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Kosovo president pays respects at Pak Lah's grave

KUALA LUMPUR: Kosovo President Dr Vjosa Osmani-Sadriu yesterday visited the Heroes' Mausoleum here as part of her four-day visit to Malaysia.

Osmani paid her respects at the grave of Malaysia's fifth prime minister, Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who died on April 14.

The Heroes' Mausoleum in Masjid Negara is where several former Malaysian prime ministers and leaders are laid to rest.

She was accompanied by Education Minister Fadhlina Sidek.

Present were Abdullah's son, Tan Sri Kamaluddin Abdullah, and daughter Nori Abdullah.

The visit symbolised Kosovo's gratitude for Malaysia's support during its state-building journey, especially under Abdullah's leadership, and highlighted the country's shared values of peace, unity and mutual respect.

On Friday, Osmani posthumously awarded Kosovo's highest state honour to Abdullah, the Order of Independence, recognising his dedication to peace and

freedom in Kosovo, as well as his support for the country's independence and state-building efforts.

The award was received by Abdullah's son-in-law and former health minister Khairy Jamaluddin.

Earlier, Osmani visited Masjid Negara and the Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia.

During the museum visit, she explored the exhibition "Oceans That Speak: Islam and the Emergence of the Malay World", which highlighted the spread of Islam in maritime Southeast Asia.

Masjid Negara is a key symbol of Malaysia's religious and national identity, while the museum which was established in 1998, is the largest of its kind in Southeast Asia.

The visit is part of Osmani's wider agenda to strengthen bilateral relations, which included the opening of the Kosovan embassy here and high-level discussions with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim. **Bernama**



Kosovo President Dr Vjosa Osmani-Sadriu (seated, centre) reciting prayers at Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's grave at the Heroes' Mausoleum in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. BERNAMA PIC