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Tun Sakaran is this year's Tokoh Maal Hijrah

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KUALA LUMPUR: Tun Sakaran Dandai, 87, the eighth Sabah Yang di-Pertua Negeri, was awarded Tokoh Maal Hijrah at the national-level celebration yesterday.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak presented the award to Sakaran, who was also Sabah chief minister from 1994 to 1995, at Masjid Wilayah Persekutuan here.

Sakaran was presented with a certificate, a medal and RM100,000. Accompanying him was his wife, Toh Puan Siti Rukaiyah Abdullah.

Earlier, Sakaran called on all Muslims to unite regardless of race and to live in harmony.

"We should love one another and be grateful to our country. I hope our country will continue to strive to be the very example of a great Islamic country.

"We should also support our leaders and country so that we can attain the developed nation status as envisioned in the National Transformation plan."

Sakaran said the award was a great honour for him and Pertubuhan Islam Seluruh Sabah, which he led for 23 years.

"I am also grateful to God for giving me this award and, hopefully, he will bless our Maal Hijrah celebration today (yesterday)."



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak after presenting the Tokoh Maal Hijrah award to Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sabah Tun Sakaran Dandai at the Maal Hijrah celebration in Masjid Wilayah Persekutuan yesterday. With them are the prime minister's wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom (third from left), Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Asyraf Wajdi Dusuki (second from left) and Islamic Development Department director-general Tan Sri Othman Mustapha (left). PIC BY AIZUDDIN SAAD