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DR MAHATHIR RECEIVES DJIBOUTI AWARD

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 3 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was today conferred Djibouti's second highest award "Commandeur de la Grande Etoile ", presented to only heads of government.

Dr Mahathir received the award when he called on Djiboutian President Hassan Gouled Aptidon, who is here for a nine-day state visit.

Aptidon, who arrived yesterday, was accorded an official welcome at Parliament Square in the morning.

He will lead a delegation for bilateral talks with Dr Mahathir at the Prime Minister's Office later today.

The president will have an audience with Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar, who will later host a state banquet in Aptidon's honour at Istana Negara tonight.

Tuanku Ja'afar will be conferred Djibouti's highest award "Grand Dignataire de la Grande Etoile" at the banquet.

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