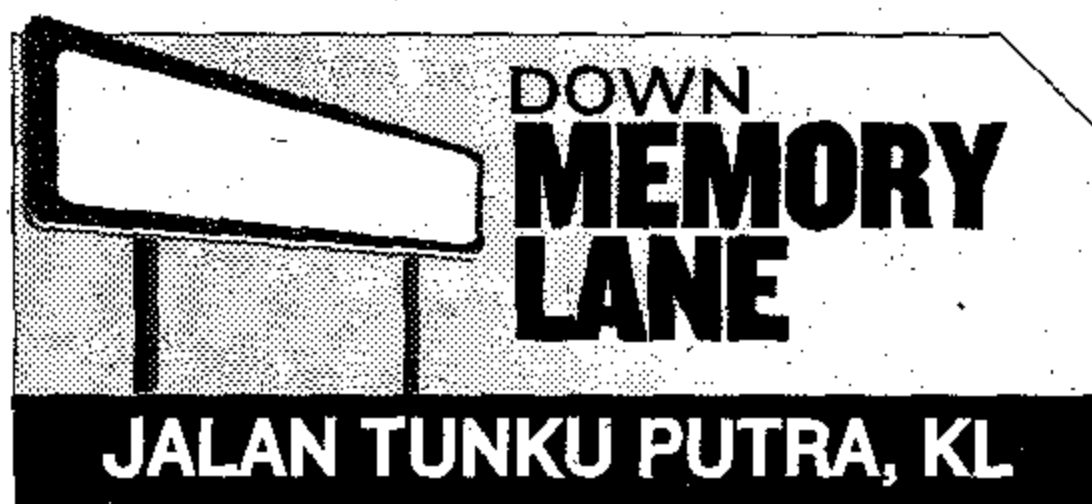


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Road named in honour of the Tunku

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Named after our first prime minister, Jalan Tunku Putra is a gateway to luxury



The people's politician: Tunku Abdul Rahman was known for his generosity.

»If you think you are rich, there are many who are richer than you. If you think you are clever, there are more people cleverer than you. But if you think you are honest, then you are among the few and in this instance, it is best to be among the few«

TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN

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The great leader died on 6th December 1990 at the age of 87, and was laid to rest at the Langgar Royal Mausoleum in Alor Star, Kedah. Holiday was declared to mourn the death of a man who was truly a people's politician.

DO YOU know that Jalan Tunku Putra named after our first Prime Minister was known as Natesa Road during the British period?

Changed to Jalan Tunku Putra in the early 80s, the road can be accessed via Jalan Taman Duta, where the High Commission of India is located and via Mahameru Highway leading to Bukit Tunku through Jalan Changkat Tunku.

If you were to drive along the Bukit Tunku area, you would find that most of the roads have the word *Tunku* added to them in honour of our Bapa Kemerdekaan (Father of Independence) Tunku Abdul Rahman.

The Tunku himself resided at No.1 Jalan Tunku in Bukit Tunku, which was formerly known as Kenny Hill. Known as one of the elite residential areas, Bukit Tunku boast a host of bungalows, luxury condominiums and villas amidst green landscape.

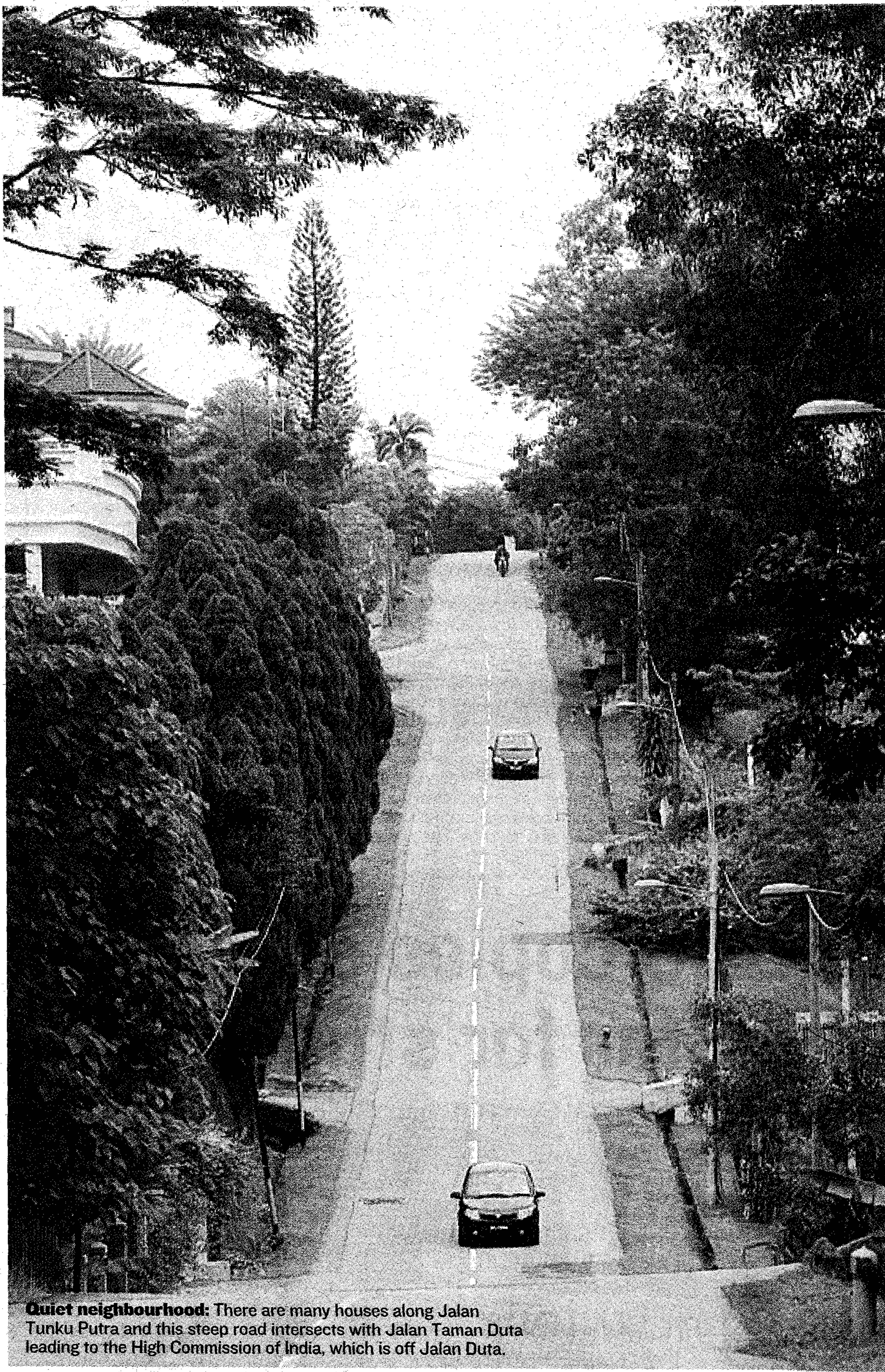
Taman Duta, a part of Bukit Tunku came about in the 1950s and some consider it as the Beverly Hills of Malaysia. Some of its residents include top corporate figures, politicians, expatriates, and civil servants.

According to the Tunku's eldest son Tunku Datuk Ahmad Nerang, the family moved there in the 1980s and lived there until the day the Tunku died. The generous Tunku often had many gatherings and welcomed people to his home.

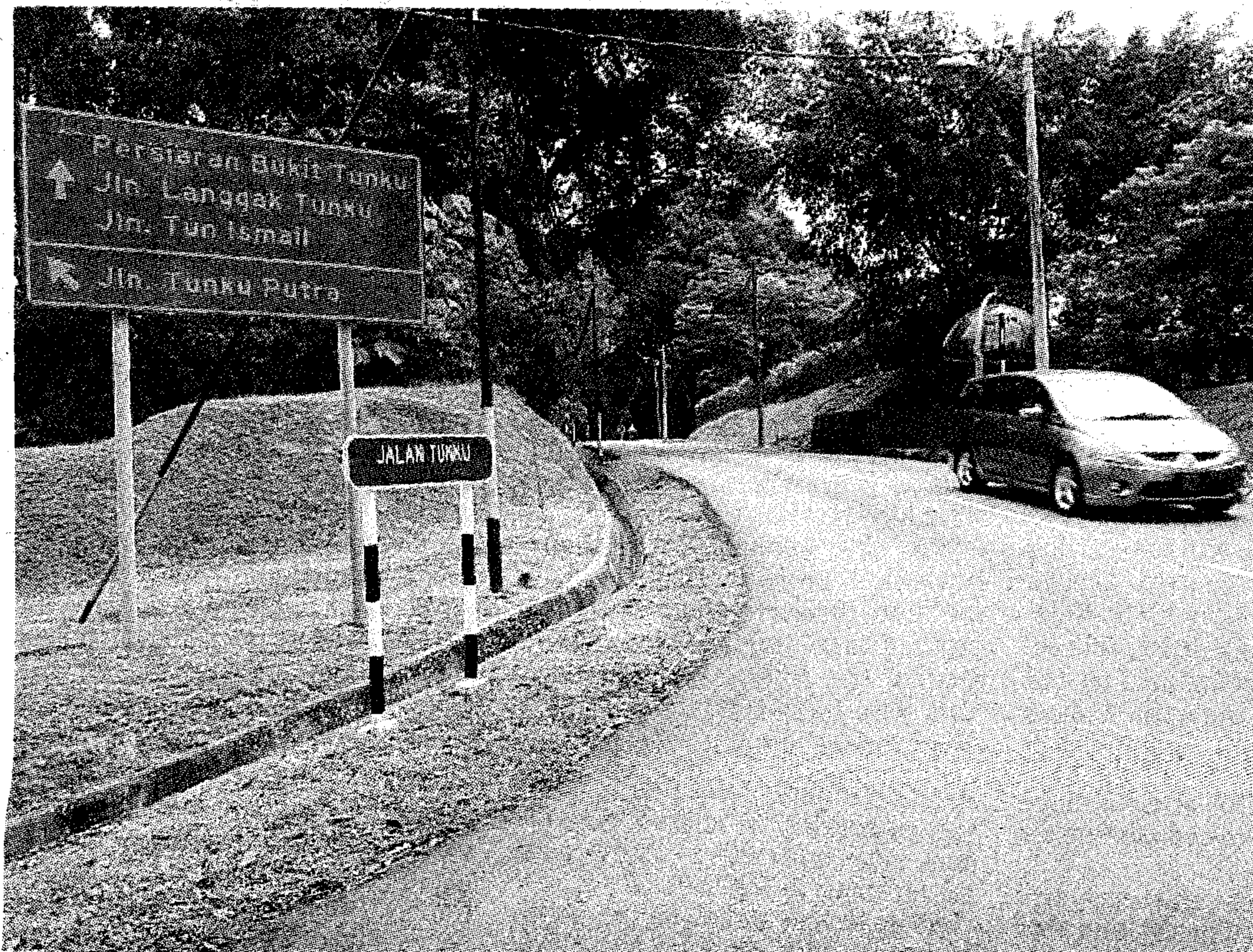
Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj ibni Almarhum Sultan Abdul Hamid Halim Shah, CH (Order of the Companions of Honour) was born on February 8, 1903 at Istana Pelamin, Alor Star, Kedah. He was the 20th child of Sultan Abdul Hamid Halim Shah and Cik Menjalara, daughter of Luang Naraborirak, a Thai district officer.

The Tunku was chief minister of the Federation of Malaya from 1955, and Malaysia's first prime minister from 1957 to 1970. During his reign, he established the Pertubuhan Kebajikan Agama Islam (Perkim), where he served as the president until a year before he died.

His son remembers many wise words of his late father but one in particular, still lingers in his mind "If you think you are rich, there are many who are richer than you. If you think you are clever, there are more people cleverer than you.



Quiet neighbourhood: There are many houses along Jalan Tunku Putra and this steep road intersects with Jalan Taman Duta leading to the High Commission of India, which is off Jalan Duta.



This is the way: Two signboards, one leads to Jalan Tunku and the other points to Jalan Tunku Putra in Bukit Tunku.