

NO80: (F)
PM-AWARD

FROM K.C. LEONG:

BANGKOK, AUG. 23 (BERNAMA) --- ³¹ ¹² ~~DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WAS TODAY~~
CONFERRED THAILAND'S HIGHEST CIVILIAN AWARD, THE KNIGHT GRAND
CORDON (SPECIAL CLASS) OF THE MOST EXALTED ORDER OF THE WHITE
ELEPHANT.

THE AWARD GRANTED BY THE KING, WAS INVESTED ON HIM IN A
CEREMONY PRESIDED BY THAI PRIME MINISTER GEN. PREM TINSULANOND
AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE HERE THIS AFTERNOON.

GEN. PREM ALSO PRESENTED TO DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR A CONSIGN-
MENT OF VACCINE FOR HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE.

IN CONFERRING THE AWARD DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WAS CITED FOR
HIS SACRIFICES AND DEDICATION TO MALAYSIA AND ITS PEOPLE, HIS
CONTRIBUTIONS IN STRENGTHENING THE ECONOMIC POSITION OF FELLOW
THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES AND THE IMPORTANT ROLE HE PLAYS IN CONSOLI-
DATING THE FOUNDATION OF FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION, AND UNDERSTANDING
AMONG THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND THAI-
LAND.

LATER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE FOR THE
GIFT OF THE VACCINE AS HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE WAS BECOMING A BIG
PROBLEM IN MALAYSIA, ALMOST ENDEMIC, +

HE WAS ALSO HONOURED BY THE AWARD CONFERRED ON HIM --- BERNAMA 21B