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## Dr Mahathir picked as Muslim Man of the Year by online publication

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has been picked as "Muslim Man of the Year" by The Muslim 500, a ranking of the world's 500 most influential Muslims.

In the 2019 edition of the publication, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, Dr Mahathir is lauded for leading Pakatan Harapan to win the 14th General Election, before being appointed as prime minister for the second time.

Dr Mahathir is described as a "one in a million" who pushed Malaysia towards becoming an East Asian economic leader during his previous rule.

Despite being named Muslim Man of the Year, Dr Mahathir ranked 44 among 500 Muslim luminaries in his first-ever appearance in the publication.

"This quite extraordinary man has had a dynamic political career spanning 70 years and yet, at the same time, been the author of 17 published books.

Aside from two memoirs, all of them are direct narratives responding to the immediate problems confronting Malaysian governance and economy, a concern often extended to Asia as a whole and the global economy and his plans for rectifying those problems.

"Not bad for a 93-year-old politician with a history of two heart attacks and one bypass surgery," said Prof S. Abdallah Schleifer in his writeup in the online publication.

Also on the list are King Abdullah II of Jordan, Indonesian



*Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad*

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The Muslim Woman of the Year honour was given to Ahded Tamimi, 17, a Palestinian teenager known for her courage in slapping Israeli troops in December last year.

Nominations for The Muslim 500 are evaluated on the basis of the influence that particular Muslims have had in the Muslim community and the manner in which their influence has benefited Muslims in the Islamic world and in terms of representing Islam to non-Muslims.

The results are compiled by the Royal Islamic Strategic Studies