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RM13m facelift for Pekan Rabu

ALOR STAR, Wed. - The town's oldest bazaar, Pekan Rabu, will be given a RM13 million facelift and carry the new name of Pekan Rabu Che Det Mall, in honour of its most famous `trader', Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The complex which houses a collection of shops owned by Malay traders will be transformed into a retail and cultural centre in six months.

In line with the physical changes, its name is also being changed to include the name Che Det, which is a pet name popularly used in Kedah to refer to the Prime Minister.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain said the complex would see the addition of a paved walkway and a pedestrian mall to be called Che Det Walk.

It will feature trendy cafes, souvenir shops and a huge electronic advertising billboard.

Another addition will be a square, which is to be constructed over a section of Sungai Raja that flows along Pekan Rabu.

The square will function as a centre for cultural performances and exhibitions from every State once it is completed, Syed Razak said after a ground breaking ceremony at the complex today.

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