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Sarawak-Medals

DR MAHATHIR HEADS LIST OF SARAWAK AWARD RECIPIENTS

KUCHING, July 21 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad headed the list of 308 recipients of state awards and medals in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of Sarawak's independence within Malaysia tomorrow.

Dr Mahathir was the sole recipient of the newly created Sarawak's highest award, Darjah Satria Bintang Sarawak (SBS), which carries the title "Pehin".

Two others, namely Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and the wife of the Yang Dipertua Negeri, Toh Puan Hajah Norkiah, were awarded the Datuk Patinggi Bintang Kenyalang which carries the title "Datuk Patinggi".

Eleven received the Panglima Negara Bintang Sarawak (PNBS) which carries the title Datuk Sri. They were State Assembly Speaker Datuk Mohamad Asfia Awang Nasar, Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu, International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz, Agriculture Minister Datuk Mohd Effendi Norwawi.

Sarawak Infrastructure and Communications Development Minister Datuk Wong Soon Koh, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Samsudin Osman, Armed Forces Chief Tan Sri Zahidi Zainuddin, Finance Ministry Secretary-General Tan Sri Dr Shamsudin Hitam, Petronas President and Chief Executive Officer Tan Sri Hassan Merican, former Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik and Datuk Seri Dr Zainul Ariff Hussain from the Implementation and Coordination Unit, Prime Minister's Department.

There were six recipients of the Panglima Gemilang Bintang Kenyalang (PGBK) award, which carries the title Datuk.

They were Datuk Azman Abdul Rashid, Secretary-General of the Rural Development Ministry, Universiti Teknologi Mara Vice-Chancellor Datuk Seri

Prof Dr Ibrahim Abu Shah, Datuk Sharum Yub, Dr Tan Yaw Kwang, Hajah Raziah Mahmud and Datuk Zaharah Shaari from the Transport Ministry.

Twelve people were conferred the Panglima Setia Bintang Sarawak (PSBS).

Among them were Baram Member of Parliament Jacob Sagan, Sarawak Chief Imam

Ustaz Nahrawi Abdul Rahman, Senator Benedit Bujang Tembak, and politician and businessman Peter Minos.

Three received the Darjah Jasa Bakti Sarawak (DJBS), six received the

Johan Bintang Sarawak (JBS), six others received the Johan Bintang Kenyalang (JBK) and 22 received the Pegawai Bintang Sarawak (PBS).

Forty-six people were awarded the Ahli Bintang Sarawak (ABS), 84 received the Bentara Bintang Sarawak (BBS), 16 received the Pegawai Bintang

Kenyalang (PBK), 15 received the Ahli Bintang Kenyalang, 27 received the

Pingat Perkhidmatan Bakti (PPB) (Silver) and 49 others received the Pingat

Perkhidmatan Terpuji (PPT) (Bronze).

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