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AGONG CONGRATULATES OMAN

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 17 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar today congratulated Sultan Qaboos bin Said of Oman on the occasion of the sultanate's national day.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also sent a similar congratulatory message to Sultan Qaboos, who is also Oman's head of government, the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Dr Mahathir expressed hope that the close bond of friendship and cooperation between the two countries would be further enhanced and consolidated for mutual benefits.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Badawi also sent a similar message to his counterpart Omani counterpart Yousof bin Alwi bin Abdullah.

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