

Mahathir To Receive Honorary Doctorate For Malay Leadership And Empowerment
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SURAKARTA (Indonesia), Sept 2 (Bernama) -- Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to receive an Honorary Doctorate in Social and Cultural Studies for Malay Leadership and Empowerment by Universiti Sebelas Maret Indonesia (UNS-Solo) in a special ceremony at the university's main campus here on Monday.

The award is being presented in recognition of his contributions and service in raising the dignity and honour of the Malays in the world arena.

"Dr Mahathir's service towards raising the self-confidence of the Malays to be at the same level as the others races in the world is enormous.

"When Dr Mahathir was the Prime Minister of Malaysia, the Malays felt elevated," said UNS-Solo rector, Prof Dr Ravik Karsidi at a news conference here Sunday.

Dr Mahahir will be the second person to receive the honorary doctorate from the university after an Indonesian figure three years ago.

UNS-Solo is one of the largest public universities in Indonesia and is ranked seventh among 72 public universities in Indonesia. It also accepts Malaysian medical students.

In conjunction with the honorary degree award, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to deliver a talk titled 'Criminalisation of War' at the university.

The former prime minister, accompanied by his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, is also scheduled to visit the grave of former Indonesian president Suharto at Giribangun, Solo, after the presentation ceremony.

As a curtain raiser to the honorary doctorate presentation, UNS-Solo and Universiti Utara Malaysia have organised an international seminar entitled "The future of Malays amidst global political crisis and change."

Dr Mahathir in his three-day visit to Indonesia, will also deliver a talk on "War Is Crime" organised by the Perdana Global Peace Foundation at Universiti Muhammadiyah, Yogyakarta on Tuesday.

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