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KING, PM SEND CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES TO ARAFAT

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 14 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah have sent a congratulatory message to President Yasser Arafat on the occasion of the Palestinian nation's independence day tomorrow.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also sent a similar message to Arafat.

According to a statement by Wisma Putra, Dr Mahathir said he had been following with keen interest the political developments in Palestine and appreciated the recent discussions in Harare, Zimbabwe, during the World Solar Summit.

He expressed best wishes for Arafat's continued success in achieving progress and prosperity for his people and the state of Palestine.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi also sent his congratulations to his counterpart, Farouk Kaddoumi. -- BERNAMA

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