

**After Dr M, Mural Of Tunku Abdul Rahman Adorns Building Wall In Alor Setar
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ALOR SETAR, July 1 (Bernama) -- After the appearance of a mural of former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the wall of an old building in Pekan Melayu here, now the country's first prime minister, the late Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra, is featured in similar fashion for posterity.

It was sketched and painted by Zulfadli Ahmad Nawawi, 29, an artist from Medium Touch, using black and white tones, for the public to understand and appreciate Tunku's struggles for the country's independence.

"It tells the story of the country's independence. It also depicts the scene at Merdeka Stadium during the declaration of independence by Tunku," he told Bernama.

Zulfadli who began his career as a mural artist in 2005, was assisted by two other artists in painting the 8mx8m mural of Tunku Abdul Rahman from last Sunday until yesterday.

Kedah Chinese Youth Bureau chief, Tan Chee Hiong said the effort organised by the bureau with the cooperation of the state government, was a community project to promote the state's eminent figures, besides instilling patriotism among the younger generation.

He said this was undertaken in preparation for Kedah Visit Year 2016 to draw more tourists to Pekan Melayu and Pekan Cina (Chinatown), here.

Tan said the bureau had plans for more murals so as to add colour and interest to the Alor Setar cityscape.

A mural portraying the local community's old economic activities in Pekan Cina and Pekan Melayu had been painted on the wall of a building in Pekan Cina in January.

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