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AGONG SENDS GREETINGS TO TURKMENISTAN'S PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 27 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah has congratulated President Saparmurat Niyazov of Turkmenistan on the republic's national day today.

According to a Wisma Putra statement, here, today, Sultan Salahuddin expressed the hope that Turkmenistan would continue to progress and its people to prosper under Niyazov's leadership.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in his message to Niyazov, said Malaysia and Turkmenistan had had close relations, especially in economic cooperation.

He hoped both countries would strengthen the existing friendly and active relations.

Foreign Minister Datuk Syed Hamid Albar, in a similar message to his Turkmenistan counterpart, Boris Shikhmouradov, hoped that the two countries would continue to work closely to further expand the existing bilateral cooperation.

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