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Malaysian activists named world's most inspiring women

PETALING JAYA: Two well-known women activists have been listed among the 100 most inspiring people by a New York-based global advocacy group.

Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir and Sisters in Islam (SIS) leader Zainah Anwar were chosen by the group called Women Deliver for their contributions to causes for women.

Others in the list included talk show host Oprah Winfrey, Jordan's Queen Rania Al Abdullah and United Nations Women's chief Michelle Bachelet.

The list was announced on Tuesday. It was compiled based on the recipients' work in improving the lives of women and girls in various fields, including health, human rights, politics, economics and education.

Marina, who is also a columnist with *The Star*, was number 57 on the list.

Zainah, who was placed seventh, said it was an honour to be named.

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to be recognised on a global level for our 20-year long struggle to push for women's rights in Islam," she said.

Women Deliver, launched in 2007, aims to fulfil the Fifth Millennium Development Goal of reducing maternal mortality and achieving universal access to reproductive health.

Among its advisers are Amnesty International, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), World Health Organisation (WHO), World Bank and the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF).

Separately, University Malaya Medical Centre Infectious Diseases Department chief Prof Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman was honoured by another organisation.

She was listed as one of the "Leading 50 current and emerging female leaders who have made a significant contribution professionally or within their communities" by Advance.

Advance, set up in 2002, is the global network of Australians and alumni abroad.

Dr Adeeba was recognised for her work on the Malaysian AIDS Council and the Academy of Sciences Malaysia.

"It's nice to be acknowledged and a great opportunity to spread the word on the council," she said.

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ZAINAH ANWAR

