

7 MALAYSIANS AWARDED GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN AWARD; STARS OF COVID

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KUALA LUMPUR: The World Humanitarian Drive (WHD) has awarded seven individuals, organisations and community groups in Malaysia with the prestigious Global Humanitarian Award; Stars of Covid.

The seven were; Humaniti Malaysia secretary-general Ahmad Tarmizi Mukhtar; Penang Tanjung Muslim Association president Mohamed Nasir Mohideen; Dr Florance Manoranjitham Sinniah; R. Naraesh Pillai; **Pure Life Society**; Malaysia Corruption Watch; and Malaysian Indian Armed

Forces Veteran Penang.

WHD founder Abdul Basit Syed said these stars got into action and were helping humanity fight against the deadly Covid-19.

"Stars of Covid is part of WHD's initiative called 'Honouring The Honourable'.

"The major objective of this award was to show gratitude and honour the incredible volunteers who have always been contributing to the betterment of humanity especially during this crisis of Covid-19.

"When the entire world was shut down and afraid to step out, these stars lent a helping hand to the world out there that was battling the coronavirus.

"WHD takes pride in honouring them and these stars who are promoting the best for humanity," he said in a statement.

On Tarmizi's contributions, Basit said; "His selfless contributions to humanity have set an example to many and inspired a lot in these times of hardships giving the hope of sunshine through humanity."

Tarmizi is also the Malaysian Islamic Chamber of Entrepreneurs secretary-general and had served the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) from 2014 to 2017.

Meanwhile, Tarmizi said the award was a testimonial of the hard work rendered by the team and commitment given by all Malaysians.

"I'm truly honoured to receive on behalf of my beloved country and I couldn't have done it without the people who have been with me for decades.

"I'm proud to say that this award goes to every Malaysian and every one of you who love humanity more than anything else."

The online honouring ceremony of Stars of Covid was held on June 28. Basit said the nomination process for the event started on April 27.