

Dr M to get OIC meritorious award

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be given a meritorious award by the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) for his contribution to the development of the *ummah*.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said the award was the first of its kind in the history of the 34-year-old organisation.

"The award was proposed in a resolution by Sierra Leone and it was approved unanimously by the OIC," he said at a press conference yesterday.

He said the certificate of merit would be signed by the chairman of the 9th Summit and the OIC secretary-general.

The certificate reads:

"We, the head of states of the OIC agreed to award the Prime Minister of Malaysia Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad a certificate of merit in recognition of his excellent, remarkable, and outstanding contribution to the social development of Malaysia and for his unflinching support and effective contribution to the objectives of the OIC."