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KING SENDS CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO SADDAM

KUALA LUMPUR, July 17 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar has sent a congratulatory message to President Saddam Hussein of Iraq in conjunction with his country's 28th national day celebration today.

In his greetings, Tuanku Jaafar hoped the close friendship and cooperation binding the two countries would be further enhanced.

In a similar message to Saddam, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad hoped the coming year would bring further prosperity and happiness to the people of Iraq.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi also sent a message to his counterpart, Muhammad Saeed As-Sahaf. -- BERNAMA

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