

Peter Tosh Awarded Jamaica's Order Of Merit

Reggae icon Peter Tosh will receive Jamaica's third-highest honor in a ceremony later this year.

The island's government announced Monday that the late reggae legend will be awarded the Order of Merit in recognition of his contributions to music during the annual national honors ceremony in October. Tosh was killed in 1987 in a botched robbery attempt at his home. He was 42. He was a founding member of the Wailers, forming the three-man core of the group with Bob Marley and Bunny Wailer. Tosh and Marley wrote the black power anthem "Get Up, Stand Up." Tosh left the group to pursue a solo career in the 1970s, releasing the hard-hitting albums "Legalize It" and "Equal Rights."