

PM to launch unity programme

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LABUAN, Fri. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will launch a new programme next month aimed at instilling the importance of unity among the people.

Called the **Gerak Rasa Perpaduan**, the programme will be spearheaded by the National Unity and Social Development Ministry.

The ministry's director-general Ainon Kuntom said a date would be fixed next month for the national-level launching followed by that at State-level.

She told a Press conference after a meeting with National Unity

Department officials here today, that Dr Mahathir had given Minister Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman approval for the programme.

She said the programme, among others, would encourage family and community values that could bring the people together.

“One example is a gathering of leaders with the people sitting on the floor (*bersila*) instead of the leaders on a special stage and the people sitting in front of them (leaders),” said Ainon while sitting on the floor with other officials at the Labuan Waterfront Hotel.