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PM deserves special award

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I REFER to the many suggestions to honour Dr Mahathir with a fitting tribute when he retires at the end of the month.

Some have suggested the award of Seri Maharaja Mangku Negara which carries the title "Tun". How can the nation award a Prime Minister for deeds beyond that of a common citizen?

In view of the unique contributions of our Prime Ministers since Merdeka, beginning with Tengku Abdul Rahman Putra, Tun Abdul Razak and Tun Hussein Onn, I suggest the Federal Government consider the creation of a new, superior order - an order without peer.

According to Datuk Abdullah Ali's Malaysian Protocol, the title of "Tun" is confined to 25 recipients and "Tan Sri" 75. New orders have been created from time to time.

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