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DR MAHATHIR SAYS NEEDS MORE TIME TO FINISH MEMOIR

KUALA LUMPUR, June 15 (Bernama) -- Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight he still could not finish his memoir, even after six attempts.

"Many have asked me when I can finish my memoir. I have tried six times but still could not finish it," he lamented.

He said each time he failed because he felt the style of his writing might not capture the interest of readers.

"Not everybody can write a memoir that others want to read," he said at the Kumpulan Utusan Literature Prize presentation at the Palace of the Golden Horses in Seri Kembangan near here.

The former Prime Minister admitted he might need more time to finish it.

"You will have to wait because at the moment I still have a lot of invitations, a lot of this thing and that thing to do, and I have so many reasons not to write," he quipped.

At the presentation, 29 writers received prizes in the short story, teenage short story, poem, teenage novel, research and literature feature categories.

Mohd Faizal Musa, writing under the pen-name Faisal Tehrani, topped the winners list of the 2004 Kumpulan Utusan Literature Prize when he won the first and second places in the teenage novel category with the novels entitled "Advenser Si Peniup Ney" and "Detektif Indigo".

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