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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 6 (BERNAMA) -- ~~DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD~~  
HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE ELEVENTH HOUR PLEA BY AUSTRALIAN PRIME  
MINISTER BOB HAWKE FOR A STAY OF EXECUTION FOR TWO AUSTRALIANS  
CONVICTED OF DRUG TRAFFICKING.

+HIGH COMMISSIONER DAVID EVANS SPOKE TO THE PRIME MINISTER ABOUT  
THE MATTER YESTERDAY,+ AN OFFICIAL OF THE AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION  
HERE TOLD BERNAMA TODAY.

HE SAID ENCIK HAWKE'S LETTER, ASKING THAT ALL LEGAL PROCESSES  
AND ENTITLEMENTS BE FULLY EXPLOITED BEFORE THE DEATH PENALTY WAS  
CARRIED OUT, WAS DELIVERED TO SRI PERDANA, THE PRIME MINISTER'S  
OFFICIAL RESIDENCE, THE SAME AFTERNOON.

ENCIK EVANS THEN FLEW TO PULAU PINANG TO DELIVER A SIMILAR  
LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE YANG DIPERTUA NEGERI.

JOHN KEVIN BARLOW, 28, AND BRIAN GEOFFREY CHAMBERS, 29, ARE DUE  
TO HANG AT PUDU PRISON HERE TOMORROW. -- BERNAMA  
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