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AGONG EXTENDS GREETINGS TO BELGIUM

KUALA LUMPUR, July 20 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah have congratulated King Albert II and Queen Paola on the occasion of Belgium's national day today.

In his message, Tuanku Ja'afar extended best wishes for the royal couple's good health and continued peace and prosperity of the people of Belgium, the Foreign Ministry said in a statement today.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in a similar message to his Belgian counterpart Jean-Luc Dehaena, said he was very happy that Malaysia-Belgian relations were on a firm foundation of goodwill and growth.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, in a message to his Belgian counterpart Erik Deryeke, said Malaysia and Belgium could draw satisfaction from the close relations that continued to show positive dynamism.

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