

Pictorial book on Emergency launched

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<mailto:news@nst.com.my> KUALA LUMPUR: A pictorial book titled Malayan Emergency — 1948 to 1960 (Revisited) was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi yesterday.

The book serves to remember and honour those who gave their sweat, tears and lives to defend the country against communist terrorism.

Written by Lt Col (R) Mohd Azzam Mohd Hanif Ghows, with the assistance of a panel of editors, it was launched at the Islamic Arts Museum Kuala Lumpur.

The 396-page book recalls the events of the Malayan Emergency period, the formation of the Malayan Communist Party and the Second World War.

It portrays the trials and tribulations faced on the way to independence. The book, jointly published by Yayasan Pelajaran Islam and AMR Holdings, is priced at RM180. Also present were Yayasan Pelajaran Islam chairman Datuk Mohamed Iqbal and AMR Holdings chairman Datuk Abdul Mutalib Razak.

Abdullah said the book offered a new perspective on the emergency period as it was a narrative by Malaysians who were involved in the fighting.

He noted three lessons that could be learnt from the Emergency: Malaysians must treasure the peace and stability that we now enjoy, terrorists do not belong to any particular ethnic group, and that terrorism cannot be defeated by military and coercive measures alone.

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