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KING SENDS GREETINGS FOR PAKISTAN'S NATIONAL DAY

KUALA LUMPUR, March 22 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah have sent a congratulatory message to Pakistani President Mohammad Rafiq Tarar in conjunction with Pakistan's National Day tomorrow.

According to a Wisma Putra statement issued here today, the King, in his message, expressed the hope that the existing good relations between the two countries would continue to flourish.

It said that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in his message to his counterpart, Nawaz Sharif, said the excellent relations between Pakistan and Malaysia was testimony of bilateral efforts to forge good cooperation and understanding between two Muslim nations.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi also conveyed greetings to his counterpart, Gohar Ayub Khan, for the occasion. -- BERNAMA

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