

# Dr M honours fallen heroes

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad laid a wreath at the National Memorial in conjunction with Warriors Day yesterday.

He earlier inspected a guard-of-honour mounted by 103 officers and men of the Royal Malay Regiment led by Mej Abu Samah Mohamed Nor.

The ceremony began with the *Lust Post* and a poem, *Pahlawan* (Warriors), by Mej (R) Mohamed Awang who wrote it himself.

Mahathir led the wreath-laying, followed by Defence Forces Chief Tan Sri Mohamed Zahidi Zainuddin and Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Norian Mai.

Army Chief Jen Tan Sri Mohamed Hashim Hussein, Navy Chief Laksamana Tan Sri Abu Bakar Abdul Jamal, Air Force Chief Jen Datuk Seri Suleiman Mahmud, Malaysian Ex-Servicemen's Association president Datuk Mohamad Abdul Ghani and Ex-Policemen's Association president Datuk Mansor H.M. Jaafar also laid wreaths at the ceremony.

Present were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and cabinet ministers.

In **IPOH**, the Raja Muda of Perak, Raia Nazrin Shah, attended the state-level 42nd Warriors Day celebration at the grounds of the Perak Darul Ridzuan building.

A total of 527 members of the police force, the Fire and Rescue Department, the General Operations Force, the army, air force, navy, Rela, Civil Defence Department, Malaysian Red Crescent Society, scouts and girl guides, and school-children participated in a parade led by Mej Faridon Saat of the Royal Malay Regiment.

Present were Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamed Tajol Rosli Ghazali, State Secretary Datuk Isahak Yeop Mohamad Shar, state exco members and government officials.

In **KOTA BARU**, Menteri Besar

Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat launched the state-level Warriors Day Appeal 2002 at Padang Merdeka. Present were 8th Infantry Brigade Commander Brig-Jen Datuk Ramli Harun, state Chief Police Officer SAC '1 Datuk Mohamed Najib Abdul Aziz and senior state government officials.

In his speech, campaign committee chairman Datuk Tengku Shah Buddin Tengku Mohamed Maasom,

who is state secretary, proposed that government employees in the state donate at least RM1 to the fund.

"If all of them were to do so, 'we'll be able to collect over RM50,000," he said.

A fund-raising dinner and tattoo would also be held, he said.

Nik Abdul Aziz told reporters later the ex-servicemen had contributed much to the prevailing peace and security in the country