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Mahathir turns actor in local movie

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PETALING JAYA: Local filmgoers can expect to catch former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad on screen after he accepted an acting role in an upcoming film *Kapsul*.

The motion picture directed by the late Martias Mohd Ali, which will be screened nationwide on Sept 17, will see Mahathir starring in five scenes, including one with main actor Faizal Hussein.

Producer Amru Najmi Osman had said Mahathir's appearance in the film has no relevance with the current political situation.

"In one of the scenes, he will be burying a Vision 2020 time capsule in a Putrajaya monument during his stint as prime minister," he said.

"I believe his appearance will give an impact to the film as a whole, as it has a meaningful message," he added.

Amru Najmi also said Mahathir agreed to star in the film as the story line portrays the struggle of the Malays since pre-independence.

The plot revolves around a young man called Zohri (Faizal) who travels back to 1942 and helps defend the country from the Japanese soldiers,

feeling the suffering of the Malays before independence.

Zohri was hired by a man, supposedly a "Datuk" to steal the Vision 2020 capsule before he went missing.

The film was inspired from Mahathir's idea about Vision 2020.

The movie will also feature a special appearance by Internet millionaire, Irfan Khairi.

A total of 10 popular artistes and 30 supporting actors were also involved in the making of the film. - by **Song Boon Mun and Amar Shah Mohsen**



Mahathir with Faizal in one of the scenes in the movie.