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GREETINGS FOR BANGLADESH NATIONAL DAY

KUALA LUMPUR, March 25 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah have sent a congratulatory message to President Shahabuddin Ahmed on the occasion of the Independence Day of Bangladesh tomorrow.

Their Majesties said they were confident that the existing close and friendly relations between the two countries and people would be strengthened in the years ahead.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in a message to his counterpart, Sheikh Hasina Wajed, said he was pleased that the people from both countries had benefited from the close cooperation between the respective governments.

He expressed the hope that Malaysia and Bangladesh would continue to work together to further strengthen the close ties.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi also sent a similar message to his counterpart, Abdus Samad Azad. -- BERNAMA

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