

Tun Razak and Tun Ismail – the movie

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PETALING JAYA: The extraordinary friendship between Tun Abdul Razak Hussein and Tun Dr Ismail Abdul Rahman will be depicted for the first time in a movie.

A hunt is underway to find the actors to play the roles of the two leaders who were instrumental in bringing peace and stability to the country after the May 13, 1969 racial conflict.



Leading roles: The hunt is on for actors to play Tun Abdul Razak and Dr Ismail (above).

Co-producer Kavita Sidhu said they were looking for experienced performers for individual casting.

“They can be Malay, Chinese, Indian, Eurasian and Caucasian aged 20 to 50 plus. Ability to handle dialogues in English would be an advantage,” she said, adding that the movie would be in Bahasa Malaysia with 30% English dialogue.

With the working title of *TANDA Putera Negara*, the movie will depict the bond between Malaysia’s second Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister and how “they remained focused on securing the future of the country even while battling their own fatal illnesses.”



Tun Abdul Razak

Written by producer and director Datin Paduka Shuhaimi Baba, it aims to portray how they brought the country back from the brink of disaster in the aftermath of May 13.

“For the two leaders, it was always ‘Country First’ no matter what their own personal circumstances were,” she said, adding that shooting would begin in May.

Kavita also said that visual effects consultant Madhu Sudhanan from Mumbai would assist the production team.

The movie will be a joint-venture production between Pesona Pictures Sdn Bhd and Finas and part-funded by Multimedia Development Corporation.