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AGONG SENDS CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND MEXICO

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 16 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah, and Raja Permaisuri Agong, Tuanku Aishah, congratulated Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo and the Governor-General of Papua New Guinea, Sir Silas Atopare, on their countries' Independence Day tomorrow.

They extended their wishes and hoped that both countries would enjoy peace and prosperity under the respective leaderships, according to an Istana Negara statement, here, today.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in his message to his counterparts, Ernesto Zedillo of Mexico and Sir Mekere Morauta of Papua New Guinea, hoped that the friendly and constructive relations would flourish in the coming years for mutual benefits.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar also sent similar messages to his counterparts, Sir Michael Somare of Papua New Guinea and Mexico's Rosario Green.

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