

CORRECTED REPETITION
AWARDS
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(EMBARGO: FOR RELEASE AT 0001 HRS. TOMORROW. AUG. 1)

KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 31 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD AND FORMER PRIME MINISTER TUN HUSSEIN ONN HAVE BEEN CONFERRED PAKISTAN'S NISHAN-I-QUAID-I-AZAM+ AWARDS.

ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TODAY, THE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT A DATE TO BE FIXED LATER.

THE AWARDS ARE CONFERRED ON HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS. MEANING 'SUPREME LEADER' IT IS AN HONOUR GIVEN TO PAKISTAN'S 'FATHER OF INDEPENDENCE', MUHAMMAD ALI JINNAH. -- BERNAMA 1735/MK

AWARDS 2 KUALA LUMPUR (REOPENS ITEM 80)

IN A MESSAGE THROUGH THE PAKISTAN EMBASSY, PRESIDENT ZIA-UL-HAQ EXTENDED HIS GOVERNMENT'S DEEP RESPECT AND ADMIRATION FOR DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD FOR HIS SINCERE EFFORTS IN DEVELOPING BETTER RELATIONS IN VARIOUS FIELDS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY.

IN CONFERRING THE AWARD ON DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, PRESIDENT ZIA SAID THAT UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, THE MALAYSIAN PEOPLE WERE CONTINUING TO MAKE REMARKABLE PROGRESS IN ALL FIELDS OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

ON FORMER PRIME MINISTER TUN HUSSEIN ONN, THE PRESIDENT ALSO SPOKE OF HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE NATION AND THE MAINTAINING OF CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN IN VARIOUS FIELDS DURING HIS LEADERSHIP.

EXPRESSING THE PAKISTANI PEOPLE'S ADMIRATION FOR TUN HUSSEIN ONN'S SERVICE, PRESIDENT ZIA ADDED, +HIS PERSISTENT EFFORTS TO REALISE THE NOBLE IDEAL OF UNITY AMONG MUSLIM COUNTRIES HAS CREATED A DEEP IMPACT, NOT ONLY IN HIS OWN COUNTRY, BUT ALSO THE REST OF THE MUSLIM WORLD.+ -- BERNAMA 1715/MK