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DR M LAUNCHES DR ALIJAH'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

KUALA LUMPUR, June 10 (Bernama) -- Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad today launched the autobiography of the late Datuk Dr Alijah Gordon who spent her life working on establishing and developing sponsorship programmes in support of Palestinian children and widows.

Entitled "On Becoming Alijah -- Part 1: From The American Revolutionary War Through Burma, March 1957," the 406-page hard-cover book is priced at RM140 a copy.

In his speech, Dr Mahathir said he admired Dr Alijah's love and affection for the Palestinians.

He said Malaysians should appreciate the country's independence that cannot be tasted by the Palestinians.

"Malaysians, especially the Malays, are not really grateful of the independence we have. If we were on the shoes of the Palestinians, we will not take our independence for granted," he said.

The 74-year-old Dr Alijah died in November last year of pneumonia.

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