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Abdol Aziz showing his MyHero Award 2.0 and certificate.

A hero to over 20 adopted children

> Abdol Aziz Sahat an exceptional role model to all Malaysians

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PETALING JAYA: A patriot who has his own way of promoting national unity and nation building.

This is the story of Abdol Aziz Sahat.

Believing that a harmonious family sets the foundation for good nation building, the MyHero Award 2.0 winner went the extra mile to foster more than 20 adopted children of various backgrounds and races.

Being blessed with five children from his marriage, the motivational speaker from Klang does not practise double standards in nurturing his big family towards success.

Indeed, many of his adopted children who came from rough backgrounds have now grown to be successful in their lives.

One of them is Nanthakumaran, who pursued his studies at the National Defence University of Malaysia, and is now serving in the Royal Malaysian Air Force.

"Nanthakumaran sent me a note asking me to become his father after we both attended a motivational talk when he was in Form 3. I immediately replied yes to him," Abdol Aziz said when recalling the day he decided to adopt Nanthakumaran, who came from a broken family.

In fact, Abdol Aziz is no stranger to living in a multicultural society.

Hailing from Malacca, he grew up in a Baba-Nyonya village, where people of different races coexisted peacefully. Abdol Aziz believes strongly that education can lead a person to a better life.

Thus, much of his money was spent to provide education for both his adopted and biological children.

"I love what I do and I do not expect anything in return," he said, adding that his act of kindness was not just for show.

Abdol Aziz is writing a book titled *From Zero To Hero*, which is a compilation of experiences he had gathered through raising children from broken families and helping them achieve success in their lives.

Abdol Aziz, who was appointed National Unity Ambassador upon receiving the MyHero Award 2.0, lamented that the spirit of national unity is fading day by day, mainly due to the lack of moral education.

He also partly blamed politicians for causing disunity among the people by playing up ethnic issues to woo support.

"We should stop spreading such negative messages which could pose a threat to our national unity," he said.

The MyHero Award 2.0 is jointly organised by the Kuala Lumpur and Selangor Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry and *Nanyang Siang Pau*.

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Three friends drown over lost slipper

KUALA LUMPUR: Three friends died because of a lost slipper at a waterfall near Batu 16, Jalan Gombak Lama yesterday.

In the 10.40am incident, 22-year-old Muhammad Abdullah was with his five friends when his slipper fell into a gorge.

In his attempt to retrieve the slipper, he slipped and fell into the whirlpool below.

Muhammad was with five other friends at the time and two of them, Azrul Hisham Azman and Mohd Sazwan Rahim, both 27, dived in after him but no one survived as they were swept up in the swirling currents.

Muhammad was a student at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). Azrul Hisham was a former IIUM student while Mohd Sazwan was doing his masters at the Islamic Science University Malaysia.

Gombak OCPD Asst Comm Ali Ahmad said the bodies were sent to the Kuala Lumpur Hospital for post-mortem.

Meanwhile, a 49-year-old hiker died after he fell down a roughly 15-metre slope at Bukit Tabur in Ampang yesterday.

Ampang Jaya OCPD Asst Comm Hamzah Alias said they were alerted about the incident involving the hiker – Goh Chong Teik, yesterday morning. Hamzah said that Goh had suffered severe bleeding to the head and was rushed to the Ampang hospital where he was pronounced dead. "His body has been sent to the Kuala Lumpur Hospital for a post-mortem," he said.

In another incident, a teenage student of an Arabic and Al-Quran school here is feared drowned after he slipped and fell into the Kuantan River near the Isap Damai River housing area here on Sunday.

Alif Lokman Hakim Azman, 13, fell into the river while walking along the riverbank at about 6.30pm.

MCPF needs RM4 million

JOHOR BARU: The Malaysia Crime Prevention Foundation (MCPF) is hoping to receive an annual grant of RM4 million from the government in the 2017 Budget.

Its senior vice-chairman, Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye, said the provision was important as the MCPF needed funds to implement various community programmes including crime awareness campaigns. "We do not have an annual fund and it was our members before this who took the initiative to implement the programmes.

"We hope the government will consider giving an allocation for MCPF in this year's budget," he said yesterday. – Bernama