

A portrait of Raja Tun Mohar Raja Badiozaman, an elderly man with white hair and glasses, wearing a white suit jacket, white shirt, and brown tie. He is seated at a desk with stacks of papers. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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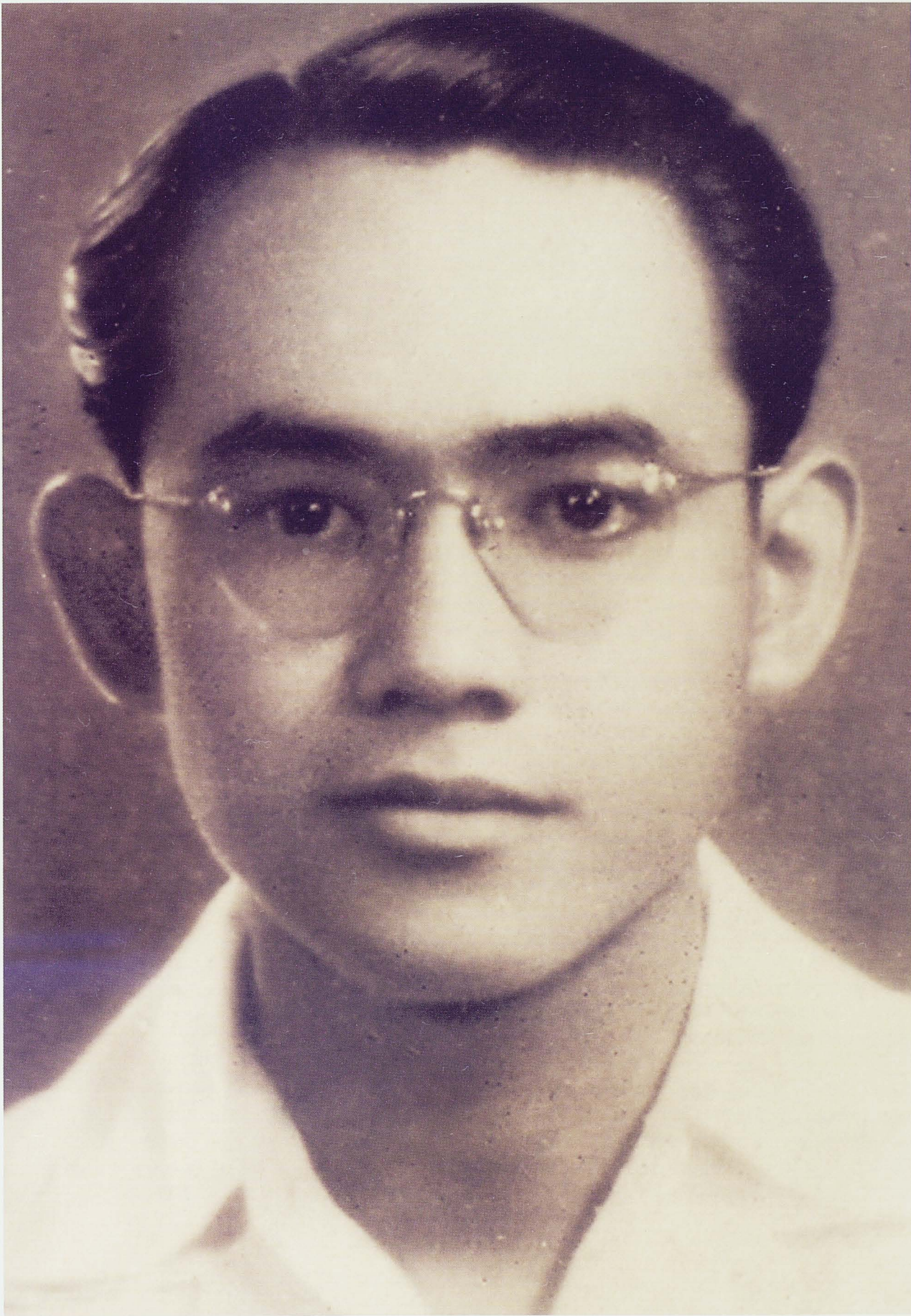
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A Towering Malaysian



Message From:

Dato' Seri Abdullah Haji Ahmad Badawi
Prime Minister of Malaysia

Yang Amat Berbahagia Mulia Raja Tun Mohar bin Raja Badiozaman was a patriot who devoted his life to public service. He was the personification of a Towering Malay, long before this term was even coined. He was one of those rare gentlemen with distinctive and admirable qualities - high integrity, ethical behaviour and indomitable quest for excellence.

This was a man whose priority was national development and he worked tirelessly to ensure that the fruits of development permeate the society, regardless of race, creed or colour. This sense of fair justice was reflected in the National Economic Policy, a blueprint that has his thumbprints - amongst other distinguished Malaysians' - and in the many plans he mooted and executed when he was the chairman of the National Development Planning Committee.

Raja Tun Mohar's selfless devotion to the country did not end after his retirement from the civil service. He became economic advisor to three Prime Ministers and was chairman of numerous public and private enterprises, including Malaysia Airlines and Danaharta, where he continued to actively contribute to national development.

As a relatively junior civil servant, I had the privilege of observing Raja Tun Mohar at work. Raja Tun Mohar was a humble man, despite his royal roots.

But his most endearing quality was his genuine concern for the less fortunate, and he dedicated his life to improving theirs. To those whose lives he had touched and enriched, he was a gentleman par excellence.

The country recognises and acknowledges his contribution and has benefited tremendously from his wisdom and counsel. This pictorial tribute will serve to honour him, as well as the generation of selfless Malaysians who contributed so much to making our country what it is today. It is my hope that it will open a window to our past and make younger Malaysians aware of our heritage. I hope that it will inspire them to emulate the man that Raja Mohar was.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Abdullah', written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.



Message From:

Dato' Seri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak
Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia

I have known the late Raja Tun Mohar since I was young as he had worked closely with my late father.

Raja Tun Mohar was given onerous assignments by successive Prime Ministers, from the time of our independence and right up to the time of his passing. On many occasions, these assignments concerned sensitive matters that had to be resolved in a delicate manner.

He fulfilled his duties conscientiously and unequivocally. His reassuring and unwavering disposition helped him to put people at ease. Even when dealing with the most difficult and intractable of issues, he was able to achieve positive results swiftly and justly. He was a quiet operator - never in the limelight, but always effective in achieving what was required of him.

Biographies are valuable records of history, people, places and events. This pictorial biography provides a rare glimpse into the life of a perfect gentleman public servant and his immense contributions in many episodes of our nation's history. Having turned these pages, I am sure you too will share my deep sense of admiration for this man. This is indeed a fitting tribute to his life and contributions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Najib', with a horizontal line underneath it.

A
Perfect
Gentleman

The Mediator



Message From:

Tun Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad
Former Prime Minister of Malaysia

The late Tun was my Senior Economic Adviser for many years. I found him to be a person endowed with unusual skill as a mediator - an expertise which he cultivated during the many years he served in the M.C.S. beginning from the time of the late Tun Abdul Razak.

Even before I became Prime Minister, he was already called upon to serve in companies where the government had a stake such as MAS and Petronas. During my tenure as Prime Minister, he was involved with, among others, Perodua, and Danaharta. He brought to bear his experience and expertise in turning our aspirations into reality.

I remember him willingly taking on every assignment entrusted to him. He would conscientiously bear the responsibility and work industriously to achieve the desired ends. Also, he could always be depended upon to give sound advice. In short, he served the nation with distinction. Later, despite his advanced age, he continued to serve the government until his demise at the age of 81. That is a reflection of how seriously he took his responsibility in the service of the nation.

I am pleased that it has been possible to bring forth a biography of the late Raja Tun Mohar because the younger generation needs to be reminded that nation building in the Malaysian context would have been impossible without selfless and dedicated personages such as Raja Tun Mohar and that the values and ideals which he stood for must be sustained and perpetuated for the country to remain strong and resilient.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mahathir', written in a cursive style.

Introduction By:

Tan Sri G. K. Rama Iyer
Chairman,
Task Force of the Malaysian Humanitarian Foundation



This pictorial biography of Yang Amat Mulia Raja Tun Mohar bin Raja Badiozaman was the initiative of the Malaysian Humanitarian Foundation. The Task Force has had the privilege and honour to be entrusted to steer and implement this project in recognition of his immense contribution to nation building. It illustrates the life of an extraordinary gentleman who devoted his life to the advancement and well-being of the nation and its people.

The leaders of this nation, his many friends, colleagues and the staff who worked with him in both the government and the private sectors, have all attested and paid tribute to the many facets of his admirable character, virtues, professional competence and overall remarkable leadership qualities.

The Task Force has attempted, in this record of his illustrious life, to bring out a warm and human account that depicts his remarkable personality, his many achievements and the proud legacy that he has left with us of a dedicated and committed citizen who served the nation exceptionally well. I very much hope that the enduring and enriching values that he represented in his life of service to the nation would inspire and motivate the younger generation.

As Chairman of the Task Force, I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who has contributed in one way or another to the successful fruition of this publication. In this connection, I wish to record in particular the invaluable support and assistance from the family of the late Tun, Y.A.Bhg. Toh Puan Norella binti Talib and their children. They not only provided us access to his personal collection of pictures and archives, but also hosted the meetings of the Task Force at their residence and actively participated as members of the Task Force. Two others who served in the Task Force deserve special mention: the first, Prof. Khoo Kay Kim, with his vast experience and a lively sense of Malaysian history, who also doubled up as the Chief Editor, and Mr. Henry Teh Kok Kheng, the head of the Secretariat, who personally spent many hours attending to the nitty-gritty details involved in the compilation of the publication. By no means of least importance were the contributions of Puan Firuz Hussien and Puan Norulhuda Othman, both of the University of Malaya, who wrote the initial drafts, as well as K. Jegadeva who was Associate Editor. Cik Nor Fazlianah Yaacob, Nor Haslinda Yaacob and Noraini Mohammed. Hassan did much of the initial research.

Many of Tun's friends and colleagues have willingly and generously given much time, effort and necessary funds to make this pictorial biography possible. The Task Force acknowledges their invaluable contributions with grateful thanks and warm appreciation. For all of us in the Task Force, this project has been very much a labour of love and respect for a dear departed soul.

G.K. Rama Iyer

