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Our Prime Minister deserves to be a Tun

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IT'S already August. Soon, it will be September. And then it will be time for all Malaysians to bid farewell to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. Many would say that he is God's best gift to Malaysians in general and to the non-Bumiputeras in particular. He has done so much for the country - for the Malays, for the Chinese, the Indians and the Kadazans, Ibans and others in Sabah and Sarawak as well.

Among the Chinese, he is fondly referred to not as Dr Mahathir but as Mar tar ker or "big brother Mar". The Chinese admire him for, among others, his moderation, vision and his leadership qualities.

My intention here is not to praise him. Let others shower him with the accolades which he well deserves. I only wish to suggest that before Mar tar ker steps down, those in the Government who love him should honour him by bestowing on him the title Tun, a title which he so greatly deserves.

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