Wan Mohd Hafizam Wan Ismail when visiting the liver donor at his grandfather's house at Batu 12 1/2, Jalan Sintok near here.

Dr Mahathir who was accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Ali spent some time chatting with Wan Mohd and praised him for his noble deed.

The sash was presented by the Pertubuhan Wasilah Wan Kedah to Wan Mohd Hafizam. The sash is only given to those considered as heroes by the organisation.

The association also donated RM500 to Wan Mohd Hafizam, which was handed over to him by the Prime Minister.

Dr Mahathir and his wife also called on ailing former Tunjang Assemblyman Ismail Hanafi at his house at Kampung Baru, Changkat Setoi, near here.

Ismail, 68, was assemblyman from 1974 to 1982.

Wan Mohd Hafizam, 23, told reporters that he still felt some pain from the operation performed on him on April 3.

The Universiti Malaya Health Clinic Assistant Administrator said he felt honoured by the Prime Minister's visit.

On April 3, Wan Mohd Hafizam donated part of his liver to liver patient Mohd Afiq Iqmal, 14 months, through an operation at the Subang Jaya Medical Centre in Selangor.

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