

IN ITEM E403, +BOOK+, PLEASE READ IN INTRO ...YOUTH AND SPORTS MINISTER, RPT YOUTH AND SPORTS AND NOT CULTURE AND SPORTS MINISTER AS SENT.

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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 7, (BERNAMA) -- YOUTH AND SPORTS MINISTER DATUK SERI NAJIB TUN RAZAK TODAY WARNED WRITERS WHO BASED THEIR BOOKS ON LIES INSTEAD OF FACTS THAT THEY WERE PUTTING THEIR INTEGRITY, AND THEIR PUBLISHERS', AT STAKE.

SUCH WORKS WOULD NEVER BE AWARD WINNERS OR THE "PRIDE OF THE PEOPLE BUT INSTEAD INCITE POLITICAL CONTROVERSIES, HE SAID WHEN LAUNCHING THE BOOK "MAHATHIR-THE GREAT MALAYSIAN HERO", WRITTEN BY HASAN HAMZAH, HERE.

HE OUTLINED SEVERAL CRITERIA FOR A GOOD WORK. THEY INCLUDE ACCURACY, INFORMATIVE APPROACH AND ATTRACTIVE STYLE OF WRITING.

ENCIK HASAN, A FORMER JOURNALIST, SAID HE TOOK 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE BOOK. IT IS A COMPILATION OF ANALYSIS BASED ON NEWS AND EVENTS DURING DR MAHATHIR'S ERA AS PRIME MINISTER FROM 1981 UNTIL NOW.

THE BOOK IS AVAILABLE AT LEADING BOOKSTORES AT \$40 PER COPY. THE PUBLISHERS, MEDIAPRINT PUBLICATIONS, HAVE PRINTED 10,000 COPIES FOR CIRCULATION, BOTH LOCALLY AND ABROAD.

ENCIK HASAN, 33, HAS AUTHORED AND CO-AUTHORED SEVERAL BOOKS SO FAR. ANOTHER BOOK ON THE PRIME MINISTER -- "SUKA DUKA POLITIK DR MAHATHIR" -- IS EXPECTED ON SALE SOON. -- BERNAMA

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