

A nation's respect

National honour:Mahmoud Abbas gives Narendra Modi the Grand Collar of the State of Palestine, in Ramallah.AP

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on Saturday conferred the Grand Collar of the State of Palestine, the highest Palestinian honour for foreign dignitaries, in recognition of his contributions to promoting relations between India and Palestine.

President Mahmoud Abbas bestowed the honour after the conclusion of the bilateral meeting here. During a joint press statement, Mr. Abbas said the interaction was a good opportunity to express to Mr. Modi "how much respect and how high a standing you personally have through your wise and creative and brave leadership and in establishing peace". Mr. Modi said the honour was a proud moment for India and was reflective of the friendship between India and Palestine.

The commendation reads, "In recognition of his wise leadership and his lofty national and international stature, and in appreciation of his efforts to promote the historic relations between the State of Palestine and the Republic of India."

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