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AGONG SENDS CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO ALGERIAN PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 31 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar has sent a congratulatory message to Algerian President Liamine Zeroul on the occasion of the republic's 36th National Day.

According to a statement issued by Wisma Putra, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad sent a similar message to his Algerian counterpart, Ahmad Ouyahia.

In his message, Dr Mahathir said he is confident that the ties of friendship and mutually beneficial cooperation between Malaysia and Algeria will be enhanced in the coming years.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, in his message to Algerian Foreign Affairs Minister Ahmed Attaf, said that he looks forward to working closely with him to consolidate existing cordial ties and develop new areas of cooperation between their two countries.

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