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KOTA KINABALU, Aug 19 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be conferred the title +Wira Nusa Raya+ by Sabah UMNO in appreciation of his contributions to the state.

Disclosing this in an interview over a radio programme here, State Umno Liaison Deputy Chairman, Tun Datu Mustapha Harun, said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir was a leader without comparison and his contributions to the state should be lauded.

The Prime Minister will be accorded a grand welcome when he makes a two-day visit to Sabah from Sept 11.

Tun Mustapha said the title would be conferred on the Prime Minister at a thanksgiving ceremony for the Barisan Nasional victory in the Usukan state by-election in May, Umno's first victory in the state.

More than 10,000 people were expected to attend the ceremony to be held in Usukan on Sept 12.

He said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir would also be presented with the Bajau warrior gear, comprising a kris and +tanjak+ (headgear).

The Prime Minister is scheduled to unveil a commemorative stone to celebrate the Umno victory in the state. -- Bernama

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