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AGONG CONGRATULATES ALGERIA ON ITS NATIONAL DAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 1 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar today congratulated Algerian president Liamine Zeroual on the occasion of his country's National Day celebration.

A Wisma Putra statement said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also sent a congratulatory message to his counterpart, Ahmed Ouyahia.

"I am confident that the strong bonds of friendship and mutually beneficial cooperation between the two countries will be continued in the years ahead," he said in his message.

Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi in a similar message to his counterpart, Ahmed Attaf, said Malaysia was looking forward to further strengthening the existing bilateral relations and hoped to expand the areas of cooperation between the two countries. -- BERNAMA

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