

# 40,000 copies booked for Star's special edition

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**PENANG:** More than 40,000 copies of *The Star's* special edition on the last day of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as Prime Minister today have been booked in advance nationwide when the deadline for bulk orders closed last evening.

The orders included over 10,000 each in Penang and

Perak while the rest were from other parts of the country.

Among the highest orders received were from *The Star's* newsagent in Ipoh, Universal Sdn Bhd, which booked 2,000 copies and Yayasan Pahang in Kuantan, which booked 700.

In Kepala Batas, medical practitioner Dr K. Arunasalam

ordered 100 copies to be distributed free to the patients at his clinic.

"I feel that Dr Mahathir has done a lot for the country and made us feel proud to be Malaysians," said Dr Arunasalam, who worked as a locum at Dr Mahathir's clinic in Alor Star in the 1970s.

Dr Arunasalam, who is also Penang Medical Practitioners Society past president, grew up in the same village as Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who will succeed Dr Mahathir.

The 16-page collector's issue will feature the handing-over of

leadership to Abdullah.

The issue will be sold at RM1 a copy and all proceeds will be donated to the People Living With HIV/AIDS Drug Assistance Scheme.