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Dr M launches exhibitio on tents

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today launched the region's first exhibition on nomadic tents at the Islamic Arts Museum.

Dr Mahathir said the exhibition, entitled "Beyond Boundaries - Tents of the Islamic World", told a lot about the past and people who lived in tents.

"Tents allowed the people to move from uninhabitable land to look for pastures for their herds."

He said for some reason, tents have been generally associated with Muslims. "Many Muslims live in the desert and many of them are herdsmen. When they moved around looking for pastures, they brought along their tents."

The exhibition, open from Tuesday to Sunday from 10am to 6pm, is being held in collaboration with the Museum of Ethnography in Hamburg, Germany. It will be end on May 31.

Entrance to the museum is RM8 for adults, RM4 for students and senior citizens, and RM3 for schoolchildren in uniform in a group of 30, and free for children below six.

It features original tents from Central Asia, and features five tents from regions along the Silk Road.

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