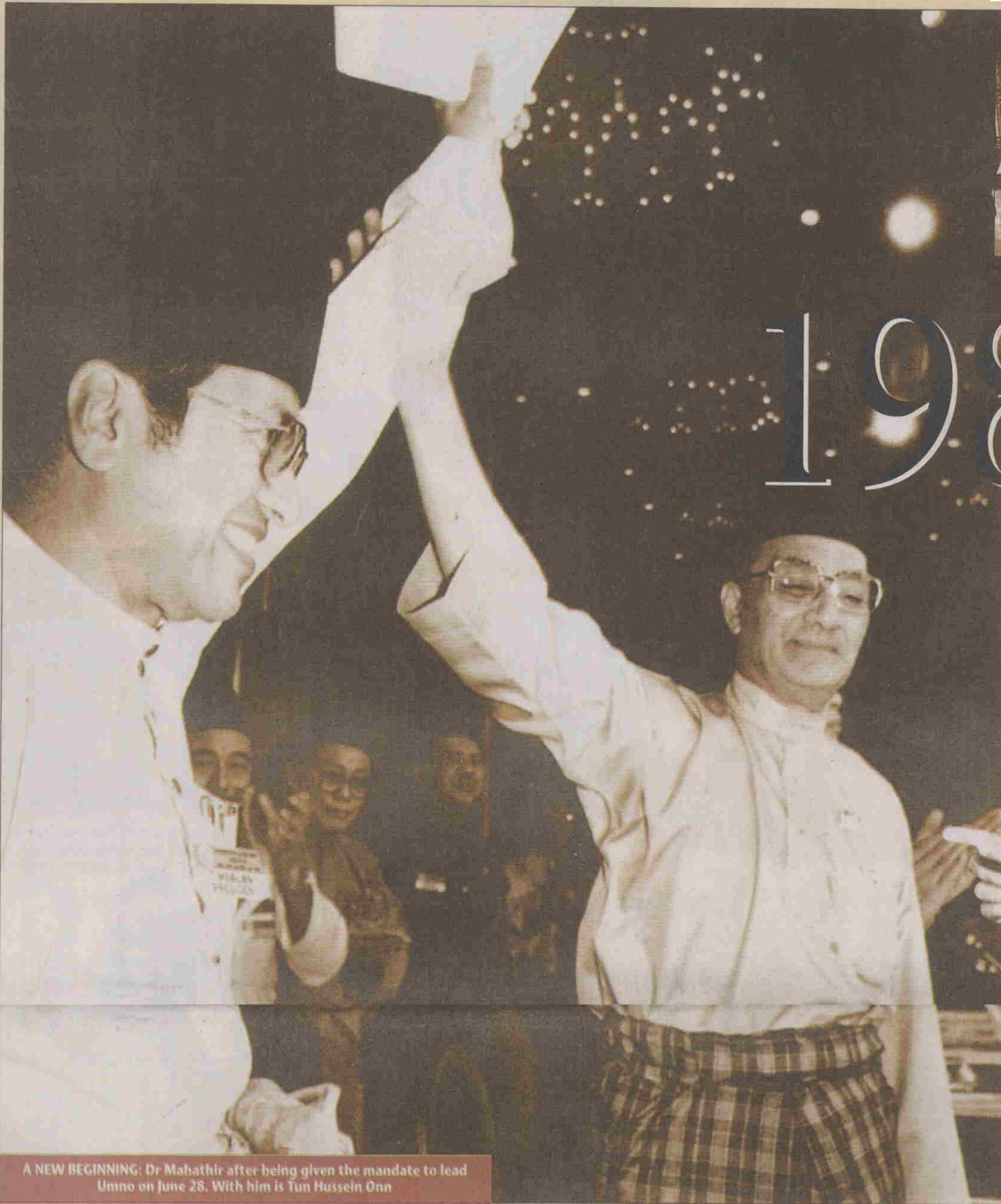


# DR MAHATHIR'S 23 YEARS AS PM

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A NEW BEGINNING: Dr Mahathir after being given the mandate to lead Umno on June 28. With him is Tun Hussein Onn



IS THAT SHINY ENOUGH, SIR?: Dr Mahathir having his shoes shined by Nelson Sardelli on May 13

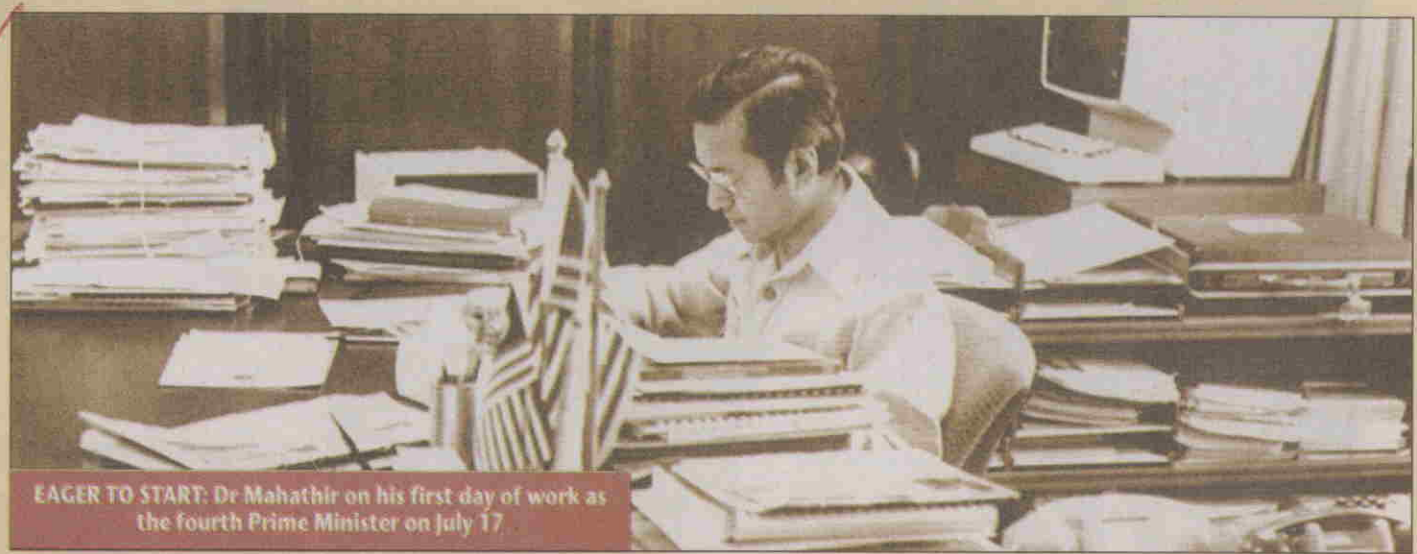
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ATTENTIVE: Dr Mahathir after being sworn in



GROOVY: Dr Mahathir trying out the motorcycle given by the Malacca branch of the Malay Chamber of Commerce Malaysia in October



EAGER TO START: Dr Mahathir on his first day of work as the fourth Prime Minister on July 17



PENSIVE: Dr Mahathir at the launch of Amanah Saham Nasional on Jan 8



CAREFUL NOW!: Dr Mahathir and Datin Paduka Rafidah Aziz braving the muddy grounds of the ongoing Dayabumi project on Nov 23