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DR M GETS HONORARY GREEN BERET

MELAKA, May 5 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was today conferred the honorary green beret in recognition of his integrity and excellent leadership.

Dr Mahathir received the green beret from Defence Forces Chief Tan Sri Mohd Zahidi Zainuddin and Special Forces Commander Brig Jen Ahmad Rodi Zakaria after he had inspected a guard-of-honour mounted by commandos at the Sungai Udang Camp here.

The prime minister was acknowledged as having the steely determination and spirit of commandos, particularly when defending the country against the ravages of economic crises.

The green beret is a symbol of heroism, sacrifice and professionalism and is reserved for members of the Special Forces Regiment, an elite commando corps which has gained international recognition.

At the gathering, Dr Mahathir also presented certificates of appreciation from the government to six former chairmen of the regiment and 11 of its members.

The former chairmen honoured are Jen (B) Tan Sri Borhan Ahmad, Mej Jen (B) Datuk Harun Taib, the late Brig Jen Datuk Hasbullah Mohd Yusof, Mej Jen (B) Datuk Mohd Ramli Ismail, Mej Jen (B) Datuk Paduka Ghazali Ibrahim and Brig Jen (B) Datuk Pahlawan Daud Ariffin.

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