

# Dr M gets Mother Teresa award

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**ALOR STAR:** Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is the first Malaysian to receive the Mother Teresa Memorial International Award for Social Justice.

The award was presented during a ceremony at Taj President Hotel in Mumbai, India, yesterday.

Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir received the award on behalf of his father, who is recuperating from a mild heart attack.

Dr Mahathir's personal assistant Adzlin Azhar said the award was given in recognition of Dr Mahathir's efforts in pushing through national unity in a multi-racial and multireligious country.

"During his tenure as the

Prime Minister, Dr Mahathir had ensured that economic development and progress was enjoyed by all, regardless of their ethnic and religious backgrounds," she said when contacted yesterday.

"The award was given in honour of his achievement."

Adzlin said the award, given by the Harmony Foundation, was to honour men and women of integrity.

Dr Mahathir, who suffered a mild heart attack on Nov 9, was discharged from Institut Jantung Negara on Nov 14.

A family friend said Dr Mahathir was feeling bored as he is accustomed to a hectic routine.

"He will probably start writing his memoirs again to keep himself busy."