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## Join war vets for global peace walk on Sept 21

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Join local armed forces veterans and one million other veterans all over the world to walk for peace on Sept 21.

"The inaugural Walk for Peace also falls on the International Day of Peace," said World Veterans Federation (WVF) president Datuk Abdul Hamid Ibrahim.

The International Day of Peace was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 2001 where nations and the global community are requested to honour a "cessation of hostilities" for the day.

However Abdul Hamid said many UN members, including countries in the Security Council, had not been observing the day.

"The walk is the best thing to do as we can bring together all organisations which like to see peace and not war," said the veteran of the Malaysian Armed Forces.

WVF has its headquarters in Paris, France. It is an international organisation with membership made up of 170 veteran organisations from 90 countries. It represents the

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interest of some 25 to 30 million veterans worldwide.

The Walk for Peace will take place at major cities in various parts of the world. It will commence in sequence through different time zones from the East towards the West – starting from Oceania going westward

through countries in Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas.

In Malaysia, the walk will be held at the Putra World Trade Centre from 10.30am to noon. The event is organised by the Malaysian Armed Forces Veterans Council and humanitarian organisation Friends to Mankind.

"About 3,500 people have registered for the walk here. As it is fasting time, the walk will be short, but it will symbolic," said organising committee head Mejar-Jen Datuk Khairuddin Abu Bakar (Rtd), the president of the Royal Malaysian Ordnance Corps Veteran Organisation.

"After the walk, a message of peace from the UN Secretary-General will be read and we will observe one minute's silence," he added.

"Thereafter, guest of honour Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Abdul Razak will make a speech."

For details or registration for the walk, call 03-4297 2390 or 03-6157 7746.