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PM RECEIVES SARAWAK'S HIGHEST AWARD

MIRI, July 25 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was today conferred Sarawak's highest award, the 'Darjah Satria Bintang Sarawak' (DSBS), in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of Sarawak's independence in Malaysia this year.

The award, which carries the title 'Pehin', was presented by the Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Abang Muhammad Salahuddin at a ceremony at the Dewan Suarah here.

He also awarded Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali the Pingat Peringatan Delima (PPD) (Gold).

Present at the ceremony were Toh Puan Norkiah, Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud and Puan Sri Hajah Laila Taib.

Chief Ministers Tan Sri Dr George Chan and Tan Sri Alfred Jabu, state Cabinet ministers, senior government officials and local dignitaries attended the ceremony.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir performed Friday prayers at Masjid At-Taqwa where he later mingled with the crowd.

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