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KING SENDS NATIONAL DAY GREETINGS TO SADDAM

KUALA LUMPUR, July 16 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar has sent a congratulatory message to president Saddam Hussein of Iraq on the occasion of that country's 29th National Day today.

In his message released by Wisma Putra, the King expressed the hope that the close friendship and cooperation between the two countries would be enhanced.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad sent a similar message to Saddam expressing the hope that the people of Iraq would enjoy further prosperity and happiness in the coming years.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi in his message to his counterpart Muhammad Saeed As-Sahaf expressed Malaysia's desire for the strengthening of cooperation between the two countries. -- BERNAMA

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