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KING CONGRATULATES DJIBOUTI'S PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, June 26 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Ja'afar, today congratulated Djibouti's President Hassan Gouled Aptidon on the occasion of the republic's National Day.

Tuanku Ja'afar and the Raja Permaisuri Agong, Tuanku Najihah, extended their best wishes and prayers for the president's good health and happiness as well as continued peace, progress and prosperity for the republic under his leadership.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in a similar message to his counterpart, Barkad Gourad Hamadou, expressed the hope that the coming year will be a prosperous and progressive one for the country and its people.

Dr Mahathir said he was pleased that relations between Malaysia and Djibouti had been progressing steadily.

"I would like to reaffirm our commitment to work together on our cooperative endeavours," he said.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi also sent a similar message to Muhammad Musa Chehem, who is also Foreign minister.

Abdullah said he was convinced that the close relations and cooperation between the two countries would continue to grow in the years to come.

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