

# Abdullah: Raja Mohar a national warrior

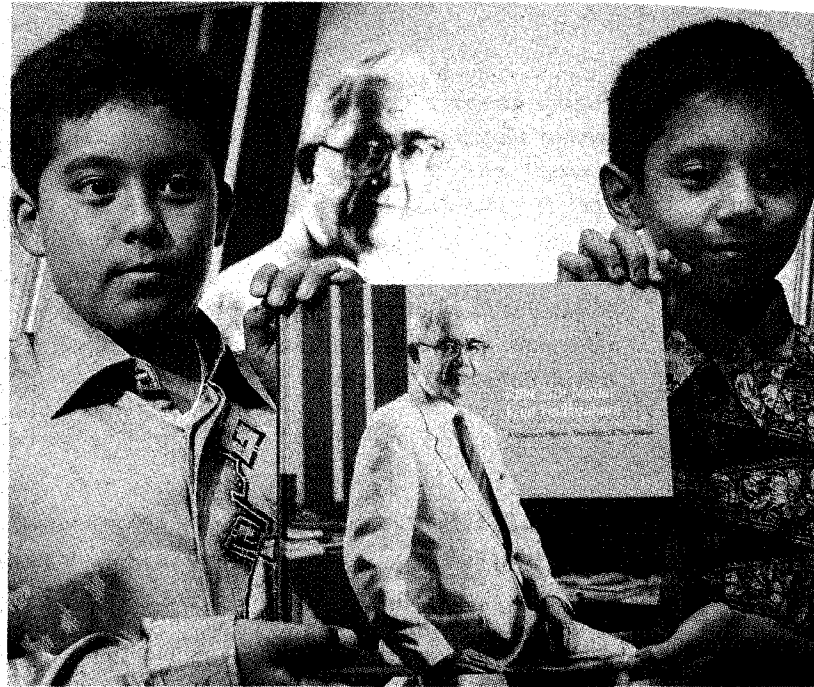
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**KUALA LUMPUR:** A national warrior. That's how Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi described the late Raja Tun Mohar Raja Badiozaman.

Abdullah said the former MAS and Petronas chairman was a humble, dedicated and gracious individual.

"He was a truly great man. He was a prince with the heart of a common man, ready to serve anyone, irrespective of status. That's the man I knew," he said during the launch of a pictorial biography entitled *Raja Tun Mohar Raja Badiozaman: A Gracious Prince, The Pride of the Nation*.

Present were Raja Mohar's wife Toh Puan Norella Talib and their family members, Petronas adviser Tun Dr Ma-



Raja Tun Mohar Raja Badiozaman's grandchildren, Tengku Sharafuddin Abu Bakar (left) and Raja Rafiqe Mohar with the pictorial biography.

hathir Mohamad, MAS chairman Datuk Munir Majid and Malaysian Humanitarian Foundation chairman Tan Sri Dr Mazlan Ahmad.

Raja Mohar was a great-grandson of Sultan Abdullah of Perak. He carved a long and illustrious career in the public and private sectors that spanned 45 years.

In the public sector, Raja Mohar served under three prime ministers, starting with Tun Abdul Razak Hussein.

Abdullah said he remem-

bered Raja Mohar as someone who could get things done without having to raise his voice or lose his temper.

"When I was a junior civil officer, Raja Mohar chaired lots of committees and on days when he did not attend the meetings, we felt as if something was missing."

Abdullah said the people would not forget Raja Mohar's contributions to the nation.

"There's so much we can learn from him, things that inspired each and everyone

of us."

He suggested that a biography of Raja Mohar be published to enable all Malaysians to get to know him better.

"Pictures cannot tell his nature, his discipline, humility, dedication and love for everyone."

The 172-page book, which comes in normal and special editions, will be available at all MPH stores from April 1. The normal edition costs RM50 while the special edition costs RM250.