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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO GENERAL THAN SHWE OF MYANMAR

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 3 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Ja'afar, today sent a congratulatory message to the head of state and government of Myanmar, General Than Shwe, on the occasion of the country's 48th Independence Day.

In his message, Tuanku Ja'afar extended his best wishes and felicitations to the people of Myanmar.

He also expressed his confidence that the cordial and traditional ties between Myanmar and Malaysia would be further strengthened in the years ahead.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad sent a similar message to Gen Than Shwe who is Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council of Myanmar.

He said he was confident that the existing good relations between the two countries would be further consolidated and enhanced for the betterment of the people.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi sent his warmest congratulations to his counterpart, Ohn Gyaw, and hoped that the friendly relations between the two countries would be further strengthened. --
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