



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim receiving the Order of Independence from Kosovo President Dr Vjosa Osmani-Sadriu in Putrajaya yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

PM given top Kosovo honour, posthumous award for Pak Lah

PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim was yesterday conferred the Order of Independence, Kosovo's highest civilian honour awarded to individuals who have played a significant role in supporting the country's independence.

The order, conferred by Kosovo President Dr Vjosa Osmani-Sadriu, also recognises Malaysia's support for Kosovo's statehood and post-independence development.

It also acknowledges Anwar's commitment to strengthening ties between the two countries.

A statement from the Prime Minister's Office said Osmani would also confer the Order of

Independence on the late Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, in recognition of his leadership during a pivotal period in Kosovo's history.

"Under his stewardship, Malaysia became one of the earliest countries to recognise Kosovo's independence on Oct 30, 2008," it said.

Among past recipients of the Order were United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan (2014); former United States president George W. Bush (2018); former Swiss president Micheline Calmy-Rey (2022); and the late former Belgian Senate president Anne Marie Lizin (2024).