

Stars join Dr M to promote peace

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Promoting global peace is second nature to veteran singer Ramli Sarip, who has been singing anti-war songs for many years.

“Islam promotes harmony and hates war. That is the reason I want to promote peace my way, which is through my songs,” said the 53-year-old singer.



Among his anti-war songs are *Rindu Damai Dunia*, *Perjalanan Hidup*, *Pelarian* and *Semangat Lamina*, composed during the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine and Vietnam. Ramli, who had also organised concerts with anti-war and anti-smoking themes, was among the more than 60 local celebrities who joined Perdana Leadership Foundation president Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the foundation building here yesterday to show their support for peace.

Held in conjunction with the two-day Perdana Global Peace Forum starting next Thursday, the event also saw the launch of the forum’s theme song, *Peace on Earth*, composed by Datuk Wah Idris. The song tells of the sufferings and destruction of families and lives brought on by war. Actress Sharifah Amani, 19, said she participated in the event to encourage teenagers like herself to love peace and hate war.

“Just like charity, love also begins at home. There is a lot of love in my family and everyone is happy and respects each other, which is important for creating harmony. I hope youngsters today will find this love and peace I am talking about and help lessen the grief and misery seen in many war-torn countries,” said the lead actress of *Sepet* and *Gubra*. Professional rally driver Karamjit Singh, 43, said getting celebrities to promote peace was a good idea as the public was inclined to listen to what they had to say.

“Celebrities should play a vital role in promoting peace through any way they can,” he added.

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