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DR MAHATHIR RECEIVES BAHRAIN'S SECOND HIGHEST AWARD

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MANAMA, April 8 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has been conferred Bahrain's second highest award, the Ahmad Al-Fatah award, in recognition of his efforts in improving Islamic brotherhood.

The award was conferred by Emir Shaikh Isa Salman Al-Khalifa at a ceremony attended by state and foreign dignitaries at the Shaikh Hamad Palace here last night. The award is usually conferred on heads of governments and crown princes.

Dr Mahathir had earlier attended a state banquet hosted by the Emir.

Also present at the ceremony were Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed, Terengganu Menteri Besar Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad and Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Affifuddin Omar.

Dr Mahathir arrived here yesterday from Kuwait where he was conferred the Mubarakh Al-Kabir medal. Last month, the Prime Minister was in Riyadh to receive the King Faisal award from the Saudi Arabian government. --

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