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TWO BOOKS OF DR MAHATHIR TRANSLATED INTO ARABIC

KUALA LUMPUR, June 29 (Bernama) -- A Sudanese publishing company has translated two books of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad - "A New Deal For Asia" and "A way Forward", into Arabic.

Director of the Ash-Shahid International for Media Services Dr Khalid Eltigani Elnour said a newspaper "As-Sahafi Ad-Dawli" published by the company had serialised the two books between July and October last year and March and May this year.

"This had attracted the attention of many readers who then suggested that the serialised articles be compiled into book form," he told Bernama here.

With a daily circulation of 70,000 copies, the "AS-Sahafi Ad-Dawli is one of Sudan's leading dailies and is also being circulated in several Gulf countries.

Khalid who is also the Editor-in-Chief of the daily said that copies of the books had been distributed among ministers, delegates and observers who are attending the 27th session of the Islamic Conference Foreign Ministers.

Khalid said the two books would be launched in Sudan next month by the country's Minister of External Relations Dr Mustafa Osman Ismail.

The title of the "A New Deal for Asia" has been changed to "The Stolen Future- The Story of Economic Crisis of Asian Tigers" while "The Way Forward" was given a new name "How To Build A Nation - The Story of Malaysian Renaissance".

"This is to attract Arab readers to get ideas from the books," he said.

He said that it took two months for four professional translators to complete the work.

Khalid said the company had printed 10,000 copies initially and more would be printed for distribution among Arab and Muslim countries and other countries where people spoke and read Arabic.

"These books are targeted for Arab leaders, politicians, students and also will be sent to libraries in the Arab world," he said.

On the cost of the books, Khalid said his company was more interested in disseminating Dr Mahathir's ideas and views to the world.

He said Dr Mahathir with his far-sighted ideas and vision had set an example not only for the developing countries but to all countries of the world.

"He is not just a leader for Malaysian but a world leader with great vision. I feel it is valuable for Arab leaders and the people to know about his views and ideas," he said.

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